

#### INCORPORATING MNP COMPLETE CARE LTD



We really hope you enjoy this latest edition of the newsletter which covers stories from the past 4 months.

With life slowly returning to normal we do hope you have had a lovely summer and enjoy the stories from all our services.

Thank you to all those who contributed to this latest edition.

Best wishes,



Jack Eldridge Managing Director





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# WHAT'S ON AT WELLGATE

Let us know what's going on across our homes for future issues.

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ACTIVITIES

– TRAINING

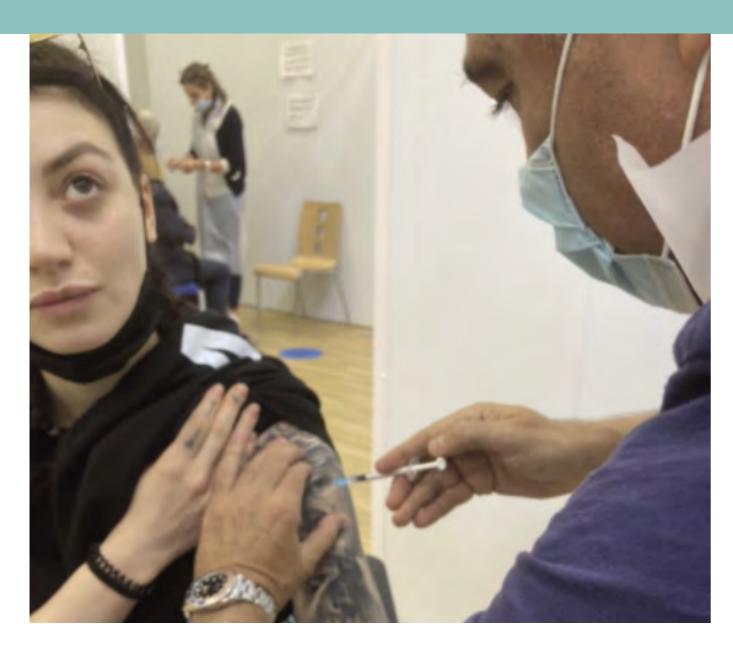
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– FUNDRAISING





# **COVID VACCINES...**



## **EYE OF THE NEEDLE**

Chairman of the Wellgate Health Group, Simon Hill, has been volunteering as a covid vaccinator at St Charles Hospital, Kensington – here he is administering a covid jab with an interesting placement of the needle

# MY EXPERIENCE...

## DARREN FROM BURNHAM

It was so good to be doing more than just being able to get out for a little time for fresh air around the local Radnor Park with Selina my 1-1 carer.

Now, we have had both doses of the covid-19 vaccine we just like other people can start to get to live a normal life back in the community.

As we come out of the third lockdown with this time shops, cafes, and other activities opening up at a slower pace this should do the magic trick. So now we can go out at times we want to and going into town and doing things that we all take for granted, and to see my mum in Dover.

By Darren Williams living at Burnham House.



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# SPORT'S DAY...







# SANDGATE MANOR

The schools may not have been able to hold theirs but, neither social distancing nor rain could stop the Sandgate bunch from having an epic sports day.

Staff and residents wore bright colours to encourage the sun out, unfortunately the rain kept coming. So, with some creative furniture rearranging the games still happened. Residents took part in the egg and spoon race, bean bag throwing, and the staff put on a very good performance doing the sack race. Residents were betting on who was going to win.

After all that, a well-deserved party of BBQ food, mocktails, sweets, slush puppies and not one, but two, chocolate fountains.

Sarah and Hannah had a face painting table which everyone enjoyed. The whole day was a huge success!!



# NEPALESE...

## **NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT MILLFIELD**

Bunting, balloons and delicious Nepalese food for all the residents and staff.







# FAREWELLS...

## **AT TRISTFORD**

Saying goodbye to Jane Crammond – she has moved into her own flat and has been with us at Tristford for 6 years – we wish her well and lots of love in her new home.

