

MagicLife Magazine

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MagicLife World Cup



United by the Beautiful Game

Celebrating the FIFA World Cup 2026 – where every cheer brings us together.

There are few events in the world that can stop entire countries in their tracks quite like the FIFA World Cup. For a few magical weeks, football becomes more than just a game. It becomes a celebration of culture, community, friendship and unforgettable moments. Whether you're cheering for England, Brazil, Nigeria, Argentina, Japan, Wales, France, Morocco—or any other nation lucky enough to be part of the tournament—there's something wonderfully special about sharing the excitement together.

At Magic Life, that's exactly what this month's magazine is all about.

One Tournament, Many Flags, One Community

One of the things that makes Magic Life so special is the incredible mix of people who make up our community. Our residents and staff come from many different backgrounds, cultures and countries, and the World Cup gives us the perfect excuse to celebrate those differences.

For a few weeks, homes across Magic Life might be decorated with different flags, favourite shirts and a healthy bit of friendly rivalry. One lounge might be full of England supporters, another might be hoping Spain lift the trophy, while someone else quietly insists that "this is finally Portugal's year!"

And that's the beauty of it.

The World Cup reminds us that while we may support different teams, we all share the same excitement every time the whistle blows.

It's About More Than Football

You don't need to know the offside rule to enjoy the World Cup.

Perhaps it's the excitement before kick-off, the colourful opening ceremonies, the passionate supporters singing from the stands, or simply gathering together with friends to watch history unfold. Maybe football isn't really your thing—but enjoying the company, sharing some snacks and joining in the laughter certainly is.

At Magic Life, every match is another opportunity to bring people together.

Think themed lunches inspired by different countries, penalty shoot-out competitions in the garden, flag-making sessions, football quizzes, music from around the world and perhaps even predicting who will lift the famous trophy. Win or lose, every day offers another reason to smile.

Everyone Has a Team

Even if your country isn't taking part, there's always someone to support.

Perhaps you'll choose the underdogs. Maybe you'll follow the country where your family comes from, the nation you once visited on holiday, or simply the team with the brightest kit! Football has a wonderful way of helping us discover new cultures and celebrate people from every corner of the globe.

Because the World Cup belongs to everyone.

The Magic of Togetherness

Sport has an incredible ability to bring people together. For ninety minutes, differences fade into the background as excitement fills the room. We celebrate spectacular goals, laugh at unexpected moments, and sometimes hide behind a cushion during those nerve-racking penalty shoot-outs.

The conversations continue long after the final whistle, with debates over the best goal, the biggest surprise and who might become this year's champion.

At Magic Life, these shared experiences become lasting memories.

Our World Cup Challenge

Throughout this month, why not bring a little World Cup magic into your home?

Decorate your service with the colours of different nations, learn a few words from another language, cook a traditional dish from a participating country, organise a mini football tournament, or simply gather together to watch a match and enjoy each other's company.

Remember—it's not about which country wins.

It's about celebrating friendship, inclusion, respect and the joy of sharing something special together.

So wherever your loyalties lie this summer, wear your colours proudly, enjoy the excitement, and don't forget to congratulate the winners—even if they weren't your first choice!

From everyone at Magic Life, here's to an unforgettable World Cup filled with brilliant football, wonderful friendships, plenty of laughter, and memories that will last long after the final whistle.

May the best team win... unless they're playing yours!

Happy World Cup Month!

Pawel Gawronski

Finding the Way Back

One resident shares how finding the right place at the right time helped them rediscover hope, purpose and ambition.

Sometimes Life Gives You a Second Chance

Every so often, a story arrives that reminds us why community matters.

The following words come from a resident who has chosen to remain anonymous. Their journey is deeply personal, but their message is one that many people will recognise: no matter how difficult life becomes, hope can return.

A New Beginning

"I arrived here some years ago. It is very comfortable and well maintained. The staff were incredibly patient and supportive from the beginning.

After a difficult start, I was able to find stability again. With their encouragement, I began pursuing hobbies and personal goals that simply wouldn't have been possible elsewhere."

Sometimes it isn't one dramatic moment that changes a life. Sometimes it's the steady kindness shown every day that makes all the difference.

Through the Darkest Days

The resident explains that shortly after arriving, they experienced an overwhelming personal loss.

"There was a period where I lost sight of who I was. Looking back, it feels like I was living in another world for a while.

The team here somehow knew exactly how to support me. I will always be grateful for that. With their encouragement, I slowly found my way back."

Recovery rarely follows a straight line, but having people who continue to believe in you can make all the difference.

Looking Forward Again

Today, the future feels very different.

"Now I find myself thinking about goals and ambitions that I had given up on years ago.

It will be a long journey, but my experience here has made me motivated and focused again."

Those words capture something that can't be measured—rediscovering belief in yourself.

The Right Place at the Right Time

Looking back, one thought stands above everything else.

"I found myself in the right place, at the right time, after years of wondering whether I would ever rediscover my sense of self.

My favourite aspect of this experience is that challenges are never without merit and reward."

It is a powerful reminder that every journey is different, but with encouragement, patience and the right people around us, new beginnings are always possible.

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SCAN THE CODE TO SHARE YOUR STORY



MagicLife Greyhound Road

Summer Days

Three years of encouragement led to one unforgettable day by the sea.

Some achievements aren't measured in certificates, medals or awards. Sometimes they're measured in footprints across warm sand, laughter carried on the sea breeze, and the confidence to embrace a moment that once felt out of reach.

This June, Greyhound Road celebrated one of those truly special milestones as a resident enjoyed a memorable day at the beach—a simple summer outing that represented years of patience, trust, determination and personal growth. It was a reminder that life's greatest victories are often the quietest.

A Day to Remember

For many of us, a trip to the seaside is something we take for granted. We throw a towel into a bag, grab an ice cream, paddle in the sea and head home with sandy shoes.

This day carried a much deeper meaning.

Supported every step of the way by the Greyhound Road team, the outing became a celebration of confidence, choice and independence. There was no pressure, no expectations—just the freedom to enjoy everything the coast had to offer.

The day unfolded exactly as every summer adventure should. There were peaceful walks along the shoreline, a refreshing swim in the sea, delicious cheesy chips enjoyed on the beach, a wander around the harbour and plenty of laughter shared together.

Each moment became another memory to treasure.

The Magic Behind the Moment

Behind every smile is often a story that isn't immediately visible.

Meaningful achievements rarely happen overnight. They are built through consistent encouragement, trusting relationships and support that respects each person's individual pace.

At Greyhound Road, these everyday moments are what person-centred support is all about. Progress isn't rushed or measured against anyone else's journey. Instead, it's

celebrated one step at a time, recognising every success, however big or small it may appear.

This beach visit wasn't remarkable because of where it took place. It was remarkable because of what it represented—a growing confidence to explore, experience new adventures and create joyful memories.

Celebrating Every Step Forward

The greatest success wasn't simply swimming in the sea or posing for photographs.

It was the smile that came naturally. The laughter that echoed across the beach. The confidence to embrace the day and simply enjoy being in the moment.

These are the milestones that truly matter.

As summer continues, Greyhound Road looks forward to creating many more opportunities for residents to explore new experiences, celebrate personal achievements and make memories that will last long after the sunshine fades.

Sometimes, the biggest triumphs begin with a single step towards the shoreline.

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Garden To Table

Grove Park Road celebrates growth, teamwork, and a very tasty reward



June brought a lovely burst of green-fingered joy to Grove Park Road, as residents spent time in the garden caring for the potatoes and flowering plants planted last month. With healthy foliage appearing and colourful blooms beginning to show, there was plenty of excitement in the air — and perhaps a little friendly potato pride too.

