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Letter from the **Editor's Desk**

Welcome to Spring 2022!

Spring has finally sprung, days are getting longer and the weather is getting sunnier. With the coming of a new season, is the hope of new and brighter things, starting with the relaxation of restrictions on the majority of our homes.

This has meant that homes have been able to enjoy long-awaited reunions with loved ones, celebrations at the home and generally feeling more at ease, after a difficult two years.

We want to pay heed in particular, to the staff that have continued to plan unique and exciting events to keep the morale with both residents and staff high.

Some of these recent events are showcased in this Spring's issue and you'll have lots of smiley faces and fun stories to enjoy reading.

From a peek into the past, to award-winning artwork, our Amicura homes continue to show that they are one step above the fray.

Have a lovely, joyous Spring.

Warm Regards,



Maya

Marketing Manager

Amicura Care Group



Roseway House receives over 3000 Christmas Cards

Roseway House in Jarrow sent out an appeal for Christmas Cards over the festive season, in a bid to raise spirits at the home after long periods of lockdown.

"The response to our appeal was amazing," said Activity Coordinator and organiser Dawn Lyon. The home received over 3000 cards from far and wide and even had a story featured in the BBC. Emma Barker, a carer at the home, said: "Our postbox was full almost every day."

"Our local community, as well as those further afield, have shown us that their Christmas spirit is alive and strong no matter what is going on and it has really touched us here at Roseway House," she added.

"Our residents were delighted to receive cards from across the UK and beyond, with well-wishes coming from as far away as New York. On behalf of all of the residents and staff at Roseway House, we want to say a huge thank you to each and every person who has responded to our appeal - it's been truly heart-warming."

Resident feature

100th Birthday



The Glen Care Home, Morecambe resident Josephine celebrates her 100th Birthday

Josephine was born on 20th January 1922 in Whitehaven to Joseph and Annie Hill, the 5th child in a family of six, 3 boys and 3 girls. She attended Monksray Junior School and later Whitehaven Senior School.

When she was 15 years old her father's company transferred him from his position in Whitehaven to a new position in Kendal and all the family moved there with him.

At the age of 15 years Josephine took up employment in the advertising office at the famous "K Shoe Factory", where she worked for several years before taking up a position as a typist at Collin Croft Brewery in Kendal.

It was at this time that Josephine developed an interest in the caring professions and attended night school to learn first aid and home nursing. She was quickly accepted by the Matron at Kendal Hospital to work evenings as a nursing auxiliary.

Whilst living in Kendal she met the love of her life Albert Donohoe, who was at the time a regular seaman in the Royal Navy working primarily on submarines in the Atlantic

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and Mediterranean. They were married at Kendal Catholic Church on 20th October 1943.

It became evident that Josephine and Albert would not be able to have children of their own. This led to them seeking to become house parents, looking after children who for one reason or another had been received into care. After a successful interview at County Hall in Preston Josephine and Albert were offered a brand-new Lancashire County Council family group home in Turks Road, Radcliffe, near Manchester, which they joyfully accepted. They moved there on August 1st 1954. Albert continued to work as an electrician in the day, whilst Josephine ran the Children's home, with the help of another housemother and a cleaner.

Josephine and Albert stayed in Radcliffe for 12 years during which time they cared for lots of children, most of whom were there for the whole of that time and who made lasting bonds with the couple that remain to this day.

In 1966 Josephine was appointed Superintendent of a larger Children's Home in Bolton-le-sands where she continued her valuable work for a further 12 years, again looking after many children during the course of that time.

From there Josephine took a slightly different position in the caring profession, she was offered the role of Deputy Warden at Riverview Training Centre in Lancaster which catered for adults who were leaving The Royal Albert

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Hospital and being discharged into the community. From there Josephine transferred work to Thorpe View Training Centre in Torrisholme to work with younger adults with learning difficulties, teaching them skills for independent living. It was there that Josephine ended her fulltime employment of 27 years with Lancashire County Council.

In retirement she worked for the WRVS at both the Beaumont Hospital and Lancaster Royal Infirmary and also at Lancaster Farms Young Offender Institute.

She lived in Bolton-le-Sands and Hest Bank and whilst there attended St Mary & All Angels Catholic Church. Later she moved to Hest Bank, then Bare where she became a regular parishioner at St Mary's Church in Morecambe.

Her husband Albert passed away in 1996 aged 77 years. Josephine also has one remaining brother Harry who lives in Bolton-le-Sands and will be 102 years old this year.

We would like to wish Josephine a Very Happy 100th Birthday from the Amicura family!



Harmony House

Swallowing Awareness Day

Harmony House Care Home shared an important statistic on Swallowing Awareness Day.

