

Yew Tree Gazette

Residents Meeting – Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent Residents Meeting. It was lovely to see so many residents and family members there and to hear your thoughts, suggestions and feedback.

The Residents Meeting provides residents and their families with an opportunity to discuss daily life at Yew Tree, share the things they enjoy, raise any concerns and make suggestions about how we can continue to improve the home.

It also gives you the opportunity to speak directly with the Heads of Department and discuss any questions or ideas you may have relating to their area of responsibility.

Our Next Residents Meeting

Our next meeting will be a little bit different, as we would like to give one of our residents the opportunity to chair the meeting.

We would love to hear your suggestions for who you think would make a great Resident Chairperson. If there is a resident you feel would enjoy taking on this role, please let a member of the management team know.

The Manager and Heads of Department will also be present at the meeting, so if you have a question or query, you will have the opportunity to raise it directly with the person responsible for that area.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and continuing to make the Residents Meeting a place where everyone has a voice and feels listened to.

Visits Outside the Home

Many of you will know that we have experienced a few issues with our accessible vehicle recently, but we are pleased to confirm that the vehicle is now back on the road and ready to get our residents out and about in the community!

If you would like to enjoy a trip outside of the home, please speak to Chloe or Kerry, who will be happy to help make the necessary arrangements.

Trips could include:

A shopping trip
A visit to a garden centre
A trip out for a coffee or a treat
A scenic drive around the local area
A visit to enjoy the beautiful countryside surrounding Yew Tree

Whether you fancy a particular outing or simply want to get out for a change of scenery, we would love to help make it happen.

The vehicle is ready, so where shall we go?

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Senior Carer Soniya Davies

We are delighted to announce that our Senior Carer Soniya has been awarded Employee of the Month at Yew Tree Nursing Home!

This award recognizes the dedication, compassion and commitment shown to our residents and the wider team. Being a Senior Carer means leading by example, supporting colleagues and ensuring our residents receive the highest standard of care, dignity and respect.

Thank you for all your hard work, professionalism and the positive difference you make every day. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and we are proud to have you as part of our team.

Well done and congratulations Soniya! You thoroughly deserve this recognition.

At Yew Tree Nursing Home, we celebrate the people who make a difference.

The “Ber” months have arrived, which means the colder months are just around the corner and our thoughts are turning towards all the fun and exciting activities that autumn and winter bring!

Our first celebration will be Halloween, and this year we have two spooktacular celebrations planned, giving both residents and staff the opportunity to dress up and join in the fun.

Music Bugs Halloween Celebration

Tuesday 27th October 2026 10:00am

Our first Halloween celebration will be our Music Bugs Halloween Celebration. Come along in your favourite Halloween costume and enjoy some spooky musical fun!

There will also be a prize for the best child’s costume, so get creative!

Annual Halloween Party

Friday 30th October 2026 2:00pm

Our annual Halloween Party will be hosted by Chloe and Kerry, with plenty of Halloween-themed fun planned for everyone.

Activities will include:

Pumpkin carving
Apple bobbing
Music provided by Kelvin Leitch
Fancy dress and lots of Halloween fun!

We hope you will join us for a spooktacular afternoon filled with fun, laughter and plenty of Halloween spirit!

We can't wait to see your costumes!

Quality Time Together

Quality time with our loved ones is incredibly important, and we warmly encourage families and friends to join us for our many social events throughout the year.

Our Activities Team organise a variety of events and activities, all of which are free for families and friends to attend. Invitations are extended to residents’ families and friends, and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events soon.

Join Us for Lunch

Families and friends are also very welcome to join their loved ones for lunch at the home.

To help our kitchen team prepare and ensure we have enough food and suitable seating available, we kindly ask that you book your meal in advance.

Please note that, unfortunately, if a meal has not been booked in advance, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate you on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing some quality time together.

Thank you
to everyone
who shared
their ideas! ♥



Food & Menus

MORE CHOICE, MORE VARIETY

We received lots of lovely suggestions for new meals and desserts.

Suggestions included:

- Salmon and scampi
- Lamb's liver
- Pot pie
- Scotch eggs
- Sponge cakes
- Jam tarts
- Fruit cake
- Semolina
- Tapioca/sago pudding



We will trial suitable new dishes and ask residents for their feedback before adding them to the menu.

Your opinion matters!