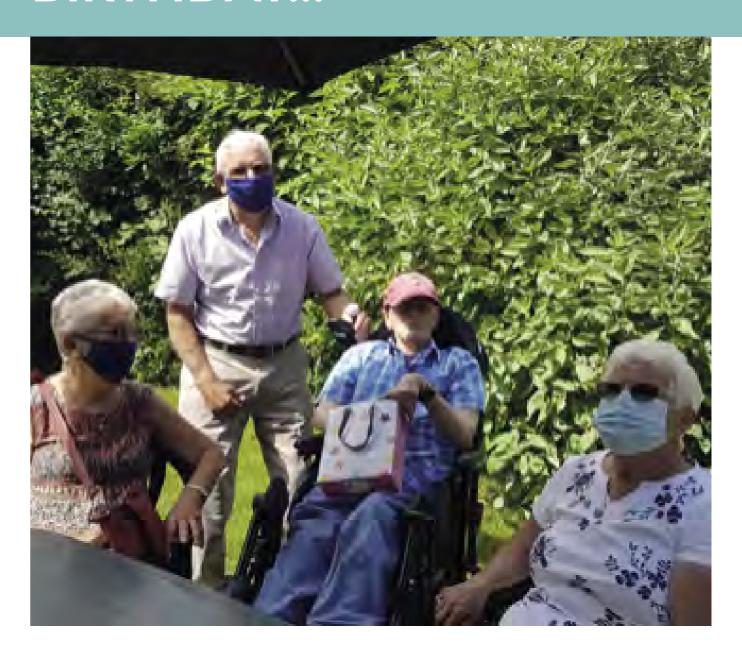


Saying farewell to John Bicker at Tristford who had been with us for 3 months respite (March to June) while adaptions were completed to his home – we would like to wish him all the best.





# BIRTHDAY...



## **TERRY'S BIRTHDAY**

It was a beautiful summers day to celebrate Terry's July birthday in the lovely garden at Burnham.



# **FUN IN THE SUN**

## **MILLFIELD**

Summer games in the garden. Connect 4 and Mini Snooker played in the summer sunshine and some gardening time.









# SUMMER'S ARRIVED...





## **TRISTFORD**

Summer BBQ in the garden, delicious food and perfect weather for all the residents.

# **ACHIEVEMENT...**



## THE LODGE

Here they have created and started The Lodge Tenant Achievement Award's wall.

The awards are given to the tenants by the staff – and can be for all sorts of achievements for example: 'for his superstar help with the furniture removal' and 'for thorough and fabulous car washing'. Such a good idea as you can see it is filling up nicely.

# SEASIDE...

## **BURNHAM**

Resident Allie enjoys a trip to the seaside (Leas, Folkestone) she had a lovely day by the sea.





# MEET...

## **KEIRRAN HERRING**

#### THE LODGE SERVICE MANAGER

Keirran only started working with Wellgate Support Living two months ago, so we thought it would be really nice to find out a little bit more about him:



#### 1. How long have you worked at MNP and what roles have you had?

I have been here two months working as a Supported Living Service Manager. Previously I was a Service Manager for eleven years with two other providers.

### 2. What is your current daily routine and your responsibilities?

I cycle from home, handover from the night staff and plan the days shift and who will be supporting who throughout the day and plan activities, catch up with the chaps that we support in the service about their evening and plans for the day. Respond to emails and phone calls, look to resolve any issues that have arisen with the housing association. Then there are things like audits, environmental checks, supervisions and discussions with professionals.

### 3. What do you most like about your job?

Time spent with the chaps we support and seeing them build skills and grow.

## 4. What would you want to do if you weren't working for MNP/Wellgate Care?

I wanted to be a social worker and that is why I began working in social care, life took over and I never studied.

#### 5. What's your favourite movie?

Escape to Victory.

### 6. Who past or present would you like to have dinner with and why?

Mahatma Gandhi or Maradona.

### 7. Surprise us with something we could never know about you?

I nearly won the lottery but did not. The machine was broken that day and I did not get to buy the ticket.

# SCRUMMY...

### MY FAVOURITE RECIPE

Aaron Hills – Tenant at The Lodge

Enjoys cooking and one of his favourite dishes is - Chicken and Spinach Curry.

