



## **Royal celebrations for Her Majesty's Jubilee**

Last weekend we celebrated Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee across the Excelcare family.

For last few weeks, team members and residents have been busy preparing for this important national event by making Jubilee themed crafts and putting them up around their homes to make the environment fit for royal celebrations!

Each home celebrated the weekend differently, but all were themed around the Royal Family and being British.

Please keep on reading to find out how each home celebrated this momentous occasion.



## Cambridge

### Buchan House

Buchan House Care Home enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea in the garden with family and friends. The kitchen team made some homemade scones with cream and jam, finger sandwiches and a delicious trifle with strawberries and cream.

Everyone enjoyed live music and some people even got up and danced during the afternoon. Pictures were captured with a cardboard cutout of the Queen, who officially opened the Buchan bar in their new lounge area.

The team at Buchan also invited the people living at Fitzwilliam House, their sister home. Lifestyle Coordinator Amy brought Rita and Jean who loved meeting new friends and dancing the afternoon away.



### Fitzwilliam House

Fitzwilliam House Care Home hosted a lively barbecue with all of their friends and family. The people living and working at Fitzwilliam went into the garden and danced along to the banjo man who came to provide the entertainment.

The kitchen team laid out the best BBQ food with very traditional trifles and Victoria sponges. Lots of family members kindly donated items to the celebration, which included balloon arches and decorations. One family member even brought the home a wonderful barbecue that now sits in their garden!

The team invited some of the people who live at their sister home, Buchan House, to join in on the celebrations! It was a great opportunity for them to make new friends and experience another

Excelcare home. It was a great day spent with team members, families and friends.

### Glennfield

The people living at Glennfield Care Home started their Jubilee preparations early, as the team came up with an idea to get the community involved in a Jubilee bunting project.



This started with people living in the home drawing different shapes and designs onto triangle bunting templates. The team then asked their colleagues, friends and people in the community if they would like to help bring the designs to life and sew them onto triangle pieces of fabric. The response was overwhelming, and many people offered to help with the project. Other people in the community supported by donating different types of fabric which could be used in the project.

Once complete, the bunting was sewn together and displayed at the home to get everyone in the Jubilee spirit.

The Platinum Jubilee weekend at Glennfield was spent partying with friends, relatives and people living locally. Entertainment was provided by 'KJ & the Catt' in the morning and followed by a delicious buffet style lunch prepared by the kitchen team.

Throughout the day, pictures were captured of people dressing up in red, white and blue with lots of entertaining accessories like hats, glasses and flags.

One of the most poignant parts of the day, however, was when everyone stood up to sing the national anthem. It was wonderful having everyone together to celebrate this momentous occasion in the monarchy and British history.

The end the day, everyone relaxed with a cup of tea and watched the pageantry on television. This brought back lots of memories and raised many smiles.



## Hunters Down

During the build up to the Platinum Jubilee weekend, everyone at Hunters Down Care Home collaborated to create some Jubilee themed decorations. They painted using red, white and blue paints, and shapes linked to royal celebrations. After the decorations had been made, the team put them up around the home, ready for a weekend of partying.

Residents, relatives, friends and members of the local community were all invited to join in with the Jubilee celebrations. With a garden party planned to celebrate, everyone was happy to see the sun shining down on the day.

The kitchen team prepared a delicious buffet for the party, which included a variety of sandwiches and shapes. They also made a tropical punch and a jug of Pimms that people could sip in the sun.

To provide the entertainment, the Huntingdon Ukulele Group were invited to perform some classic songs from the past. This performance got everyone in the mood to party and many people got up and danced along.

There were also a variety of games that people could play, which included 'Hook a Duck' and 'Quoits'. These games provided fun for all the family and created some friendly competition. Raffle tickets were also sold during the afternoon, with the money raised going towards the resident comfort fund. Lots of prizes were won and many happy memories were made"

Everyone enjoyed coming together to celebrate the Queen's reign and be a part British history.



## Essex

### Abbot

At Abbot Care Home they started their Jubilee preparations by planting some colourful plants, ready for their planned garden party. Each potted plant was decorated with British flags to fit in with the jubilee theme.