Residents will have opportunities to vote on menu samples so we can include the dishes you enjoy.



Laundry & Clothing

KEEPING THINGS TOGETHER

With so many residents' items being washed, clothing can sometimes get mixed up — especially when residents move rooms.

We are going to trial a new permanent name-labelling system.

We will look at different options, including:

- Name stamps
- Permanent labels
- Name buttons
- Iron-on labels



The most important thing is finding a system that stays on after repeated washing and drying. Socks are one of the most frequently misplaced items, so this will be a key focus.

We will keep you updated on the results.



Cleaning & Infection Control

CLEANER, SAFER, BRIGHTER

We are looking at ways to make our cleaning systems even more efficient.

A trial of microfiber mopping systems and quicker-drying floor-cleaning solutions is being considered.

This could help us to:

- ✓ Improve infection control
- ✓ Reduce the use of dirty mop water
- ✓ Make floors dry more quickly
- ✓ Reduce slip risks
- ✓ Make cleaning more efficient



Infection Control Update

We are pleased that there have been no outbreaks of sickness, diarrhoea or COVID-19 in the last 2 years. We continue to monitor for symptoms, isolate where appropriate and ask staff who are unwell to take precautions. Keeping everyone safe remains our priority.

A safe home for all ♥



Activities & Events

LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

There is plenty happening at Yew Tree!

- Halloween celebrations
- Film Fridays
- Popcorn & toffee apple activities
- Children in Need activities
- Christmas celebrations
- Monthly themed days



Residents also suggested:

- More musical and lively Friday activities
- International-themed days
- Short, accessible outings
- A mixture of classic and newer films

Have an idea?
Tell the
Activities Team! ♥

We will continue using our suggestion/choice box and look at trialling ideas each month.



Building & Maintenance

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS



Roof

Roof works are nearly complete and expected to finish this week.



Fire Alarm System

Our new fire detection system has been installed and can identify the exact room where a fault occurs.



Doors

Around 70% of doors have now been replaced or upgraded. The remaining bespoke doors are expected to be completed over the next 5-6 months.



Grounds

Further landscaping, bush removal and driveway lighting works are planned for October and November to improve the appearance of our grounds.



Improving
our home for
the future ♥



Transport

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Our accessible van is currently undergoing repair due to a fuel-line issue and is booked for next week.

We are also exploring alternative options, including a wheelchair-accessible electric vehicle. Finding a vehicle with the right accessibility and ramp arrangement remains a key consideration.



More
adventures
ahead ♥



Get in Touch

You can share your ideas with:
Daniel – Home Manager
Cosmin – Deputy Manager
Vicky – Business Manager
Your Head of Department

Together
we make
Yew Tree
special ♥



Keep the Conversation Going!

The meeting isn't the end of the conversation. We want residents, relatives and staff to continue sharing their ideas.

- What works well?
- What could we improve?
- What would you like to see at Yew Tree?

Every suggestion
makes a difference! ♥

Our Nursing Home Activities Plan

October

Kind People ♥ Happy Moments ♥ Brighter Days

Good Company Brighter Days

Same Faces New Memories Brighter Days

Week 1

Spooky Beginnings

A month of friendship, fun and happy memories

To Do	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	Sunday 4
Morning (10:00am)				Halloween Decorating 	Film Friday 	Music & Memories 	Church Service or Quiet Reflection 
Afternoon (2:30pm)				Arts & Crafts 	Sing-Along 	Games Afternoon 	Afternoon Tea & Chat 

Week 2

Autumn Adventures

Enjoying time together

To Do	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10	Sunday 11
Morning (10:00am)	Gentle Exercises 	Wildlife Day (National Badger Day) 	Puzzle Morning 	Baking Together 	Film Friday 	Creative Colouring 	Music & Memories 
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Balloon Games 	Shake, Rattle & Roll 2:30pm 	Izzy 2:30pm 	Graham 2:30pm 	Vee Sweeney 2pm 	Sports on TV 	Family Visits (or Afternoon Tea) 

Week 3

Celebrating Together

Because every day matters

To Do	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17	Sunday 18
Morning (10:00am)	Gentle Exercises 	Music Bugs 10am 	Pamper Morning 	Puzzle Morning 	Film Friday 	Garden Time (Weather Permitting) 	Church Service or Quiet Reflection 
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Gentle Exercises 	Arts & Crafts 	Animals in Hand 2pm 	Melissa 2:30pm 	Trevor 2pm 	Board Games 	Afternoon Tea & Chat 

