

The Willows Whisper

June



June

by John Updike

The sun is rich
And gladly pays
In golden hours,
Silver days,
And long green weeks
That never end.
School's out.

The time is ours to spend.
There's Little League,
Hopscotch, the creek,
And, after supper,
Hide-and-seek.
The live-long light
Is like a dream,
and freckles come
Like flies to cream.



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REFERRAL PROGRAM

Do you know someone seeking a Care Home for a loved one? If you refer to resident, who comes to live at The Willows, you can receive a reward!

We are offering:

£250 vouchers if the resident comes to stay with us on a respite stay or £500 vouchers if the resident you refer comes to our Home permanently.

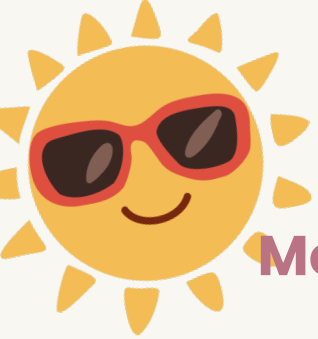
If you would like more information, please speak to Priya Patel or Yvonne Manton.

Contact us on 01509 650 55

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Activities

Most memorable moments from May

Morris Dancers at The Willows

The Way of The Wyrd Border Morris dancers brought colour and energy to The Willows! We were thrilled to welcome the Way of The Wyrd Border Morris dancers to The Willows. Dressed in striking purple and silver tatters with traditional hats, they performed a lively border style dance using sticks of all lengths. Their talented band - accordions, guitars, double bass, cajon, washboard, recorders, and melodica - brought the performance to life. The dances blended tradition with stories rooted in local history, and our residents were absolutely overjoyed. Even our care staff couldn't resist joining in to learn a few steps. A truly lovely afternoon for all!



VE Day

VE Day celebrations at The Willows began in style with a fabulous performance from our vintage singer, Melody Flyte. Residents loved singing along to those timeless classics - some songs truly tugged at the heartstrings. The day was made even more special by the delightful food prepared by Angie and her team. A wonderful occasion enjoyed by all.



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Magic was in the air!

The Willows was under a spell this May, thanks to Magic Dave! Cards vanished, coins multiplied, and one resident swears Dave turned her tea into champagne! Magic Dave is well liked by our residents and brings a great deal of joy and fun during his visits. Some residents build up a nice friendly relationship with him and were excited to see him again. His tricks are fun both for staff members and residents.



Workout with Hannah

Hannah's chair exercises proved very popular with our residents. We have wiggling, giggling, and full-blown chair-based dance activities. Everyone has great fun, encouraging each other to do the movements. Residents enjoyed themselves during the session. The energy was electric. The fun was real.



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Darts Day at The Willows!

Residents brought the skill, the banter, and the competitive spirit. Staff brought the enthusiasm and the questionable aim. It was an afternoon of laughter, friendly rivalry, and zero dartboards harmed in the process.

Residents were very happy and would like to play the game again!



Musical Bingo turned The Willows into a time machine!

Stepping away from traditional bingo, we were hoping to attract residents with the musical version of the game. 50s and 60s hit tunes were played, and suddenly everyone was tapping, wiggling, and clapping like they were

back on the dance floor. Some of us remembered the words, some of us made up the words but everyone had really good fun!

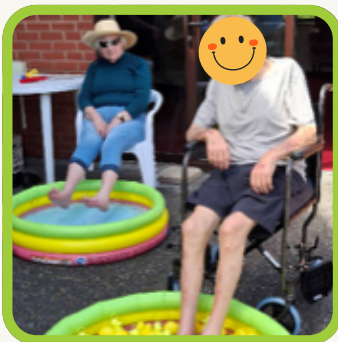


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Sunshine and smiles

Residents enjoyed cooling their feet in the paddling pools, playful water gun fun, and a lively game of Hook a Duck. With plenty of cold drinks and ice lollies on hand, it was the perfect way to enjoy the sun!