Growing Together

Supported by EL, residents enjoyed watering the plants, removing weeds, and checking on the progress of their growing garden. The activity sparked warm conversations about favourite flowers, gardening memories, and the joy of growing vegetables at home.

There was a real sense of achievement as everyone admired the results of their hard work. The potatoes are not quite ready for the dinner table yet, but anticipation is already growing nicely alongside them!

From Garden Gloves to Cooking Spoons

After time outdoors, the group moved into the kitchen

for a delicious cooking activity. Residents helped wash ingredients, peel and chop vegetables, stir, and set the table, each taking part in a way that suited them.

Soon, the kitchen was filled with laughter, conversation, and the comforting aroma of freshly cooked food. Favourite family recipes and cooking tips were shared, turning the session into much more than meal preparation — it became a celebration of teamwork, confidence, and good company.

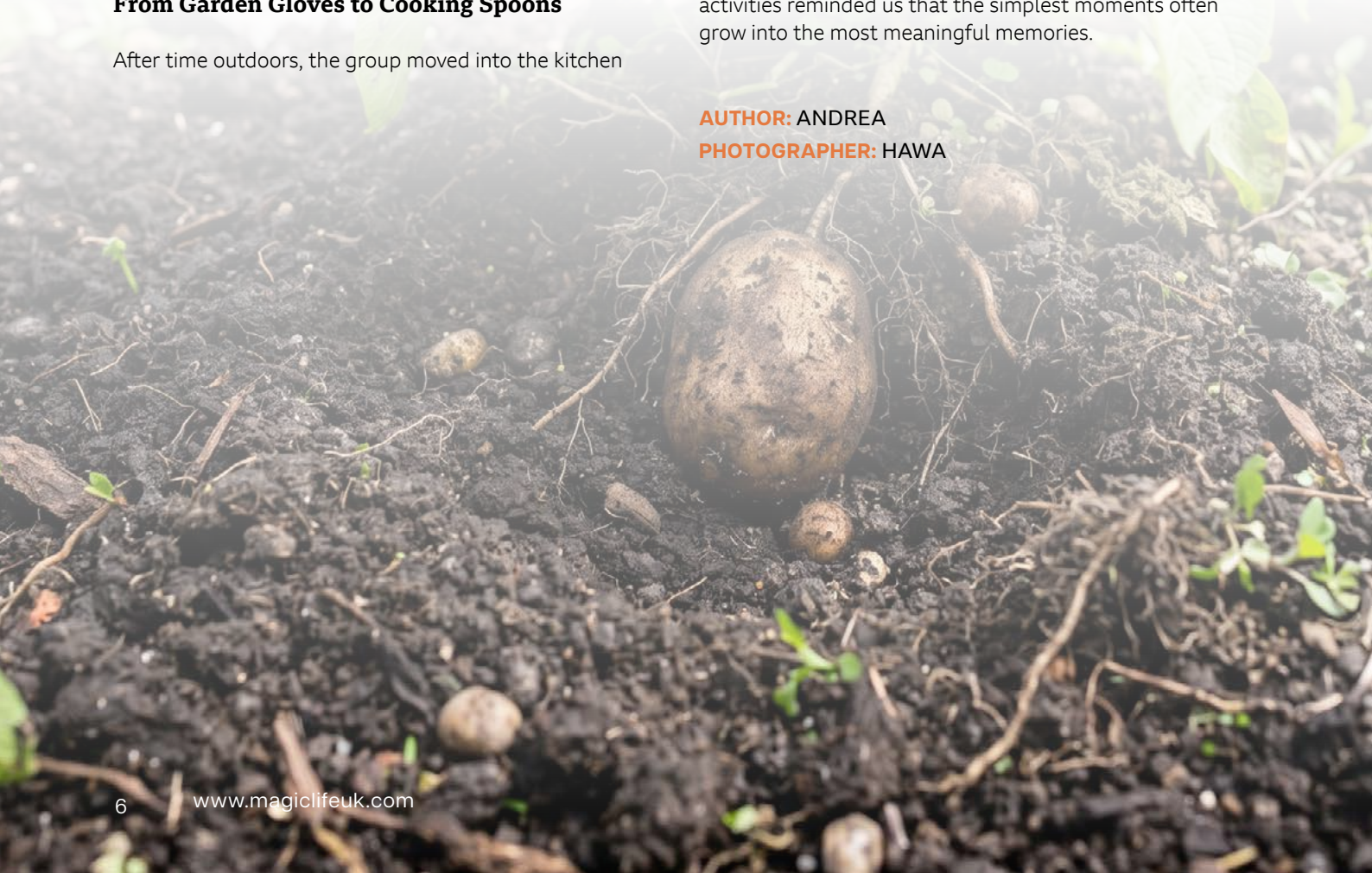
A Meal Made with Meaning

Once everything was ready, everyone sat down together to enjoy the meal they had helped create. It was a rewarding end to a busy and joyful day, bringing together the best of both worlds: fresh air, creativity, shared skills, and a table full of smiles.

At Grove Park Road, June's gardening and cooking activities reminded us that the simplest moments often grow into the most meaningful memories.

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MagicLife 672 High Road

Out & About

Summer adventures, new experiences, and simple pleasures made June one to remember.

June was filled with fresh air, exciting outings, and plenty of reasons to smile as CK embraced every opportunity to enjoy life in the community. Making the most of the warmer weather, each day brought a new adventure, proving that the best memories are often created through simple moments shared with others.

Sunshine and Smiles

One of the month's highlights was taking part in Autism Week, where balloon games brought plenty of laughter and colour into the home. The fun-filled activity created a wonderful atmosphere, with everyone enjoying the chance to celebrate together.

When the sunshine appeared, there was no shortage of places to explore. Regular walks through the local park became a favourite part of the week, giving CK the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air while keeping active. The outdoor gym equipment proved popular too, along with the climbing frame, where confidence and enthusiasm were on full display.

Discovering New Adventures

A visit to Alexandra Park was the perfect way to enjoy a summer afternoon, complete with a well-earned ice cream. There was also time to explore the vibrant sights and sounds of Camden Market, where every corner offered something new to discover.

Back at home, CK continued to build independence by preparing fresh orange juice and choosing meals to cook. These everyday activities became enjoyable opportunities to develop skills while creating delicious food and drinks to enjoy.

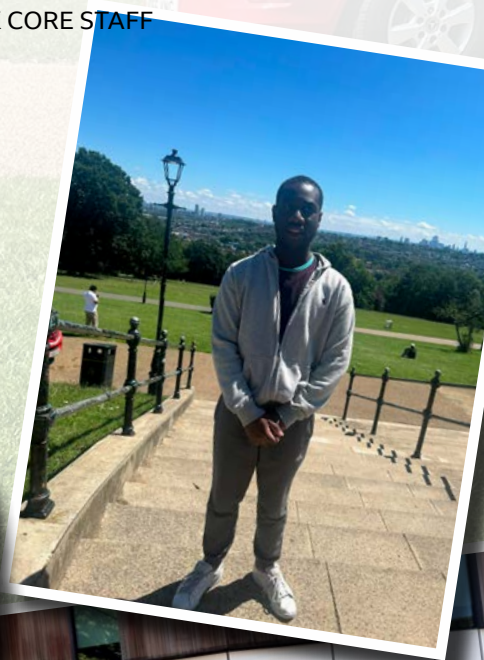
A Moment to Unwind

June also included a wonderfully relaxing visit to the Haringey Activities Centre at Winkfield Road for a massage session. The experience was so calming that CK drifted off to sleep, leaving everyone delighted to see just how comfortable and relaxed he had become. It was a lovely reminder that wellbeing is about taking time to relax as well as staying active.

