

### *General Manager Focus*



## Upcoming news

Over the next few weeks, you may notice that there will be a few new faces around South Chowdene. We are pleased to announce that we will soon have a new Deputy Nurse Manager, three new nurses, two of which have experience within Barchester care homes.

We also appointed a new senior carer who will be joining us from another Barchester home. We very much look forward to having all the new staff onboard.

We are also looking forward to having a full renovation of the main kitchen around September time. We are yet to receive a confirmed date for this and will keep you informed. During this time there may be some disruption as there will be a standalone kitchen brought in, which will be located in the car park, this will impact on how many parking spaces will be available.

Areas of the dining room will be cordoned off where the equipment from the kitchen will need to be stored, this will impact on the spaces available for residents to sit in, please be mindful of this if you are visiting and we thank you in advance for your patience whilst works are ongoing.

Barchester do promote protected mealtimes at all times, however, if you are assisting a loved one to eat their meals that can continue but if those numbers could be limited to one person, it would very much be appreciated.

**Julie Baron**  
General Manager

## Dates for your Diary

### July

1/7/24 Canada Day name

4/7/24 Independence Day

15/7/24 Bastille Day

28/7/24 Friendship Day

### August

1/8/24 Yorkshire Day

4/8/24 Owl Day

5/8/24 Geordie Day

### September

1/9/24 Autumn Fair

19/9/24 MacMillan Coffee Morning

## Meeting celebrities!

Avid book reader Edna was overjoyed to meet a real-life author at Birtley Library to find out about her books which are set in the North East.

The latest book is about an area Edna knows well and it was amazing to hear and learn about how a novel is put together and the research behind the stories.

Both Maureen and Edna were interested to hear about Glenda Young's previous novels about 'Corrie' and her regular soap in 'People's Friend' We had a lovely afternoon out with local community.



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

Kerry Jenkinson our fabulous Head Housekeeper who keeps us clean and tidy was our latest Employee of the Month – very well deserved!



## *What we've been up to...*

### Trip down Memory Lane with Gateshead Library

We were very happy to welcome Karen and Michael back from Gateshead Central Library for a look through the photos of Gateshead during WW2. There were some great memories and a lot of learning going on with detailed explanations on the back of pictures and Karen and Michael's huge knowledge of Local History.

Michael had put a Wartime Musical Bingo together giving everyone a good singalong and the anticipation of winning a prize.

### Fish and Chip Day

Fish and chip day turned into a full seaside experience for South Chowdene residents with a chance to run sand over feet, splash in water whilst watching virtual footage of individuals' favourite seaside towns. We visited Blackpool, Whitby, Staithes and Whitley Bay and had fun with a 'Seaside quiz'!

At lunchtime, residents enjoyed fish and chips from a local fish shop and ice cream complete with a swirl of strawberry topping and wafer.



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Our best story this month  
had 35 likes

## Celebrating all staff at South Chowdene

Residents made sure not only Carers, but all staff at South Chowdene know they are appreciated. Creative residents designed and made a card for each department whilst residents who like baking, made tray bakes for each member of staff.

Resident Ambassador Edna Scurfield gave out cards and sweets as well as a 'Thank you' Cadbury box from Barchester.

## NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND South Chowdene Care Home

### Volunteers' and Carers' weeks

Residents at South Chowdene really value both Volunteers and Carers and all they do for them. In order to let them know, residents made cards for each volunteer and each department in the home as residents realise it isn't just Carers who help them.

We managed to catch up with Mandy from Wag and Co, Millie and Daisy who have been coming in to help with activity sessions as part for their Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Summer Fair where they all came in to help with stalls.

Joanna also from Wag and Co came in with Rocco and Jane was here to help with the 'sand and sea' on Seaside Day.

We really do appreciate everything they do for us and the time they spend with us, certainly couldn't manage without them

# Thank You

From all the team at South Chowdene Care Home we'd like to say a big thank you for your support especially at the Summer Fair which raised £264 for the Residents' Fund. We have lots of trips and entertainers and animal visits planned.



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