As well as the planned garden party, the team also put a TV schedule together as many of the people who live at Abbot wanted to watch the televised celebrations. The team wanted to make sure these programmes were enjoyed in style, so they decorated their cinema room with loads of British flags and bunting.

Residents thoroughly enjoyed watching the trooping of the colour, the beacon lighting, and the Royals at Albert Square. Seeing the Queen brought back many memories from their younger years, of different iconic moments throughout her reign.

Between these programmes, residents gathered in the garden to enjoy music, some tasty British food and celebrate this historical moment.



### Ashlyn

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the team at Ashlyn celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a community street party.

Residents, relatives, and people in the surrounding community attended this special event to celebrate together. After the last few years of challenges and uncertainty, it was a chance for everyone to come together and enjoy spending time as a community.

Jukebox legend came along to host some karaoke, so people could sing and dance along to some classic British anthems. Alongside the singing and dancing, there was a barbecue, a raffle and a few stalls selling a variety of items. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the platinum jubilee with their nearest and dearest.

### Lime Court

The team at Lime Court set up a Jubilee themed photobooth complete with props and a backdrop.

The people living at the home took it in turns to dress up using the British themed props on offer before having their pictures snapped by the team. In the afternoon, the team served tea complete with scones, cakes and a variety of sweet treats.

It was lots of fun and raised many smiles!



## Stanley Wilson Lodge

Stanley Wilson Lodge Care Home celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with a garden party.

The team booked Cara to provide the entertainment, as she is a very popular and talented singer. Throughout the day, Cara sang lots of songs from the past which got everyone up on their feet, before finishing her performance with a rendition of God Save the Queen and Land of Hope and Glory. These patriotic songs brought a tear to the eyes of many people, and in honour of Her Majesty, everyone stood up.

Afternoon tea was served in the afternoon, complete with scones, jam and cream. This was also an opportunity for people to socialise with their friends and family. Many people shared their memories of the Queen throughout her reign and discussed Jubilees of the past.

Meanwhile, in the Saffron Day Club, residents spent some time making large jubilee collages, before enjoying fish and chips for dinner from their local Fish and Chip shop.

Everyone had a wonderful day, with one loved one saying *“What a great party...My wife had a really great time, and it lifted all our spirits.”*



## St Fillans

The people at St Fillans Care Home celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in style with a street party.

They wanted to involve as much of the community as possible, and so invited members of the local neighbourhood.

The sun was shining, and residents enjoyed the 1950s entertainment by Netty, waving their flags and enjoying the moment. The party was followed by a yummy barbecue, featuring a fantastic selection of meats.

Everyone was also lucky enough to see the Red Arrows fly over in formation, which was a marvellous sight.



## Sweyne Court

Sweyne Court Care Home invited family and friends to join the people in the home in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The weather was very kind to them: shining down on their beautiful garden all day, which only made the effort they'd put in shine even more! When it came to decorating, the team pulled out all the stops: kitting out the garden in bunting, balloons, and even a lifestyle cut out of Her Royal Majesty!

They had an absolutely amazing day. It was so heart-warming to see so many members of the community welcomed into the home after so long apart. Couples were reunited, friends and family were dancing, and everyone was thrilled to be back together.

The Kitchen team did an amazing job with the barbecue, preparing a feast of sausages, burgers and chicken that were all cooked to perfection. But that wasn't all. They had also put together vegetable skewers, stuffed mushrooms, pasta dishes, assorted sandwiches, homemade cakes and a trifle! They made the home proud, and everyone remarked on what a lovely selection of food there was.

Food was served alongside chilled wine, prosecco, beer, fizzy drinks and fruit juice, and they made sure to have a large selection of sweets and crisps for the children.

DJ and Singer Steve was a great success, playing for 2 and a half hours to keep everyone entertained! And the team - both on and off duty - did an excellent job of looking after everyone throughout the day.

Sweyne Court Care Home is very proud of the day's complete success.



## Winifred Dell

During the build up to the big Jubilee weekend, Carer Emma made a jubilee themed cake that people could enjoy with a cuppa. It looked so nice that people didn't want to cut into it, but were glad when they did because it tasted delicious!

The people living and working at the also helped decorate with British flags, bunting and Jubilee themed items.