As June came to a close, it was clear that every outing, every activity, and every shared experience had helped make the month one full of achievement, enjoyment, and confidence. With summer just beginning, there are plenty more adventures waiting around the corner.

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SPECIAL MENTIONS: OLUFEMI IDRIS AROFADAKA AND ROBERT DAVIS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN HELPING MAKE CK'S RELAXING MASSAGE SESSION SUCH A POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.

Celebrating Culture

Music, dance, and togetherness took centre stage as Burlington Lodge enjoyed an unforgettable cultural celebration.

The sound of music, the colour of traditional dress, and the warmth of community came together in spectacular fashion as Burlington Lodge residents proudly attended a vibrant Latin Culture Show. Celebrating the richness and diversity of more than 20 countries, the event offered an inspiring day filled with culture, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

A Warm Welcome

Residents MM, JM, SB, and EN arrived looking their very best, accompanied by their dedicated support workers. Their arrival was met with smiles, applause, and a warm welcome from the audience, immediately setting the tone for a joyful celebration.

A specially prepared seating area ensured everyone could enjoy the performances comfortably, while the lively atmosphere quickly came alive with music representing the many cultures of Latin America. Songs performed in several languages demonstrated how music has the unique ability to bring people together, no matter where they come from.

Music That Moved Everyone

The excitement reached another level when Burlington Lodge residents were invited onto the dance floor. One by one, they embraced the moment, each bringing their own personality, confidence, and style to the celebration.

JM particularly captured the audience's attention with an energetic performance that earned enthusiastic applause and recognition as one of the standout dancers of the day. Every resident brought something unique to the celebration, while EN joined in with infectious enthusiasm, proving that joy and music are experiences everyone can share.

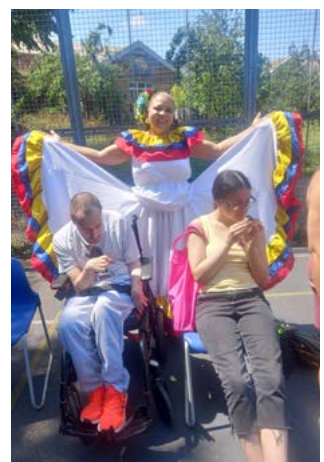
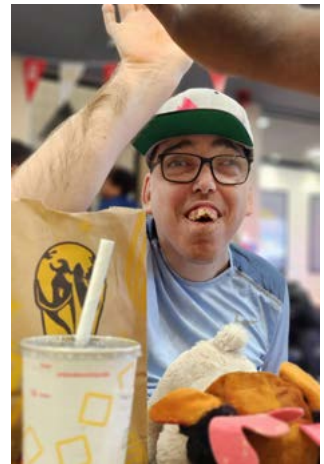
More Than a Celebration

Alongside the entertainment, residents enjoyed a wonderful selection of food, sampling different cuisines and choosing meals that reflected their own tastes.

The opportunity to explore new flavours added another memorable dimension to an already special day.

Throughout the event, many visitors stopped to congratulate the Burlington Lodge group, admiring their confidence, positivity, and the strong sense of community they represented. Their warmth and enthusiasm left a lasting impression on everyone they met.

The Latin Culture Show was far more than a day out. It was a celebration of inclusion, friendship, and the opportunities that allow people to shine. Burlington Lodge residents represented Magic Life with pride, reminding everyone that the greatest celebrations are those where everyone feels welcome to take part.



Summer Splashes

Poolside fun, a trip to the cinema, and thoughtful gestures made June a month full of smiles at The Whitehouse.

The arrival of warmer weather brought plenty of reasons to head outdoors at The Whitehouse, where residents embraced the sunshine with enthusiasm and enjoyed a wonderful month filled with laughter, friendship, and memorable experiences. From splashing around at a garden pool party to relaxing at the cinema, June was all about making the most of every moment.

Making a Splash

One of the month's biggest highlights was the garden pool party, where VS, IM, JC, and NK came together to enjoy an afternoon of summer fun. Residents cooled off with refreshing swims, joined in lively games, and tucked into a selection of delicious refreshments while soaking up the cheerful atmosphere.

The event created the perfect opportunity for everyone to relax, socialise, and celebrate the season together. With smiles all around, it was a wonderful reminder that the best summer days are often the ones spent with friends.

Lights, Camera, Action!

For IM, the excitement continued with a trip to the cinema to watch a horror film on the big screen. The outing provided an enjoyable change of scenery and the chance to experience the excitement of the cinema, making for a thoroughly entertaining day out.

Whether reacting to the suspenseful moments or simply enjoying the shared experience, it was another great example of how community outings help create lasting memories.

A Thoughtful Thank You

Kindness also took centre stage this month when VS created a heartfelt appreciation card for the Whitehouse team. The thoughtful gesture was warmly received and reflected the strong relationships that make The Whitehouse such a welcoming and supportive community.

As June came to a close, it was clear that the month had been filled with laughter, gratitude, and opportunities to enjoy life's simple pleasures. With summer only just beginning, everyone is looking forward to creating even more special memories in the weeks ahead.



Summer Stories

Celebrations, friendly competition, and unforgettable days out made June shine at Cherry Tree Lodge.

June arrived with sunshine in abundance, inviting everyone at Cherry Tree Lodge to spend more time outdoors and make the most of the season. From lively garden gatherings and birthday celebrations to sporting adventures and creative moments, the month was filled with laughter, friendship, and memories that will be talked about long after summer has passed.

Sunshine and Celebration

One of the month's favourite activities returned as Bingo moved into the garden. With the warm weather providing the perfect backdrop, RF, JE and SG settled in for a lively afternoon of friendly competition, while MA cheered everyone on from the sidelines. Every number called was met with excitement, proving that encouragement is every bit as rewarding as winning.

The biggest celebration of June belonged to JBC, whose birthday brought everyone together for a fantastic summer barbecue. The garden came alive with delicious food, refreshing drinks, music, and plenty of laughter. A particularly touching moment came when JBC's mum arrived to celebrate alongside everyone, creating a heartwarming family occasion. Friends gathered to share the special day, making it a birthday to remember.

Adventures Around Every Corner

The summer sunshine inspired plenty of outings throughout the month. SG and JBC escaped the heat with a relaxing visit to the local pub, enjoying cool refreshments and easy conversation. Before long, RF and SG followed suit, proving that good company is the perfect companion on a warm summer's day.

RF also enjoyed a memorable visit to Croydon MIND, where his love of music took centre stage. Singing with confidence and enthusiasm, he brought smiles to everyone around him and reminded us all of the joy that music can bring.

His creativity continued back at home as he carefully designed a thoughtful card for his family before proudly posting it to his sister. After completing his special delivery,

he treated himself to a well-earned chicken and chips meal, making for a day filled with kindness, creativity, and simple pleasures.

Another peaceful outing saw RF visit Carshalton Park, where feeding the birds by the pond offered a relaxing afternoon surrounded by nature before another enjoyable visit to Croydon MIND.

Friendly Competition

Competition was never far away during June. SG embraced the excitement of the arcade, enjoying an action-packed day of flashing lights, favourite games, and plenty of victories.

Meanwhile, RF demonstrated his impressive pool skills during a visit to the Tempin Games Centre. With confident shots and plenty of determination, he emerged as the proud winner, adding another achievement to an already memorable month.

As June drew to a close, SG picked up a tennis racket and took to the court with energy and enthusiasm. Playing point after point with determination, regular breaks for refreshments ensured he stayed cool while enjoying every minute. By the end of the session, there was only one question left to ask—when could he come back and play again?

