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Editor's NOTE

Dear Readers,

At Minster Homes, we strive to make each day meaningful by celebrating the remarkable lives of our residents. Whether it's a milestone birthday, a memorable outing, or an afternoon of creative crafting, these special moments bring joy, connection, and laughter to everyone involved.

In this edition, we're excited to share heartwarming highlights from across our homes. From Gwen's incredible 104th birthday celebration at Loxley Hall to Bill's football wish coming true at Golborne House, we've had countless moments to cherish. Abbeywell Court has seen beautiful intergenerational bonds formed with local children, while Greenacres welcomed some adorable alpacas that brought joy to all. Pet therapy, outdoor adventures, and making the most of the late summer sunshine have been this edition's highlights. As autumn begins, we look forward to more seasonal activities, including garden preparations at Crossways and spooky Halloween crafts at Emmanuel House and Turnpike Court.

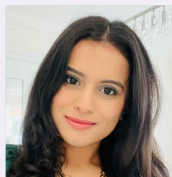
Our approach to daily life is more than just staying busy – it's about enriching lives, creating joyful memories, and fostering a true sense of belonging for our residents. We hope you enjoy this edition and the glimpses it offers into the extraordinary days at Minster Homes.

For regular updates, don't forget to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Warm Regards,

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SPECIAL MOMENTS



LOXLEY HALL

had the honour of celebrating Gwen's 104th birthday. Gwen has spent her life in Chester during the war and served in the army, she has been an active and cherished resident at Loxley. She is known for her love of Table Bowls and is a special member of the Dominoes Club at home.



AT GLEAVEWOOD,

we've had the pleasure of celebrating two remarkable birthdays. Our wonderful residents, Lillian and Marion, marked significant milestones—Lillian turned 100 on the 29th of August, and Marion turned 90 on the 30th of August. To honour these milestones, the team hosted a delightful party, complete with a buffet and entertainment. Both Lillian and Marion had a fabulous time, surrounded by laughter, joy, and good company.

AT LITTLEPORT GRANGE

Ann, celebrated her 100th birthday in style at Littleport Grange. Her wish was simple—a disco ball. The team arranged a surprise afternoon tea, complete with her favourite music and a special cake made by her family. Ann celebrated with five generations of her family and a sweet visit to Busy Bees Pre-School, where the children had made her a special banner.



SYCAMORE LODGE

Another milestone birthday was celebrated at Sycamore Lodge as one of the residents turned 102.



WATERSIDE

The Waterside team and residents had the absolute joy of celebrating Peggy's 101st birthday in the home garden.



GOLBORNE HOUSE

Bill, a former football player, residing at Golborne House had his wish come true when the team arranged to take him to a local match at Ashton Town. His passion for the game came alive once again.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Across Minster Homes, our residents, staff, and families have come together to host Macmillan Coffee Mornings, contributing to a meaningful cause. With delicious homemade treats, warm conversations, and incredible generosity to support those affected by cancer.



CHEANEY COURT



LITTLEPORT GRANGE

HOLCROFT GRANGE



MOWBRAY

PARKLANDS



WEAR IT PINK DAY

The Lakes hosted a lovely coffee morning with an array of cakes to support breast cancer research and raise awareness.

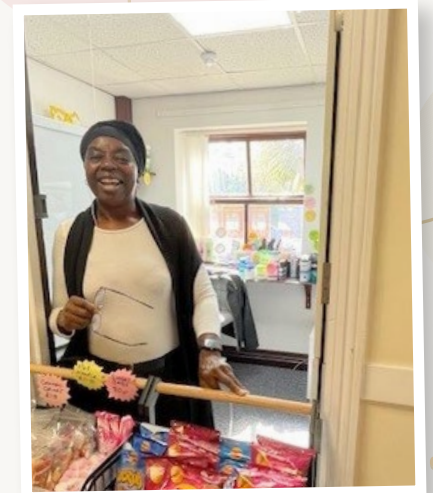


HIGHLIGHTING OUR TEAM

Grays Court

We are thrilled to recognise Cyrilla Dennis for her remarkable commitment to **Grays Court** since joining us in November 2005. Recently, Cyrilla faced health challenges that impacted her ability to continue in her role as a care staff member.

In light of her long-term service and dedication to our home and company, she has reopened the internal shop, which had been closed for several years. Thank you, Cyrilla, for your unwavering dedication at Grays Court.