Celebrations took place over two days, with families, friends and members of the community all invited to attend. Guests were encouraged to wear Jubilee themed items of clothing and accessories to match everyone at Winifred Dell, who had already planned their colourful jubilee outfits.

Over the two days of celebrations, a variety of entertainers were welcomed to sing and perform. These performances were all musical, with each performer singing songs from a different era in residents' lives. This included wartime classics, songs from the 60s as well as anthems from the 70s and 80s.

This variety of music appealed to everyone and lots of people got up on their feet, danced and sang along. There were lots of smiles and laughter, making for lots of happy, memorable moments.

Throughout the celebrations, the Kitchen Team prepared a variety of classic dishes and served afternoon tea to all. All of these activities and celebrations helped to bring back many happy memories from the past, which people enjoyed sharing with their friends, family members and team members.

Everyone said how wonderful the celebrations had been, with many saying it was fit for the Queen herself!



## London

### Limetree

On Friday the 3rd of July, Limetree Care Home celebrated 70 years of Queen Elizabeth being in reign the only way they knew how... a good old fashioned knees up in garden!

With amazing food, drinks, decorations and entertainment, this particular Limetree shindig was one for the books. Everyone laughed and danced the afternoon away.



### Peartree



Peartree Care Home's Jubilee celebrations took place on Friday 3rd June, involving the people living in the home, their family and friends, and the team members who all wore beautiful T-shirts.

The party was a full house, taking place in Peartree's sunny garden! They featured a delicious spread of cakes, sandwiches, and fresh barbecue foods put together by their wonderful Kitchen team. As well as this, they had some delicious cupcakes, made by Lucylicious Cakes Bakes and treats!



The day featured many fun activities, including a raffle, short quiz with the chance to win a teddy bear, and a performance from the fantastic Whittington Steel Band, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! One of the guests even got on the microphone to start the party off with a rendition of 'God Save the Queen'!

Everyone had a lovely afternoon, and the team received many kind words from family and friends the following day. One loved one said *"I would just like to say thanks for inviting me to your Jubilee Party and*

*for putting on such a lovely occasion for the residents and guests. Your*

*Managers and team had obviously put a lot of planning and preparation into the staging, food, decorations, jubilee clothing and music. The atmosphere was lovely, and everyone appeared to be enjoying it. It was so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves this way."*

### Queens Oak

Ahead of the big Jubilee weekend, the team prepared the home for their royal celebrations by decorating the rooms with banners, union jack flags, a life size cut out of the Queen and other red, white and blue decorations.

With the home looking full of colour, the team started the Platinum Jubilee celebrations by pouring glasses of champagne, handing one to each person living at the home and raising a glass to Her Majesty's 70th year on the throne.

Everyone dressed in their best clothes and welcomed popular entertainer, Aidan Kent. Friends, family and members of the local community were welcomed for the performance so it could be enjoyed by all.

The kitchen team did a BBQ and served a delicious buffet with a variety of drinks. Lifestyle Coordinator Marilyn made a jubilee themed cake and placed that on the buffet table for people to enjoy for afters!

It was a beautiful event, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Platinum Jubilee



## Windmill

The people living at Windmill Lodge Care Home in Brixton threw a fantastic party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, with special guest DJ Joe.

The team had started planning very early on and asked all the people living at the home which activity they wanted to do. After a discussion featuring lots of great ideas, everyone settled on a barbecue, with a DJ as they love dancing to music.

DJ Joe played an excellent variety of music from all genres, which got everybody up on their feet dancing. The reception to the party was overwhelmingly great, with Marie-Claire calling it *"an excellent party"*, Sarah calling it *"a good day"* and Rosa saying *"This is what I love, good food with great music."*

The home had such glowing feedback from relatives, team members and the people living at the home, and they can't wait to host their next big party!



## Milton Keynes

### Waterhall

Waterhall Care Home held their Platinum Jubilee party outside in the garden.

Jayne, one of the Healthcare Assistants at the home, organised the party for everyone. They had live music, visits from family and friends, and plenty to eat and drink. With the weather being so nice, it was lovely to get everyone out in the garden for fresh air and a boogie.

Everyone had an amazing time singing, dancing and of course, eating loads!