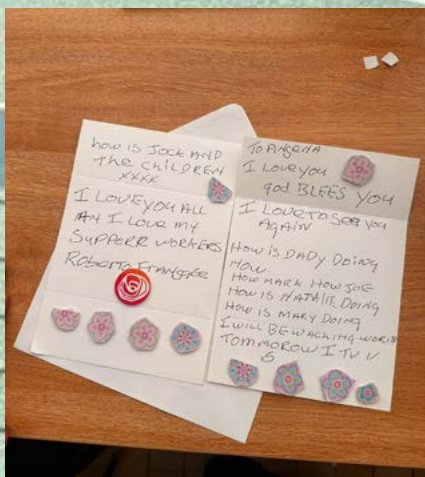
A Summer to Remember

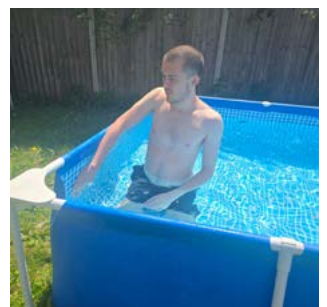
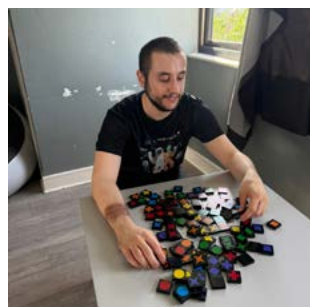
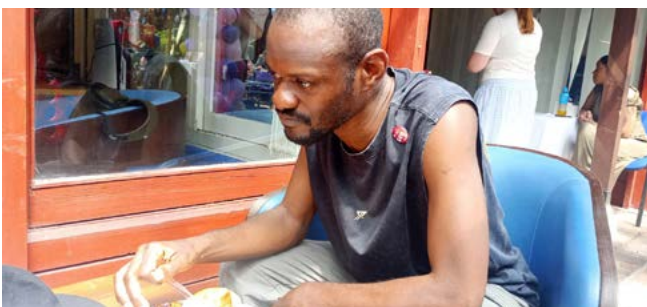
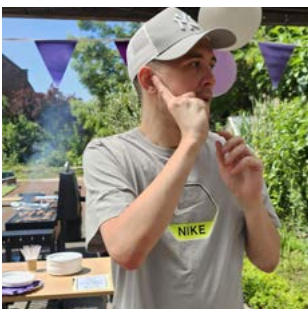
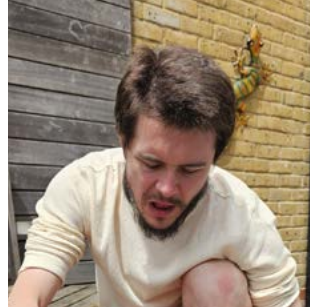
Looking back, June delivered far more than warm weather. It brought shared celebrations, meaningful friendships, new experiences, and countless reasons to smile. Whether celebrating birthdays, discovering new places, or simply enjoying each other's company, Cherry Tree Lodge made every sunny day count.

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“June proved that sunshine is even brighter when it's filled with laughter.”





Summer Adventures

From paddling pools to community outings, June was filled with activity, achievement, and plenty of reasons to smile.

June was a month of movement, friendship, and making the most of the sunshine at Devonshire Lodge. Residents embraced a fantastic variety of community activities, enjoying everything from days out and sporting fun to shopping trips and opportunities to build confidence and independence. Every adventure brought new experiences and memorable moments to share.

Making the Most of Every Day

The month began with a visit to the Winkfield Centre, where OB and BKD enjoyed spending time together while tucking into a delicious meal prepared for everyone attending. The welcoming atmosphere and opportunity to socialise made it a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

Residents also climbed aboard the Pedal Power bus, combining activity with fun as they enjoyed time together in the community. The smiles throughout the day showed just how much everyone appreciated the experience.

With the summer sunshine making a welcome appearance, Michael M took the initiative to set up the Devonshire paddling pool, inviting fellow residents to cool off and enjoy a refreshing afternoon outdoors. It quickly became one of the month's most popular activities, bringing plenty of laughter and summer fun.

Confidence Through Community

SS enjoyed another successful visit to the bowling alley, combining friendly competition with an enjoyable day out. Alongside this, weekly shopping trips continued to promote choice and independence, allowing SS to select groceries and personal items for the week ahead.

BKD also demonstrated growing confidence during a clothes shopping trip, independently scanning purchases before rounding off the outing with lunch in the community. Moments like these continue to highlight the importance of encouraging everyday independence.

An Active Adventure

Jl embraced a full day of community activities that showcased both enthusiasm and determination. Beginning with a healthy walk, the day included travelling by bus and train before arriving at White Hart Lane Recreation Ground.

There, Jl enthusiastically joined in with community gymnastics activities, including lifting and pulling exercises, before enjoying Pedal Power cycling and a lively game of football with staff. Throughout the day, Jl remained fully engaged, taking every opportunity to stay active while enjoying time in the community. After a well-earned snack and plenty of exercise, the day concluded with another walk back home, completing a truly active and rewarding outing.

Every Day Brings New Opportunities

June demonstrated how meaningful activities can build confidence, encourage independence, and strengthen friendships. Whether enjoying a refreshing splash in the paddling pool, exploring the community, or celebrating personal achievements, Devonshire Lodge residents embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity.

With summer only just beginning, everyone is looking forward to even more adventures in the months ahead.

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Roaring Adventure

An unforgettable wildlife experience at Hertfordshire Zoo



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There's something truly magical about seeing some of the world's most incredible animals up close, and that's exactly what JO and SH experienced during their recent visit to Hertfordshire Zoo. Filled with excitement from the moment they arrived, the pair set off on a day packed with discovery, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Wild Encounters

As they explored the zoo's beautiful surroundings, every corner revealed something new to admire.

From fascinating wildlife to stunning habitats, there was always another adventure waiting around the next bend.

While every animal had something special to offer, it was the magnificent tigers and powerful lions that truly stole the show. JO and SH spent plenty of time watching these majestic big cats, captivated by their strength, elegance, and graceful movements. It was a moment that neither of them was keen to leave behind.

Memories to Treasure

The day was filled with smiles, shared discoveries, and plenty of laughter as JO and SH explored the zoo together. Their enthusiasm for learning about the animals made the experience even more enjoyable, proving that every outing is an opportunity to create lasting memories.

When it was finally time to head home, there was just one problem—neither of them wanted the adventure

to end. Leaving the zoo was undoubtedly the hardest part of the day, but they returned with wonderful memories and an even greater appreciation for the amazing wildlife they had encountered.

Trips like these remind us that the best adventures aren't just about the places we visit—they're about the experiences we share, the moments that make us smile, and the memories that stay with us long after the journey home.



MagicLife Northlands

Seaside Smiles

Sunshine, sea air, and a day to remember at Northlands

There's something timeless about a day at the seaside, and for LVM, June brought the perfect opportunity to enjoy everything the coast has to offer. With the sun shining and the waves gently rolling in, it was a day filled with smiles, fresh air, and simple moments of happiness.

Making Waves

From the moment she arrived, LVM embraced the seaside experience. She enjoyed paddling in the sea, exploring the shoreline, and taking in the peaceful sights and sounds of the coast. The fresh sea breeze and beautiful surroundings created the perfect backdrop for a relaxing and memorable day out.

Whether watching the waves, feeling the sand beneath her feet, or simply soaking up the summer sunshine, every moment was enjoyed to the fullest. Her bright smile said it all as she made the most of this special outing.

