

## A message from our Chief Executive

### A warm welcome to the Summer edition of Connect, the Brendoncare newsletter.

Since I last wrote to you, Brendoncare has reached some significant milestones in its history, many of which will already be reflected in this edition.

In May, I visited the site of our newest home for the official ground-breaking ceremony, St. Giles View, in the company of the High Sheriff of Hampshire, and Brendoncare trustee, Phillip Sykes. We're very excited about our latest residential, dementia and nursing care home due to open in summer 2022. You can watch my video from the site on the St. Giles View page of our website.

I'm delighted to report that Brendoncare has been able to open its doors to even more relatives, with residents now able to nominate up to five visitors, and to anyone interested in our care services by way of an in-person tour around their chosen home.

We know how vital the option for a virtual tour became during the pandemic, and going forward we are committed to making even more of these happen whilst the demand is there.



From the moment the first lockdown began, our care staff teams have been exemplary in delivering the highest possible levels of care. This marker is measured, ultimately, by the relatives of those we care for, which is why I am so proud of our homes receiving so many positive reviews of late. In particular, Brendoncare Knightwood which has achieved its highest-ever score of 9.7/10 on carehome.co.uk. Congratulations to Charlotte Gilbert and all her team.

Wishing you all a sunny and safe summer!

*Marianne Wanstall*

## News from Brendoncare Clubs

The easing of lockdown restrictions during the Spring gave us an opportunity to launch our new **Brendoncare Membership** scheme.

Costing £12 per month, we are now able to offer all our members access to an unlimited number of our community clubs in Hampshire and Dorset.



And, whilst some clubs have yet to re-open, others have been able to welcome back members and volunteers for some socially-distanced fun... Including at the Gosport Curling Club (pictured).

There has also been plenty of chances to get back together again over a cup of tea and our beloved biscuits—and we look forward to seeing more faces soon.

We've been busy evolving our online clubs too, with live cook-along sessions, classes on Italian culture, exercise, dementia musical walks, choirs and more to come in 2021.



In fact, we were fortunate enough to be joined by two special guests on an **Otterbourne Hill** virtual quiz! Thank you Eastleigh Mayor Councillor Cynthia Garton (top left) and her Escort, Councillor Derek Pretty, for joining in. Watch the video on the Brendoncare Facebook page or [click here](#)

Learn more about Brendoncare Membership and our Community clubs on our website.

**The Brendoncare Foundation, The Old Malthouse,  
Victoria Road, Winchester SO23 7DU**

**Website:** [www.brendoncare.org.uk](http://www.brendoncare.org.uk)

**Email:** [communications@brendoncare.org.uk](mailto:communications@brendoncare.org.uk)

**Follow us on Facebook and Twitter  
(@Brendoncare)**



## News from our care homes

With the warmer months upon us, residents have been out and about in our gardens soaking up that all-important vitamin D, and making the most of our green spaces.

Singer Mike Sidaway rounded off an outdoor picnic with a wonderful turn at Park Road, Stildon held a colourful Mad Hatter's Tea Party and **Ronald Gibson House** held a secret garden party, complete with music and dancing (pictured).



We're busy with events across our homes all year-round and the warmer months afford plenty of opportunity to get creative outdoors.

You can keep up to date with life at our homes on the [Brendoncare Facebook page](#).

**Froxfield** celebrated National Volunteer's Week with a special thanks to everyone who gives their time to help Brendoncare and support our homes, including the League of Friends (pictured).



Following updated advice, our homes are welcoming new admissions and are booking tours now, either in-person for a look around or virtually, from the comfort of your home.

We test residents and staff regularly and we have plenty of PPE to help keep everyone safe.

For the latest updates on guidance, please visit the COVID-19 guidance page on our website.

## How you can help

As lockdown eases and the glorious weather allows us to be out and about more, we're really excited to announce some special events coming up this summer!

To support the reopening of our community clubs, we're encouraging everyone to host a **Garden Tea Party** this July.



It's a great event to get involved with and a perfect way to enjoy the sunshine. You could have a few friends round or make it a larger party, in line with government advice. It's up to you!

If you've taken up running during lockdown why not take on the **Southampton Half Marathon** in September? The spectacular route includes green parks, shoreline and riverside views, beginning and ending at the iconic Southampton Guildhall.

For those looking for a slower paced challenge, why not join Team Brendoncare at **Walk the Test Way** at the end of September? The Test Way is a picturesque route, passing through some of Hampshire's most beautiful villages.

We have 10 spaces for the bravest amongst us to take on our **Brendoncare Skydive** and jump from 10,000ft. With freefall speeds of up to 125mph, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a great challenge for all adrenaline junkies. This thrilling event for Brendoncare takes place on Saturday, August 14th.



For more information on any of our events, please visit: [www.brendoncare.org.uk/support-us/events](http://www.brendoncare.org.uk/support-us/events)