Hourigan House

After starting at **Hourigan House** back in May 1991 as a Domestic and later becoming our beloved Domestic Supervisor, Linda Rigby has decided to hang up her uniform and embrace retirement at the age of 72.

Linda, who has lived in Leigh all her life, is a familiar face to everyone at Hourigan. Married to Tommy, with one daughter and two wonderful grandchildren, she's now ready for a new chapter—spending some well-deserved time with her family in Miami.

Throughout her 33 years with us, Linda was more than just a colleague. Her dedication to Hourigan shone through her work, always going above and beyond—whether it was organising fundraising events, helping at fayres, or even jumping into the kitchen as a cook when needed. Truly a jack of all trades

We wish her all the best in her retirement.





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ORDINARY ACTIVITIES, EXTRAORDINARY MEMORIES

PAMPERING AT ELM HOUSE PARLOUR



At **Elm House**, residents were treated to a delightful pampering session with a refreshing mocktails.



LOCAL CHURCH VISIT AT WESTY HALL

Every two weeks at **Westy Hall**, residents reconnect with their spiritual path through holy communion services provided by the Catholic Church on Wednesdays and the Protestant Church on Thursdays. These cherished visits allow residents to rekindle their bonds with local churches and find comfort in their faith.



A DAY AT DUNCOTE HALL

The residents kicked off the day with fun arts and crafts, followed by enjoying the classic taste of fish and chips. To top it off, the Duncote hosted a car wash in the afternoon, making the cars sparkle while enjoying the sunshine.



RED HILL CARE HOME HIGHLIGHTS

The residents at **Red Hill** have been busy with numerous activities. The team organised a fete, raising funds for a local children's hospice and residents' activities. They also enjoyed some at-home entertainment and enjoyed a shopping trip to Waitrose with a much needed coffee stop in the sunshine.



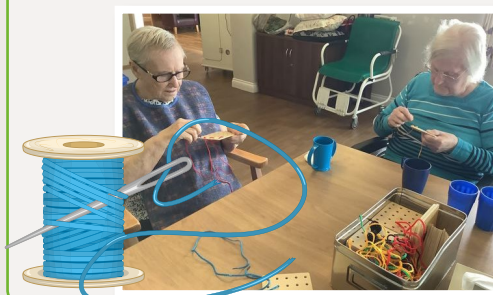
INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS

At **Abbeywell Court**, residents enjoyed heartwarming one-to-one sessions with dementia friendly dolls. These moments brighten our residents' mornings but also provide purposeful activities which see residents thrive.



THREADING FOR COORDINATION

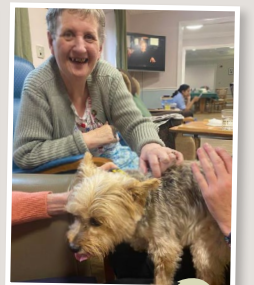
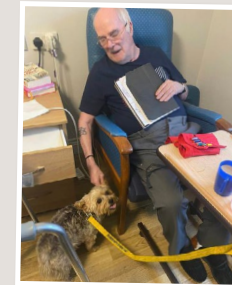
Residents at **Abbeywell Court** engaged in a threading activity to enhance their hand-eye coordination. This fun and focused task brought everyone together, with each resident contributing their colourful designs.



PET THERAPY BRINGS JOY

Nothing lifts the spirits quite like a visit from their four-legged friends, offering plenty of cuddles and smiles.

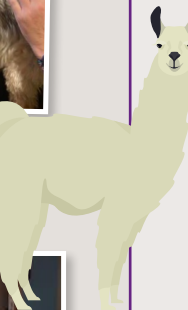
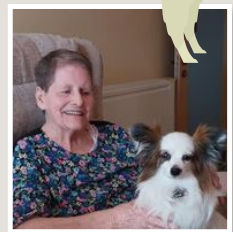
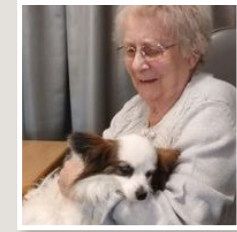
At **Saffron House**, residents delighted in visits from pygmy goats Willow and Posy, therapy dog Dottie, and even alpacas.



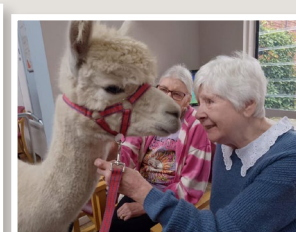
At **Abbeywell Court**, residents were overjoyed by a visit from Riley the pup.