Sunshine and Sweet Treats

No trip to the seaside would be complete without a delicious ice cream, and LVM certainly enjoyed every spoonful. Sitting in the sunshine with a happy grin and a refreshing treat in hand perfectly captured the joy of a wonderful summer's day.

Outings like these remind us how meaningful simple pleasures can be. Fresh air, beautiful scenery, and time spent enjoying new experiences all help create lasting memories and moments of genuine happiness.

As June came to a close, this seaside adventure was undoubtedly one of the month's highlights—a day full of laughter, relaxation, and plenty of sunshine.

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Hale End Highlights

Celebrating teamwork, achievements, and unforgettable moments together

June was a month full of celebration, connection, and memorable experiences at Hale End. From a fantastic Staff Appreciation Barbecue to exciting resident adventures, every event reflected the warmth and community spirit that makes the service so special.

A Celebration of Team Spirit

The month's biggest highlight was the Staff Appreciation Barbecue, recognising the dedication and teamwork of the Hale End team. Staff proudly wore blue to represent Hale End as an autism-focused service, celebrating their shared commitment to providing outstanding support.

Residents and staff enjoyed a delicious feast featuring jollof rice, curry rice, traditional dishes including eba, semo and egusi soup, alongside freshly grilled chicken, turkey and tilapia. Fresh salads and cold drinks completed a menu that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Music, Games and Smiles

The celebrations continued with ball games, board games, karaoke and a lively dancing competition that had everyone laughing and cheering. Music filled the air throughout the day, while staff captured photographs that perfectly reflected the joy, friendship and togetherness shared by all.

More than just a barbecue, the event celebrated the people whose dedication makes Hale End such a welcoming community.

Celebrating Individual Successes

June also brought some wonderful personal highlights. TP celebrated his birthday with an exciting day at Legoland, enjoying the attractions and making lasting memories.

JA embraced a new adventure with a visit to Bubble Planet, confidently exploring its interactive sensory experiences in a positive and engaging environment. These outings highlighted the value of creating opportunities for residents to build confidence while having fun.

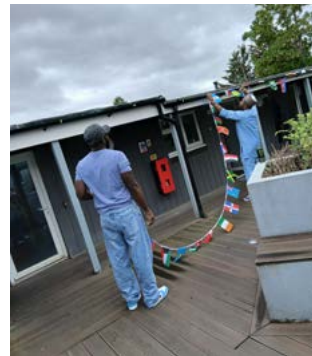
Together We Shine

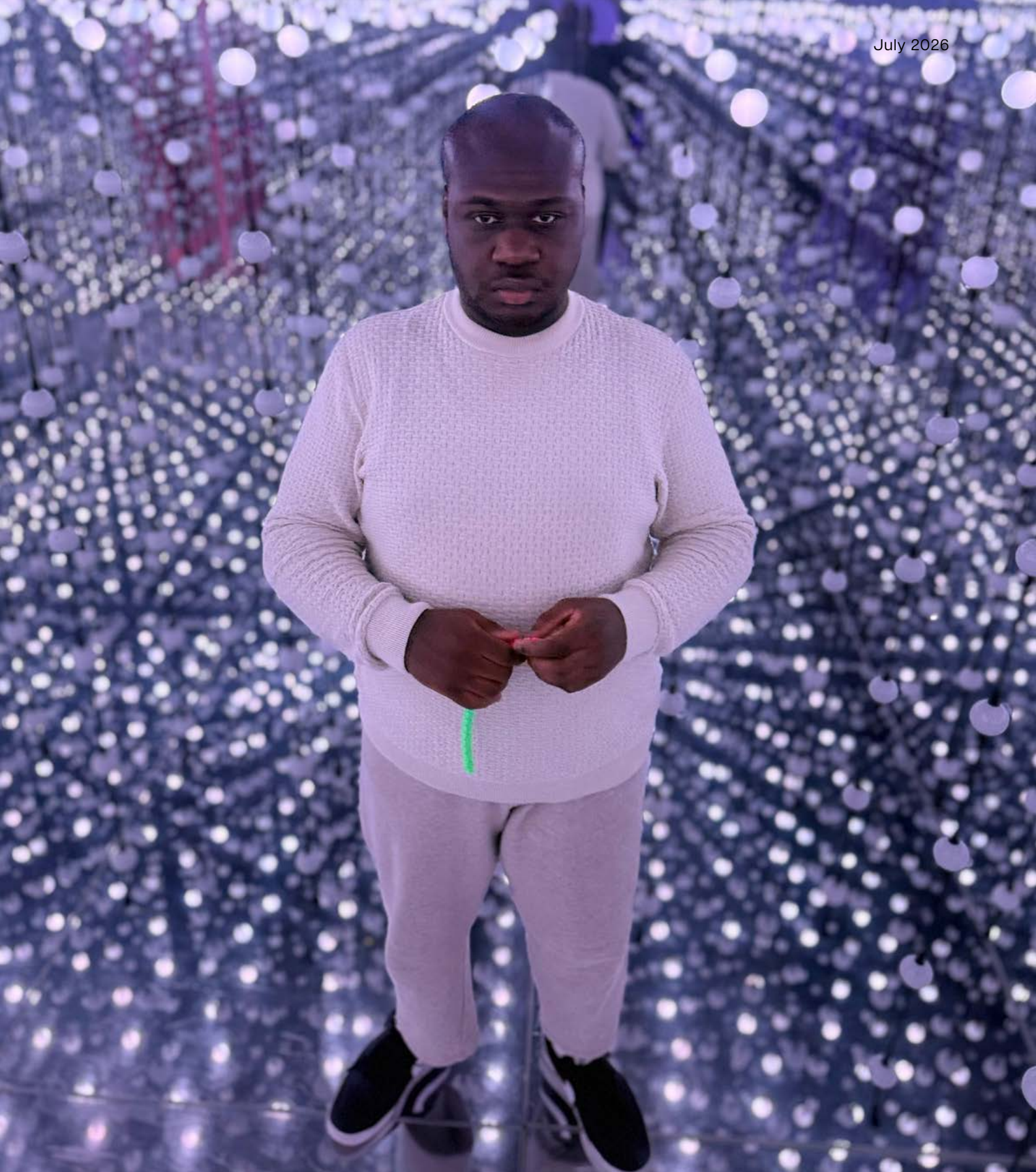
Looking back, June was about much more than activities. It was about recognising the incredible Hale End team, celebrating residents' achievements, and strengthening the sense of community that brings everyone together.

With delicious food, shared laughter and memorable adventures, June truly captured the Magic Life spirit—where every achievement is celebrated and every day creates lasting memories.

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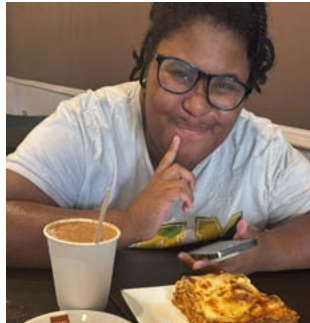




MagicLife Park Lodge

Park Lodge Moments

Celebrating friendship, creativity, and achievements throughout June



June was another fantastic month at Park Lodge, with residents embracing new experiences, celebrating personal achievements, and enjoying plenty of laughter along the way. From creative hobbies and outdoor adventures to learning opportunities and memorable celebrations, every day offered another reason to smile.

Moments That Matter

The month was filled with simple moments that brought people together. BM shared the joy of reading with CR during a heartwarming story session, while PRM enjoyed an independent shopping trip before treating herself to a favourite meal at a local Somali restaurant.

Residents also made the most of the summer weather with visits to Pymmes Park, where walks, exercise sessions, and a relaxing picnic combined fresh air, good company, and plenty of smiles. Friendly games of Connect 4, lively dance sessions, and visits to Bubble Club added even more opportunities for fun, friendship, and community connection.

