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Welcome to our June newsletter!

This year has seen many changes at Parkside, with several new residents joining us. Theresa, pictured right, is now organising our activities and has been working hard!



Residents' news

Welcome to our new residents Grace, Maud, Brian, Wendy, Joy, Iris, Ivy, Donald, Mollie and Eileen. Joy says: 'I am settling in quite nicely, and enjoying getting involved in a variety of activities, and I have found Parkside a friendly place. The staff are very helpful.' The picture, right, shows Joy enjoying some flower arranging.



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Special occasions

Maud's 100th Birthday Party

Maud enjoyed her afternoon in April with all her family and friends, opening her presents and having a piece of birthday cake. She said it had been a happy day.



Peggy and Ted's 61st Wedding Anniversary

Peggy and **Ted** celebrated with a romantic meal for two in our small lounge, and Michelle, our cook, baked a cake for their special day in March. Peggy said: 'We were very grateful and surprised!'





Eileen's 90th Birthday

Eileen, pictured below right, one of our new residents celebrated her 90th birthday in May. Her family and friends were invited to afternoon tea, and they had a lovely time, with her family playing the piano and everyone singing along! Eileen said: 'I could not have asked for a better day.'



The Queen's 90th Birthday/St George's Day

To celebrate we had a special fish and chip lunch, which the residents really enjoyed. Lil, Joy and Joan said they could not wait until it was fish and chips again! Wendy is pictured above at the lunch. The dining room was decorated to fit the occasion.

In the afternoon, **Anna**, a singer, came to entertain us and lead us in some favourite songs.

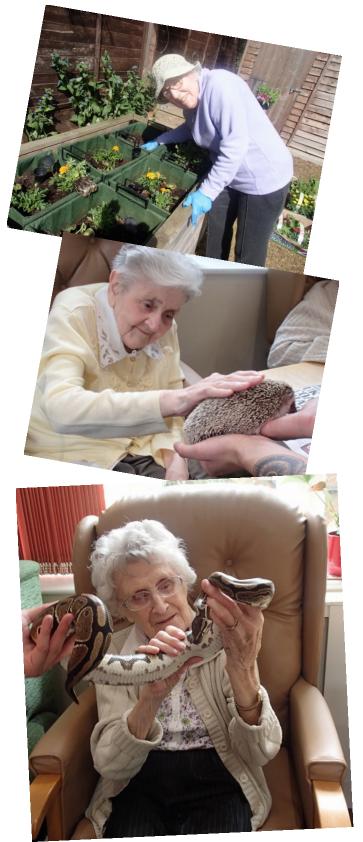
Activities update

Joan has enjoyed helping to get the garden ready for the summer and is pictured right preparing pansies in the garden. We would like to thank Joan for all her hard work. Joan said: 'I enjoyed seeing the robins.'

We have had two visits from Wild Science, in March and May. The residents enjoyed holding the snakes, lizards, hedgehogs and rats! Joy said: 'I liked holding the animals, it was something different.' Pictured right is Mollie with a hedgehog; below Brian with a lizard, and below right, Joy with a snake.







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Summer BBQ

We held a barbecue on Saturday 11th June between 12 noon and 2 pm. A singer, **Robert**, came to entertain us.



Outings

In May we had a trip to All Saints Church in Ardleigh Green to watch a play. Five of the residents came along and enjoyed the show, but we did get back rather late!

Welcome

Earlier this year we welcomed our new Chief Executive, Andy Palmer, and new night care leader, Olga.









Forthcoming events

21st 26th June, Romford Baptist Church is holding a week of Summer Fun events for the elderly, and many of our residents will be joining in.

On **27th June** we are looking forward to Drama with a Challenge!

We have also booked trips to Southend and visits to the Harvester for lunch over the summer."