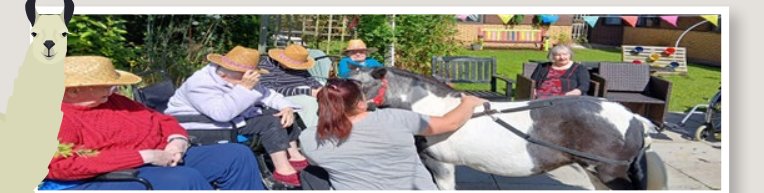
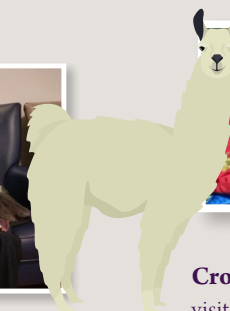
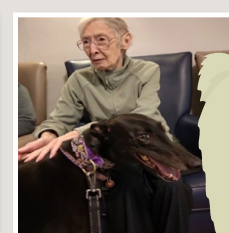
Carnbroe Care Centre Pet Therapy



The residents from **Hourigan House** enjoyed a visit to Poppy Wood Alpacas, where the residents had a fantastic time feeding the alpacas and learning about life on the farm.



The residents of **Crossways** had the pleasure of meeting some adorable alpacas, who brought smiles and cuddles with their soft, popcorn-scented fur. One particularly relaxed alpaca even decided to take a nap right on the floor, much to everyone's amusement.



Greenacres had a lovely visit from two beautiful greyhounds called Ayda and Neyo on Monday 26th August. Everyone enjoyed the visit.

Croftwood residents had a special visit from Crystal, a Shetland pony, who roamed the garden and enjoyed some gentle pats.



EMBRACING THE OUTDOORS

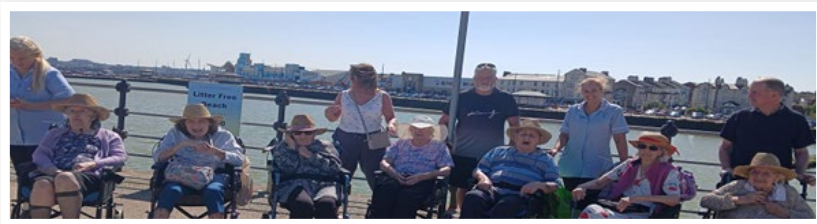
Abbeywell Court residents enjoyed a leisure walk in the community.



As we transition into autumn and winter, **Crossways** residents prepared bird feeders for the winter, crafting lard seed balls to keep their garden birds well-fed.



Residents, staff, and families from **Croftwood** came together for a delightful trip to New Brighton that included cheerful sing-alongs on the minibus, a scenic stroll along the seafront, and a scrumptious afternoon tea with ice creams.

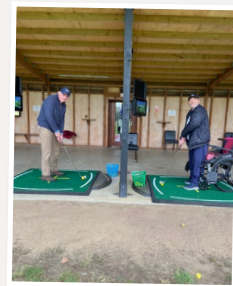
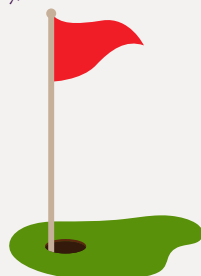
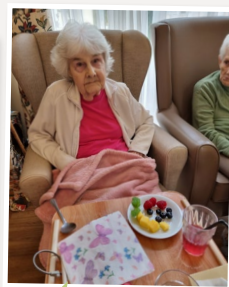


Emmanuel House residents with their adventurous visit to The Lost City for a fun morning of adventure golf. They also enjoyed a lovely trip to Sewerby Hall, where residents savoured a delightful picnic under the sun.



Hourigan House residents love going to Leigh Miners Memories as they enjoy the time meeting new people and getting involved in the activities.

Mowbray residents crafted refreshing deconstructed mocktails, experimenting with unique flavour combinations, while enjoying time in the garden with friends and family, basking in the sunshine.



At **Littleport Grange**, residents reignited their passion for golf with a trip to the local driving range, practising their swings and reminiscing about their favourite hobby. A day trip to The Sandringham Estate was a highlight for our residents, as they explored the grand gardens, the historic house, and the St. Mary Magdalene Church, finishing with a delightful lunch at the estate's restaurant.



At **The Lodge**, residents spent a sunny morning in the garden, knocking coconuts off the coconut shy and bursting open a pinata full of sweets.