A Proud Achievement

A true highlight of the month was the official launch of CR's book, *A Different Perspective*. Surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, residents, and staff, CR proudly celebrated this remarkable milestone as supporters gathered to purchase copies and congratulate him on his

success.

The event was filled with delicious food, music, laughter, and community spirit, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved. Seeing so many people come together to celebrate CR's achievement was a wonderful reminder of the encouragement and support that exists throughout the Magic Life family.

Learning, Laughter and Life Skills

Learning remained an important part of everyday life at Park Lodge. Residents enjoyed engaging maths sessions led by staff, proving that developing new skills can be both rewarding and enjoyable.

BM also delighted everyone by showcasing his impressive robotic dragon, sparking curiosity and conversation, while an energetic dance-off between BM and CR transformed an ordinary afternoon into one filled with laughter, applause, and unforgettable entertainment. Sometimes the happiest memories are simply made by turning up the music and enjoying the moment.

Looking Ahead

From celebrating personal milestones to enjoying everyday adventures, June perfectly reflected the welcoming spirit of Park Lodge. Every activity encouraged independence, confidence, friendship, and fun, creating memories that residents and staff will treasure for months to come.

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West Lodge Together

Celebrating confidence, community, and everyday achievements

June was a month of meaningful moments at West Lodge, where residents embraced new experiences, developed valuable life skills, and enjoyed spending time together. From community outings and shared celebrations to growing independence and personal achievements, every day reflected the supportive and welcoming spirit of the home.

Celebrating Together

Father's Day brought residents and staff together for a joyful celebration filled with music, dancing, quizzes, and a delicious shared meal. The event created a warm and welcoming atmosphere where everyone enjoyed socialising, building friendships, and making happy memories.

Residents also marked National Fish and Chips Day, sharing a traditional meal together while enjoying plenty of conversation and laughter. These occasions highlighted the importance of community, connection, and spending quality time together.

Building Confidence Every Day

Throughout the month, residents continued making positive progress towards greater independence. JS showed growing confidence in the kitchen, taking on more cooking tasks with less support while developing valuable life skills. He also proudly shared his new trainers with staff, reflecting his increasing confidence and positive self-expression.

GC demonstrated his independence by choosing to clean his own room, while GP continued to manage his daily routines confidently, including shopping independently and taking pride in maintaining the home's outdoor spaces. These everyday achievements demonstrate how small steps can lead to lasting confidence.

Enjoying New Experiences

Residents made the most of opportunities in the local community. MP enjoyed bowling and snooker, while CM settled well into life at West Lodge, taking part in cooking activities and joining in group celebrations with enthusiasm.

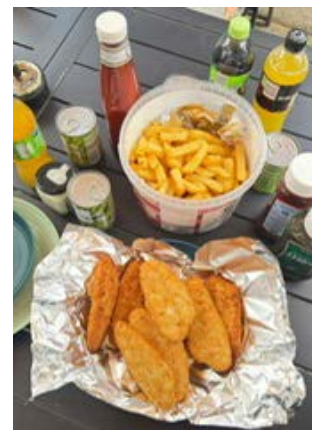
One particularly meaningful outing saw JS supported to light a candle in memory of his late mother on her birthday. The quiet moment gave him the opportunity to reflect and honour cherished memories in a way that was important to him, with staff providing respectful support throughout.

Looking Ahead

June was a wonderful reminder that progress comes in many forms. Whether learning a new skill, celebrating together, enjoying community activities, or growing in confidence, every achievement contributed to another successful month at West Lodge.

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Parkside Connections

Community outings, celebrations, and new beginnings made June one to remember.

There was plenty happening at Parkside this month, with a variety of activities promoting wellbeing, independence, social interaction, and community involvement. Residents enjoyed time together both at home and out in the community, creating many happy memories along the way.

Celebrating Special Moments

PC had an enjoyable and active month, taking part in a range of social and community activities. She visited Park Lodge, where she enjoyed playing games and listening to music with others. She also spent time at Alexandra Palace Park and Pymmes Park, making the most of the pleasant weather and beautiful outdoor surroundings.

A highlight of the month was celebrating PC's 55th birthday with her sister, childhood best friend, fellow residents, and staff. It was a wonderful occasion filled with laughter, friendship, and celebration.

Growing Friendships

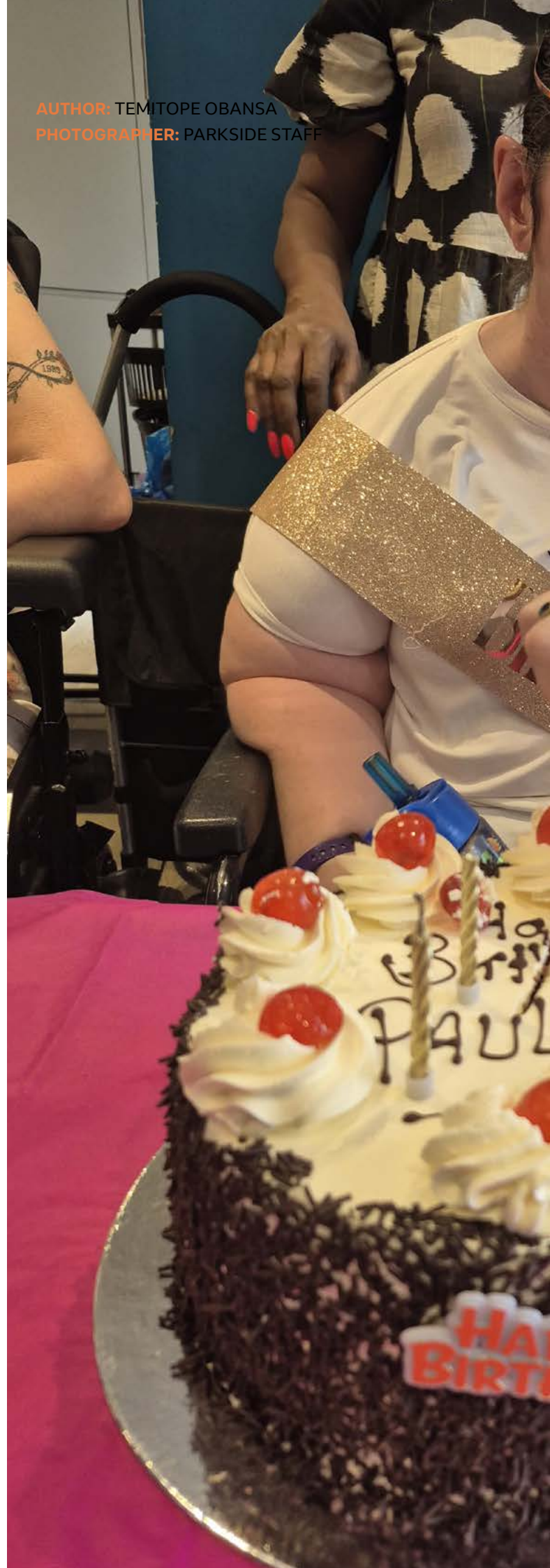
ED continued to enjoy regular visits to Pymmes Park, where he relaxed by the river watching the ducks. He also spent time in the garden, taking photographs of his plants and carefully watering them. His enjoyment and pride in caring for the garden were clear to see. Alongside this, ED continued attending church regularly, an important part of his routine.

A Warm Welcome

EG recently moved into the service and is settling in well. He has been engaging positively with staff and fellow residents while becoming familiar with his new surroundings. During the month, he joined in celebrating PC's birthday and hosted a housewarming barbecue, giving everyone the opportunity to socialise and welcome him into the Parkside community.