'68% of people with dementia in care homes have some form of swallowing difficulty'.

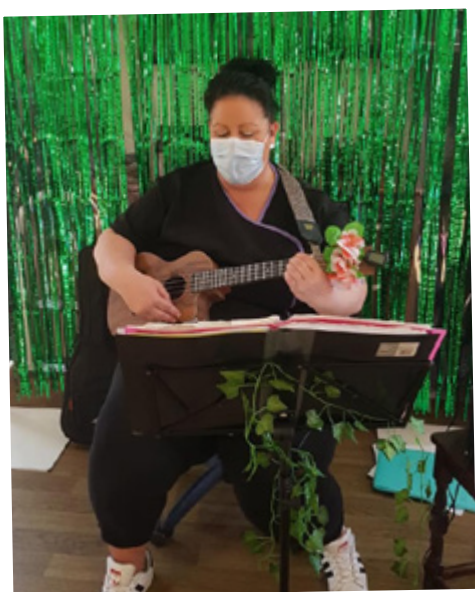
They are working hard to ensure that care home residents continue to get the correct texture food and drinks for Swallowing Awareness Day. The home was featured on NHS South Warwickshire Foundation Trust's Twitter account, with a photo of Lead SALT from George Eliot Hospital Community team and the home's kitchen assistant Saliza Limbu.



Celebrations at our homes

Some fun photos of St Patrick's Day celebrations and more from our homes

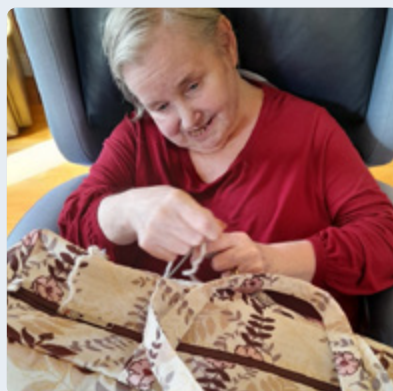
Roseway House, Jarrow



Celebrations at our homes

Harmony House, Nuneaton

Orchestra of the Swan,
Sound of Music and Knitting



Haslingden Hall, Rossendale

Easter raffle donation from
Tesco and Rock & Roll Day



Upcoming New Homes

Kingsley

We are pleased to have recently opened Kingsley Care Home in Hawkhead, Paisley, Scotland. The residential home features lovely landscaped gardens and is close to local attractions in both Paisley and Glasgow, such as Barrshaw Park and the Botanic Gardens, which will complement the home's facilities to offer residents interesting local excursion options.

Liberton Brae

Construction is well underway for Amicura's new home in Liberton, Edinburgh. We are hoping to complete development and renovations in the coming months. The home features 50 bedrooms as well a salon, doctor's suite, bar area, activities centre and a beautiful rooftop garden with views over Arthur's Seat and The Observatory. The residential dementia home will be a wonderful addition to the Amicura Group.

The Rivers

The Rivers in Knottingley has been undergoing renovations ready for opening within the coming months. The spacious 60 bed residential dementia home features a salon, activity room and gardens. We would like to welcome our new manager, Julie, to the Amicura family!



Staff Introduction – Kingsley Manager

My name is Sharon and I am the Manager of Kingsley Care Home. I am a Qualified Nurse and registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. I have practiced in wards, community and care-homes. Furthermore, I was employed by a UK based company as their Regional Nurse Facilitator for overseas Nurses. This involved Nurse training, allocations to Care Homes and post training support on shift.



I place importance on quality assurance and compliance. I lead a team of qualified nursing staff and experienced care staff with high standards in order to deliver person centred care to all individuals in our care. Our team also include an Administrator, Maintenance Technician, Housekeeping and Kitchen staff. I joined Kingsley Care Home soon after the opening and look forward to be involved in its growth and successful, with our very valuable team.

I am family orientated and have 3 children and a grandson. I live locally and like to consider myself a friendly considerate member of the community.

Recruitment Bonus Incentive Scheme

We have decided to introduce a bonus incentive scheme across all our homes.*

Any staff member that makes a successful referral, wherein the referee is then employed by the home and passes the mandatory probationary period of three months, will be offered a monetary bonus.

Terms and conditions will apply.

Specific information regarding bonuses will be provided by the respective Home Manager.

Please approach the Home Manager for more information.

*Please note this incentive is only available to permanent staff.

Word Search Challenge

Can you complete it?

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CHANGE

DAFFODIL

FLING

GREEN

RENEW

CROCUS

FEVER

GARDEN

HATCH

SPROUT

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If you have any more wonderful stories to share, please get in touch!

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