Week 4

Spooky Fun

Creating smiles and special memories

To Do	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
Morning (10:00am)	Baking Together 	Gentle Exercises 	National Apple Day Toffee Apples 	Shake, Rattle & Roll 11am 	Film Friday 	Garden Time (Weather Permitting) 	Music & Memories 
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Karaoke 	Apple Painting 	Paulo Pinto 2pm 	ZooLab 2pm 	Darren 2:30pm 	Sports on TV 	Family Visits (or Afternoon Tea) 

Week 5

Halloween Celebrations

Grateful hearts make happier days

To Do	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 31
Morning (10:00am)	Pumpkin Carving 	Music Bugs 10am 	Halloween Quiz 	Puzzle Morning 	Film Friday 	
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Halloween Games 	Arts & Crafts 	Clive Bond 2:30pm 	Arts & Crafts 	Halloween Party! Kelvin Leitch 2pm 	Suzie 2pm 



YEW TREE NURSING HOME

Supporting

CHILDREN IN NEED

Together
we can
make a
difference!



A LITTLE CHANGE CAN
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY
IN SUPPORT OF
CHILDREN IN NEED!



FUN ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE!

★ CAKE STALL



★ RAFFLE



GAMES & QUIZZES



EVERY
PENNY
COUNTS!

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL
HELP CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
ACROSS THE UK TO THRIVE,
FEEL SAFE & REACH THEIR POTENTIAL.

CAN'T JOIN US?
YOU CAN STILL
DONATE!

Speak to a team member
or visit our donation box.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

From everyone at Yew Tree Nursing Home

Thank
you!

Our Nursing Home

Activities Plan November

Lest
We Forget



Kind
People
Happy
Moments
Brighter
Days

A month of friendship, fun and happy memories

Week 1

To Do	Monday 30	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 1
Morning (10:00am)	St Andrew's Day 						All Saints' Day Church Service or Quiet Reflection
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Karaoke 						Afternoon Tea & Chat

Week 2

Autumn Days Together

Sharing laughter, friendship and special moments

To Do	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning (10:00am)	2 Gentle Exercises 	3 Music Bugs 10am 	4 Knitting & Crochet 	5 Guy Fawkes Celebration Morning 	6 Baking Together 	7 Creative Colouring 	8 Church Service or Quiet Reflection
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Rocky 2:30pm 	Graham 2:30pm 	Games Afternoon 	Vee Sweeney 2:30pm 	Film Friday 	Suzie 2pm 	Afternoon Tea & Chat

Week 3

Keeping Spirits Bright

Because every day matters

To Do	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning (10:00am)	9 Arts & Crafts 	10 Puzzle Morning 	11 Paulo Pinto 11am 	12 Baking Together 	13 Children in Need Cake Sale Morning 	14 Garden Time (Weather Permitting) 	15 Church Service or Quiet Reflection
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Trevor Santini 2pm 	Izzy 2:30pm 	Remembrance Day Celebrations 	Board Games 	Brave the Shave in the Afternoon 	Karaoke 	Afternoon Tea & Chat

Week 4

Fun, Friendship and Good Company

Creating smiles and brighter days

To Do	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning (10:00am)	16 Gentle Exercises 	17 Music Bugs 10am 	18 Pamper Morning 	19 Knitting & Crochet 	20 Puzzle Morning 	21 Family Time Morning 	22 Church Service or Quiet Reflection
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Kelvin 2:30pm 	Arts & Crafts 	Games Afternoon 	Victoria 	Melissa 2:30pm 	Colouring Afternoon 	Afternoon Tea & Chat

Week 5

Grateful Hearts Make Happier Days

Community ♥ Friendship ♥ Wellbeing ♥ Happiness

To Do	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning (10:00am)	23 Baking Together 	24 Gentle Exercises 	25 Debbie Miles 11am 	26 Arts & Crafts 	27 Puzzle Morning 	28 Family Time Morning 	29 Church Service or Quiet Reflection
Afternoon (2:30pm)	Karaoke 	Steve 2:30pm 	Music & Memories 	Creative Colouring 	Film Friday 	Movie Afternoon 	Afternoon Tea & Chat

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