These shared experiences have helped build positive relationships and reflect the welcoming atmosphere that makes Parkside feel like home.

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Finding the Magic

Celebrating confidence, connection, and the power of everyday moments

Progress, connection, and those small but powerful moments of magic have been at the heart of life at Chapel Row this month. Our focus continues to be on promoting independence, celebrating individuality, and ensuring everyone feels valued, heard, and supported.

Confidence That Grows

BS and IG both achieved personal milestones this month. While these moments may seem small from the outside, within our home they represented significant steps forward.

For BS in particular, socialising has never come easily, and the idea of spending time out in the community with a close friend once felt out of reach. Through regular community access and shared experiences, BS and IG have gradually developed a genuine friendship. Their growing bond has created new opportunities to enjoy time together and build confidence in one another's company.

The Magic of Everyday Life

Sometimes the simplest moments create the greatest joy. Community trips, visiting one another's flats, watching television together, or enjoying a short outing all became meaningful experiences for BS and IG this month.

What began as small moments of connection has developed into a valued friendship, demonstrating just how powerful consistent, everyday interactions can be.

Growing Through Community

Community engagement continued to play an important role throughout June. Local walks, visits to nearby shops, and trips into town gave BS and IG valuable opportunities to build confidence while becoming more comfortable navigating familiar places and interacting with others.

These experiences remind us that community engagement is about much more than simply going out—it is about building relationships, developing confidence, and creating safe opportunities for people to grow.

Everyday Magic

June also reminded us that some of the most meaningful moments happen during everyday routines. Cooking

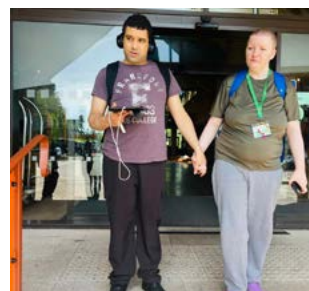
together, enjoying music afternoons, sharing games, or simply settling down to watch a favourite television programme all created opportunities for laughter, comfort, and connection.

For many autistic people and individuals with learning disabilities, familiar routines provide far more than structure. They create stability, encourage confidence, strengthen relationships, and allow people to express themselves in ways that feel safe and meaningful.

As Chris Colfer beautifully wrote, "This world is full of magic if you choose to see it." At Chapel Row, June showed us once again that the greatest magic is often found in the everyday moments that help people feel at home.



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A Month of Memories

Historic adventures, joyful celebrations, and moments to treasure together

June was a memorable month, bringing together exciting community outings, special birthday celebrations, and meaningful moments shared by residents and staff. From exploring one of the country's most fascinating museums to celebrating personal milestones, there was plenty to smile about.



A Journey Through Time

On 16th June, residents enjoyed a wonderful day trip from Peterborough to Oxford to visit the renowned Oxford University Museum of Natural History. The outing offered a fantastic opportunity to discover fascinating exhibitions, explore a place rich in history, and enjoy a change of scenery together.

Residents and staff spent the day admiring the impressive displays and capturing special memories with plenty of photographs. For one resident with a passion for history, the visit was particularly meaningful, and they expressed their appreciation to the staff for making the experience possible.

After exploring the museum, everyone gathered at a local restaurant for lunch, where good food, conversation, and laughter rounded off a truly enjoyable day. The journey home was filled with happy reflections, with residents describing the trip as relaxing, memorable, and enjoyable.



A Season of Celebrations

June also brought three wonderful birthday celebrations.

On 20th June, Horatio celebrated his 68th birthday surrounded by staff and fellow residents. With a beautiful birthday cake, delicious food, music, and plenty of laughter, the day was filled with warmth and good wishes.

Regan celebrated his 28th birthday on 26th June. Before his birthday, he enjoyed a special dinner with his family, marking the first time in two and a half years they had celebrated together in this way. Back at the home, residents and staff continued the celebrations with cake, food, and a joyful party that made the occasion even more memorable.

The month's celebrations concluded on 28th June as Mark celebrated his 62nd birthday with an Italian-themed meal, birthday cake, and wonderful company. The occasion perfectly reflected the caring and family-like atmosphere within the home.

Looking Back

From discovering the history of Oxford to celebrating three very special birthdays, June was filled with experiences that brought people together and created lasting memories. These moments continue to reflect our commitment to promoting community involvement, celebrating individuality, and ensuring every resident has opportunities to enjoy meaningful experiences.



June Celebration Highlights

Joy, laughter and meaningful moments made June a month to remember at Winns Mews.

June was bursting with smiles, celebrations and shared experiences at Winns Mews, where residents and staff came together to create another month filled with friendship, creativity and memorable moments. From lively birthday parties to favourite takeaway treats, traditional fish and chips, and relaxing creative activities, every day brought new opportunities to enjoy life, celebrate achievements and strengthen the wonderful sense of community that makes Winns Mews feel like home.

Making Every Choice Count

One of the month's standout moments came when JK decided to enjoy one of life's simple pleasures by choosing a favourite takeaway meal. With gentle encouragement from staff, JK independently selected and ordered a delicious meal and refreshing drink, proudly sharing the excitement with everyone around him.

The outing became even more enjoyable with favourite music playing through his headphones, creating the perfect combination of great food, relaxing tunes and good company. It was a wonderful example of how supporting personal choices helps build confidence while making everyday moments feel truly special.

A Birthday Full of Dancing

Celebrations were in full swing when residents and staff gathered to mark DK's birthday at Winns Mews 2. The home was transformed with colourful decorations as music, laughter and excitement filled every room.

The party featured delicious food, plenty of dancing and one unforgettable surprise when Deputy Manager Hannah joined everyone on the dance floor, encouraging residents and staff alike to celebrate together. DK delighted the crowd with an energetic dance performance that earned huge applause and plenty of cheers, creating one of the happiest moments of the month.

Birthdays at Winns Mews are never simply about cake—they're about bringing people together, creating treasured memories and making everyone feel valued.

A Classic Favourite Returns

Few meals bring people together quite like fish and chips, and June's traditional Fish and Chips Party proved to be another huge success. Organised by Amanjot Singh, Hannah and Hibo, the event combined creativity with classic British comfort food.

Before sitting down to enjoy freshly prepared fish and chips, residents designed and made their own traditional newspaper-style hats, filling the room with conversation, laughter and plenty of artistic flair. Once the hats were complete, everyone gathered around the table to enjoy a delicious meal while sharing stories and enjoying each other's company.

Sometimes it's the simplest traditions that create the biggest smiles.

Creativity Takes Centre Stage



Creativity continued throughout the month as DW spent time enjoying one of her favourite hobbies—drawing. With encouragement from staff, she immersed herself in her artwork, expressing herself through colour and imagination while taking great pride in every detail.

These creative sessions offered more than just an opportunity to draw; they encouraged confidence, relaxation and self-expression while celebrating individual talents and interests.

A Celebration on His Own Terms

Another special occasion saw JK celebrating his birthday exactly as he wanted. Staff worked closely with him to ensure the day reflected his personal wishes by inviting close friends to join the celebration and creating a relaxed atmosphere centred around spending quality time together.

In keeping with his preferences, no photographs were taken, ensuring the celebration remained entirely personal and respectful of his choices. It was a thoughtful reminder that the best celebrations are the ones designed around the individual.

Keeping Minds Active

June also included activities that encouraged concentration, memory and problem-solving. SSG regularly enjoyed interactive games alongside staff, taking on challenges that exercised the mind while creating opportunities for conversation, teamwork and plenty of laughter.