#### Serves: 1-4

#### Ingredients

- Diced chicken (1 breast per person)
- Spinach (1 handful per person)
- Double cream
- 2/3 chicken stock cubes
- 2 tbsp Curry Paste (your choice of heat)
- Rice (half a cup per person)
- 1x onion
- Garlic
- Mushrooms

#### Method

Fry the chicken pieces until cooked through

Add diced onion, garlic and chopped mushrooms

Add double cream enough to cover the chicken fully

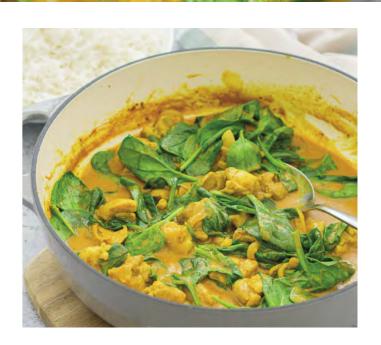
Add 2-3 chicken stock cubes and stir in until no powder is visible (Add more for a stronger flavour) and add the curry paste

Add spinach a handful at a time and allow to shrink

Add more cream if needed and allow to simmer

Bring a pan to the boil and cook the rice, cook for a minimum of 10 minutes

Serve curry on the rice and enjoy



Working in care can be fulfilling, fun,

challenging, full of variety.



# DO YOU WANT TO MAKE...

# A DIFFERENCE?

## CAREERS AVAILABLE AT WELLGATE CARE

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# PLEASE WELCOME...

## MNP NEW STAFF

SANDGATE MANOR

Amy Church - Day Care Assistant



BURNHAM

Maria Theresa Evans - Care Assistant

# MNP

Vanessa Cook - Accounts Administrator



#### **TRISTFORD**

Sophie Marshall - Care Assistant James Green - Care Assistant



MILLFIELD

Jaya Mcneill - Weekend Cook

## SAD GOODBYE TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF LEAVING...

#### **SANDGATE MANOR**

Stuart Fagg – Team Leader Pooja Lama – Care Assistant Joni Mcneill – Bank Staff Emily Shingleton – Care Assistant Jipzee Stroud – Care Assistant Jennifer Dalton – Personal Carer Nirendra Simkhada – Domestic

### **BURNHAM**

Denise Jenkins – Personal Carer

# **CLOCKING UP THE YEARS**

## WOW!

The following deserve a special mention this quarter having worked for MNP for at least 10 years!



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#### **SANDGATE MANOR**

Tina Bass (20 years) - Personal Carer

#### **BURNHAM**

Pat Harris (16 years) - Night Carer

Annette Davies (12 Years) - Night Carer

Dominque Le Goff (10 Years) - Day Carer

### **TRISTFORD**

Sue Ellis (15 years) - Night Carer

# **BIRTHDAYS THIS PERIOD!**

## SANDGATE MANOR

| Chris Hannah    | 26.0  |
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| Lesley Holbrook | 03.0  |
| Donna Hairsine  | 01.08 |
| Leslie Snapes   | 14.08 |
| Adam Cartlidge  | 29.08 |

Terry Burstow 15.07

**BURNHAM** 

### THE LODGE BEXHILL

| Kevin Valentine | 12.05 |
|-----------------|-------|
| Aaron Hills     | 08.08 |
| Shaun Herfort   | 27.08 |

#### **TRISTFORD**

| Lisa Masters  | 22.06 |
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| Clive Pearson | 06.07 |
| lane Crammond | 29.07 |



MILLFIELD

Steve Fawcett 07.08



# ASK...?



# FOR ANYONE AND EVERYONE CONNECTED

Do you have any questions, suggestions or feedback about the way we do things at Wellgate Care?

If so, you can now get in touch with our Director of Care Debbie Smith at: askdebbie@wellgatecare.com

We are keen to know what you think works well and what could be done better, so please drop Debbie a line if you have any thoughts or ideas.

Anyone connected with our care services is welcome to get in touch, and all feedback will be treated sensitively, in line with our Confidentiality Policy.

# **INTERESTED..?**

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## **REVIEWS...**

These days whether it's a hotel, restaurant or taxi driver, life is measured through reviews and as with many other care homes we need to actively promote the fantastic work of our staff and the homes more generally.

Would you be happy to write a review about the home you or your family member lives in?

If so, please speak to your manager to fill in the form or visit:

www.carehome.co.uk



# WE WANT TO **HEAR FROM YOU!**

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NEWS AND PICTURES TO:

# newsletter@wellgatecare.com

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE, THANK YOU





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# RECRUIT A FRIEND

IF YOU KNOW ANY FRIENDS OR FAMILY WHO WOULD BE WELL-SUITED TO WORK AS A CARER IN ANY OF OUR HOMES, PLEASE ASK THEM TO CONTACT OUR HR/CAREERS DEPARTMENT ON

01303 244428

AND IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL WE WILL GIVE YOU £150 AS A THANK YOU