FUN IN THE KITCHEN

Who doesn't love pizza? At **Amberley House**, residents enjoyed a pizza-making session, crafting their favourite combinations of toppings and savouring the delicious results.



Residents at **Ashgrove** joined Leah for a delightful biscuit-making session, rolling up their sleeves to bake some sweet treats.



Our talented chef residents at **Carnbroe Care Centre** whipped up chocolate and marshmallow rice crispy cakes.



Crossways residents showcased their baking talents by making delicious homemade jam tarts



At **Emmanuel House**, residents made delicious Apple pastries



Residents enjoyed baking cupcakes at **Turnpike Court**.



ENTERTAINMENT

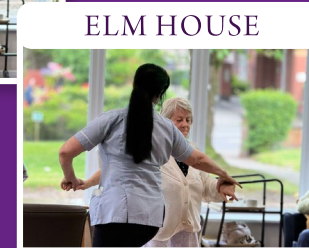
A fabulous performance by local entertainers encouraged our residents to dance and sing along at **Carnbroe Care Centre and Elm House**.



CARBROE CARE



ELM HOUSE

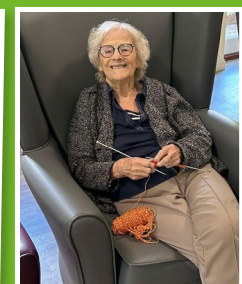
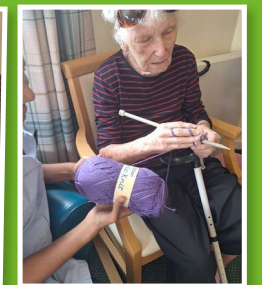


ELM HOUSE



KNITTING

At **Amberley House**, one of our talented residents generously shared their knitting skills with the team, passing down their cherished craft to inspire others.



Residents at **Grenville Court** enjoyed a cosy knitting club session that sparked some interesting conversations.

The residents at **Holcroft Grange** engaged in a session of knitting and sewing.



GAMES

Quizzes are the highlight of daily life at **Littleport Grange**, with residents coming together to engage in fun, mentally stimulating rounds like Picture Round, a Food & Drink Themed Round, and General Knowledge.



The residents at **Amberley House** had a blast playing with the Giant Connect Four Set.



Friday Bingo at **Emmanuel House**, a favourite pastime for residents to enjoy together.

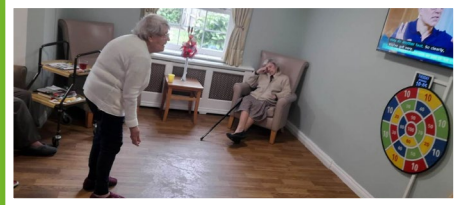


At **Craigend Gardens**, residents had a fantastic time playing with a giant ball and parachute in the lounge. Snake and Ladders remains a favourite and residents also enjoyed a lively game of Skittles.

Residents at **Mowbray** finished up this big jigsaw puzzle.



A fun-filled afternoon of bingo at **Turnpike Court** keeps our residents engaged and entertained.



At **Ashgrove**, our residents enjoyed a series of indoor games that sparked friendly competition.



Golborne House enjoyed a relaxing afternoon with the classic game of dominoes.

At **Cheaney Court**, residents worked on their coordination and accuracy playing Tin Can Alley. Also everyone's favorite game, "Call to Mind," encouraged the residents to share more about their lives, likes, and interests, sparking meaningful conversations and helping everyone learn more about one another. Another favourite "Name 5" Game, where residents roll the dice and move their counters around the board while answering questions along the way is another favourite game at Cheaney.



CREATIVE CRAFTS

Arts is a powerful way for our residents to express themselves, and we were treated to a beautiful creation by our lovely resident Trish at **Amberley House**.



Residents at both **Amberley House** and **Emmanuel House** enjoyed a glass jar painting session, turning used jars into colourful storage pieces or vibrant vases.



Cheaney Court residents had a delightful time crafting little mouse families using egg boxes, sparking imagination and joy.



At **The Lodge**, residents welcomed the autumn season with creative arts sessions of painting leaves with watercolours.

The creative ladies at **Craigend Gardens** had a wonderful time decorating fans, adding their personal touch.



At **Rydal**, residents embraced the autumn spirit by designing stunning autumn wreaths.

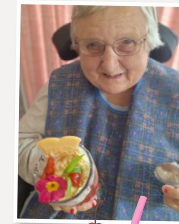


The autumn season inspired a creative session of arts and crafts at **Turnpike Court**.