Learning, socialising and having fun all came together, demonstrating that keeping active can be just as enjoyable as it is rewarding.

Another Wonderful Birthday



The month concluded with another joyful celebration as residents and staff gathered to mark SSG’s birthday. Decorations brightened the home, music filled the air and everyone came together to sing Happy Birthday before enjoying cake, delicious food and plenty of dancing.

The celebration reflected everything that makes Winns Mews special—a warm community where friendships flourish, achievements are celebrated and every resident is encouraged to enjoy life’s important milestones

surrounded by people who care.

As June came to a close, it was clear that every activity, every shared meal and every celebration had contributed to another month filled with happiness, inclusion and togetherness. Thanks to the dedication of the Winns Mews team, residents enjoyed meaningful experiences that celebrated individuality while strengthening the vibrant community spirit that continues to shine throughout the home.



MagicLife Staff Nominations

Rising Stars Making a Difference

This month, we are proud to recognise four outstanding Support Workers from Hale End whose dedication, compassion, and commitment have made a real difference to the lives of the people they support.

Daniel Stephen, Babatunde Adepoju (Albert), Idris Fashina (Toyin) and Mary Owusu have each demonstrated the values that define exceptional support. Whether by



Daniel Stephen **Daniel's Rising Star Journey**

Support Worker | Hale End (Maple Lodge & Cedar Lodge)

Nominated by Suzette Whyte

Recognised for building an exceptional rapport with residents while demonstrating initiative, reliability, and readiness for greater responsibility.

Daniel Stephen has consistently demonstrated the capacity and readiness to take on additional responsibilities through his positive attitude and dependable performance. His commitment and potential for further development led to his selection as part of the core team supporting Hale End's new resident, TG.

This has proven to be an excellent decision. TG regularly compliments Daniel on the support he provides, and during a recent visit from a member of Head Office, TG once again praised Daniel's work. This positive feedback reflects Daniel's ability to build strong relationships and provide meaningful, person-centred support.

Daniel has also shown initiative in the way he connects with TG, finding creative ways to engage, including rapping together—an activity TG particularly enjoys. By tailoring his support to the resident's interests, Daniel has built trust and strengthened their relationship, demonstrating genuine care and a willingness to go beyond expectations.

Daniel's initiative, positive attitude, and commitment to delivering outstanding support make him a highly deserving recipient of this Rising Star recognition.



Babatunde Adepoju (Albert) **Albert's Rising Star Journey**

Support Worker | Hale End (Maple Lodge & Cedar Lodge)

Nominated by Suzette Whyte

Recognised for his dedication and person-centred support, helping a resident build confidence and engage in activities that were previously very challenging.

Albert has shown exceptional commitment in supporting JA, helping him become more confident and engaged in community activities and new environments. Through patience, consistency, and genuine encouragement, Albert has supported JA to achieve milestones that once seemed out of reach.

One of Albert's greatest achievements has been helping JA take part in activities such as visiting museums, something that had previously been very difficult due to JA's anxiety around enclosed spaces and being around other people. Albert has also supported JA on trips to the seaside, helping to expand his confidence and willingness to enjoy meaningful community experiences.

Albert's dedication has had a clear and positive impact on JA's wellbeing, independence, and quality of life. Working alongside a colleague, he has provided strong and consistent 2:1 support, ensuring JA always feels safe, supported, and encouraged to explore new experiences.

Albert's hard work, persistence, and person-centred approach make him a highly deserving recipient of this Rising Star recognition.

building trusted relationships with residents, encouraging greater independence, embracing new responsibilities, or showing remarkable personal growth, each has gone above and beyond in their role.

Their nominations reflect the power of person-centred care, patience, and teamwork. Together, they have helped residents

overcome challenges, build confidence, and enjoy new experiences, while also strengthening the services they work within. Their commitment and positive attitude continue to inspire both colleagues and the people they support.

Congratulations to all four on this well-deserved recognition as our Rising Stars.



Idris Fashina (Toyin)
Toyin's Rising Star Journey

Support Worker | Hale End (Maple Lodge & Cedar Lodge)

Nominated by Suzette Whyte

Recognised for his dedication and person-centred support, helping a resident build confidence and engage in activities that were previously very challenging.

Toyin has shown exceptional commitment in supporting JA, helping him become more confident and engaged in community activities and new environments. Through patience, consistency, and genuine encouragement, Toyin has supported JA to achieve milestones that once seemed out of reach.

One of Toyin's greatest achievements has been helping JA take part in activities such as visiting museums, something that had previously been very difficult due to JA's anxiety around enclosed spaces and being around other people. Toyin has also accompanied JA on trips to the seaside, helping to build his confidence and willingness to enjoy meaningful community experiences.

Toyin's dedication has had a clear and positive impact on JA's wellbeing, independence, and quality of life. Working alongside a colleague, he has provided strong and consistent 2:1 support, ensuring JA always feels safe, supported, and encouraged to explore new experiences.

Toyin's hard work, persistence, and person-centred approach make him a highly deserving recipient of this Rising Star recognition.



Mary Owusu
Mary's Rising Star Journey

Support Worker | Hale End (Maple Lodge & Cedar Lodge)

Nominated by Suzette Whyte

Recognised for the significant progress she has made in her role, consistently improving her communication, initiative, and contribution to the team.

Mary has shown remarkable progress over the past eight months, with clear improvement in her communication, work performance, and overall contribution to the team. She has become more confident, more engaged in her role, and continues to grow into a valued member of the team.

Mary now regularly takes the initiative and is always willing to step in and help without being asked. This reflects her growing confidence, commitment, and proactive approach to supporting both her colleagues and the service.

One of Mary's greatest achievements has been successfully introducing new staff to work with a resident who typically struggles with unfamiliar people. Through her calm approach, patience, and ability to build trust, she has helped make this transition much smoother than expected, demonstrating both professionalism and excellent support skills.

Mary's continued development, reliability, and willingness to take initiative make her a highly deserving recipient of this Rising Star recognition.

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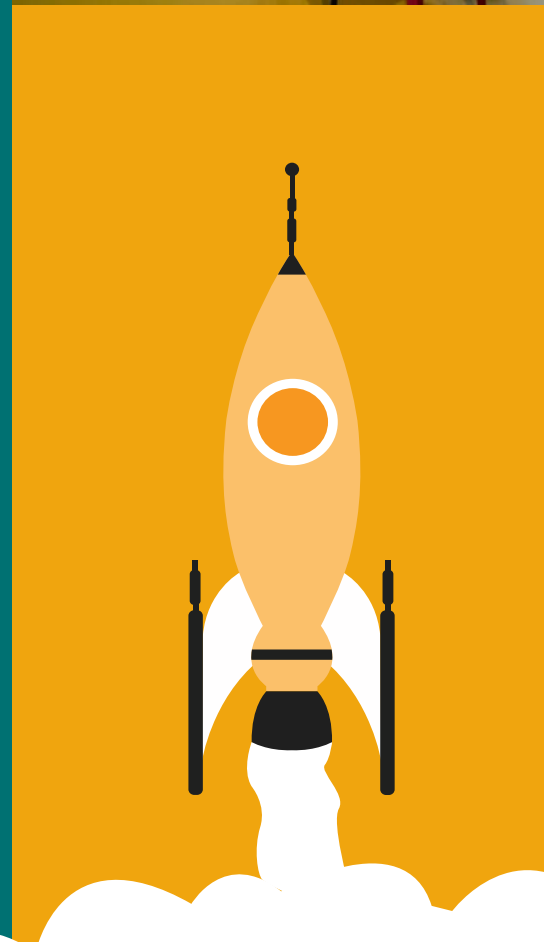
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