King's Birthday

The monarch's birthday has been celebrated in the United Kingdom since 1748, during the reign of King George II. Even when their real birthday was in May or June, the celebration was often on a different date.

Edward VII, who reigned from 1901 to 1910 and whose birthday was on 9 November, moved his official birthday to summer, in the hope of good weather.

King George VI, born on 14 December, celebrated his official birthday from 7 to 12 June.

Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday was (usually) the second Saturday in June.

King Charles III's first official birthday was on 17 June 2023, the third Saturday in June; and his second on 15 June 2024, also the third Saturday in June.

The day is marked in London by the ceremony of Trooping the Colour, which is also known as the King's Birthday Parade. The list of Birthday Honours is also announced at the time of the Official Birthday celebrations.



Married for 70 years!

On 12th May, our wonderful couple Shirley and Barry celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary – a truly remarkable milestone.

Last year, Sharon created a magnificent celebration cake for them. Shirley said its taste transported her straight back to her youth, when cake was the highlight of every special occasion.

We asked them: “What’s the recipe for a long-lasting, happy marriage?”

Barry smiled and said, “Enjoying the same things.” They bonded through the Church, and he added that their disagreements were never the end of the world. “It’s about loving each other’s differences, spending as much time together as possible, keeping each other interested, and, no matter what, keeping on loving one another. And your girlfriend must always be number one!”

This year, Sharon designed a beautiful multilayered, heart-shaped cake decorated with pink and white roses. Shirley said it looked just like the one from their wedding day.

The couple exchanged new rings, received a congratulations message from the King read by Rachael, and celebrated with family. As Barry told Shirley, the love he found in her is stronger than ever.



Meet the Manager!

Yvonne is inviting you to drop in to The Willows on 29th June 2026, between 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

If you would like to book a specific time slot, call our Home on 01509 650559.



Feedback comments this month include:

“My sister-in-law has been at the Willows nearly 4 years. Throughout this time she has received great care, is happy there and feels safe. We don't have any worries about her, and any situations that may arise, the home contacts us to make us aware. She has done more in the last four years than when she was at home, a bit of a recluse after the death of her husband.”



6 At last, I have got round to writing to you all, to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for the wonderful care you all gave my mum for five and a half years whilst at your beautiful care home.

I know she wasn't the easiest person to staff with, but with your dedication to caring you won her round, and she was really happy to be there, and so was I. You are all a great bunch of people, doing a wonderful job.

Following you on face book I can see all the activities that you do to make life interesting for your residents. It all looks great fun.

Mother of Resident



JUNE EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Wednesday, 3rd June

**Boogie Beatz Chair Exercises
with Hannah**

Thursday, 4th June

**Cheese and wine/the afternoon of
enjoying cheese, crackers and wine**

Thursday, 18th June

**Picnic Day/weather permitting
outing to a local park**

Friday, 19th June

**Trevor Santini Show
to celebrate king's birthday**

Saturday, 20th June

King's Birthday

Sunday, 21st June

**Father's Day/tea party
for all residents**

Sunday, 26th June

**Dementia Café/coffee morning
reminiscing and socialising**

Sunday, 28th June

**Church Service/afternoon of worship
with Simon Clarke and his congregation**

There's always something to do...

Our much-loved regular schedule continues:

✨ Pamper & Spa Days 🧑🏻 Hairdressing 🎨 Arts & Crafts

🎲 Social Lounge Activities



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HUGE SUMMER



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

AUGUST
BARBECUE
BASEBALL
BEACH
BIKE
BOAT
CAMP
FAMILY
FISHING
FLIGHT
FLIP FLOPS
FLOWERS
FRIENDS
GARDEN
HEAT
HOLIDAYS
HOT
HUMID
ICED TEA
INSIDE
JULY
JUNE
LEMONADE
OUTSIDE
PARK
PICNIC
PLAY
POOL
RELAX
SANDALS
SHORTS
SKATEBOARD
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