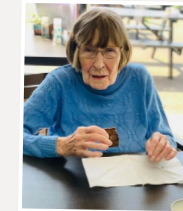
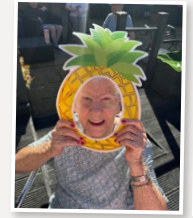


SUMMER SWEET TREATS

With the sun shining, it was the perfect excuse to indulge in a cool, refreshing treat. Our residents at **Amberley House** enjoyed Knickerbocker Glories, filled with layers of fruit, ice cream, and toppings.



With ice lollies and mocktails in hand, residents made the most of the warm weather at **Carnbroe Care Centre**.



Holcroft Grange residents enjoyed the late summer sunshine during a fun afternoon of Hook a Duck, paired with drinks and music.



Hourigan House hosted a Beach Day for our residents, complete with music, dancing, and the perfect seaside meal—fish and chips.

GARDENING AT THE LAKES

Taking advantage of the good days, the residents at **The Lakes** have been busy growing salad plants in the home garden.



FESTIVES ACROSS MINSTER HOMES

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

As Halloween approaches, residents from **Abbeywell Court** and **Emmanuel House** embrace the festive spirits to create spooky decorations

Abbeywell Court



Emmanuel House



NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY

At **Greenacres**, residents celebrated National Wildlife Day through a unique crafting session making hedgehogs out of old books. At **The Lodge**, residents made savoury pastries and enjoyed a wildlife-themed quiz for National Wildlife Day.



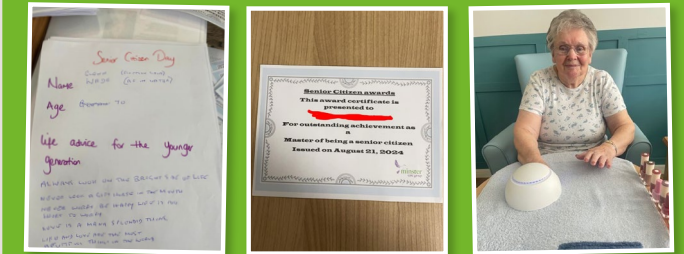
NATIONAL DOODLE DAY

Residents at **The Lodge** had a great time with a doodle competition accompanied by their favourite songs.



SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

The **Westy Hall** team hosted a special pamper afternoon for residents for some much-deserved relaxation and care on Senior Citizen Day. Residents at **The Lakes** celebrated it with certificates of appreciation, sweets, music and getting some life advice from our seniors.



NATIONAL PLAY-DOH DAY

In honour of National Play-Doh Day, residents at **Cheaney Court** enjoyed making their own Play-Doh and creating unique works of art.



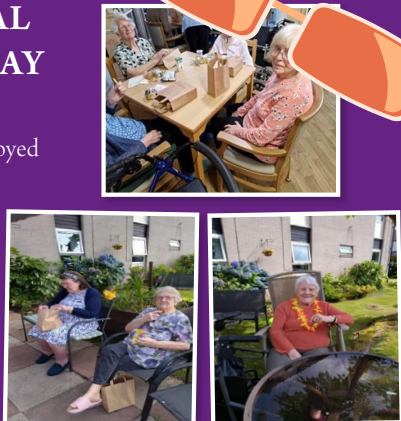
WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

World Elephant Day was extra special at **Cheaney Court**. The team held an elephant quiz and enjoyed elephant colouring, but the highlight was hearing stories from a lovely couple who had lived in Africa for years, sharing their elephant encounters. Also, Lorraine, one of our residents, shared her experience of meeting and even bathing with elephants in Thailand – a story that had everyone captivated



NATIONAL BEACH DAY

Residents at **Greenacres** enjoyed a nostalgic twist on National Beach Day with a traditional packed lunch picnic.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

At **Grenville Court**, residents gathered in the home library to share and read their favourite poems, celebrating the beauty of words together on National Poetry Day.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Holcroft Grange had its Methodist Harvest Festival, a beautiful service that reminded us of gratitude.



MINI OLYMPICS

This summer, various homes got competitive with fun Olympic-themed activities:

Littleport Grange hosted the Mini Olympic Games, featuring events like quoit toss, bean bag toss, and boat racing, engaging both residents and staff.



Westy Hall residents enjoyed trying out sports like seated volleyball and mini discus throws while following the Olympics.

At **Wealstone**, the competitive spirit remained high, culminating in a medal ceremony for participants.

