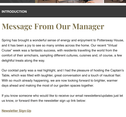


INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Spring has brought a wonderful sense of energy and enjoyment to Pottersway House, and it has been a joy to see so many smiles across the home. Our recent "Virtual Cruise" week was a fantastic success, with residents travelling from world from the comfort of their armchairs, sampling different cuisines, customs and, of course, a few delightful treats along the way.

Our cocktail party was a real highlight, and I had the pleasure of hosting the Captain's Table, which was filled with laughter, great conversation and a touch of nautical flair. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a truly memorable afternoon where days ahead and making the most of our garden spaces together.

If you know someone who would like to receive our email newsletters/updates just let us know, or forward them the newsletter sign up link below:

Newsletter Sign-Up

Warm regards,

Rachel Simpson
Home Manager

SAVE THE DATES

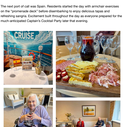
Tuesday 9th June 2026 – Caring for Dementia
Thursday 18th June 2026 – Relatives' Meeting, 6:00pm
Friday 26th June 2026 – Strawberries & Cream
Friday 26th June 2026 – Garden Community Bowls
Wednesday 1st July 2026 – Nostalgia Tea with Jim and Pam
Tuesday 14th July 2026 – Summer Garden Party
Tuesday 25th July 2026 – Summer Sing-a-long
Friday 7th August 2026 – Entertainment from Rebecca Dunne

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Unforgettable Around-the-World Cruise

Pottersway House Sets Sail on an Unforgettable Around-the-World Cruise Adventure Residents, families and staff at Pottersway House recently enjoyed an incredible themed cruise experience dubbed the "Pottersway House Cruise Ship" – all without leaving home. Through creativity, imagination and plenty of fun filled activities, the home took residents on a luxury cruise liner for a week of unforgettable adventures around the globe.

The journey began in Lisbon, where residents boarded aboard their cruise ship, sampling delicious Portuguese cuisine and enjoying a relaxed afternoon tea while listening to lasting session featuring treats from a variety of suppliers, although it came as no surprise when Pottersway House's own chef was crowned the clear winner. The afternoon concluded with a lively and competitive Portugal themed quiz.

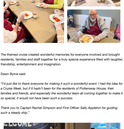


The next port of call was Spain. Residents started the day with sinfulsor exercises in the form of a Spanish themed Zumba session, followed by a delicious refreshing sangria. Excitement built throughout the day as everyone prepared for the much anticipated Captain's Cocktail Party later that evening.

The Captain's Cocktail Party proved to be one of the highlights of the cruise. Yvonne Cooper and Pam Hoskins served up delicious cocktails to guests who arrived in style with spectacular decorations creating a wonderful atmosphere for residents, relatives and friends to enjoy together.

Residents embraced the occasion by dressing up for the evening, with many ladies enjoying having their hair stylied before meeting the ship's captain for the night, Rachel Simpson.

Chef Andrew Critchley prepared an outstanding three-course menu that received raves reviews from everyone attending, with very little left on any plate by the end of the evening. The celebrations continued with entertainment from popular and talented local singer Ashley Rose, who had everyone singing along to her rendition on the dance floor or from the comfort of their seats. Rebecca even formed a brand new "Spice Girls" group featuring resident Colette M, much to everyone's delight.



The following day saw the ship dock in St Tropez, where residents enjoyed traditional French bouake, cheese tasting, and even tried their hand at creating their own croissants before returning to the ship for a Serene themed quiz.

The adventure continued in glamorous Monaco, where residents enjoyed a visit to the "casino" and sampled some very tasty wine - especially Graham, who appeared to be particularly fortunate.

The final stop on the cruise was Italy, where residents had great fun making their own pizzas before gathering together for antipasti scenery and saying farewell to Italy as the Pottersway House Cruise Ship returned home.

The Blatherd cruise created wonderful memories for everyone involved and brought residents, families and staff together for a truly special experience filled with laughter, friendship, entertainment and imagination.

Dawn Byrne said:

"I'd just like to thank everyone for making it such a wonderful event. I had the idea for the cruise back in 2019 but it took Covid to finally bring it to life and everyone – residents, families and friends, and especially the wonderful team of cruising together to make it so special. It would not have been such a success.

Thank you to Captain Rachel Simpson and First Officer Sally Appleton for guiding such a steady ship."

SEASONAL CELEBRATION

VE Day

Residents recently came together to mark VE Day with a special celebration filled with music, memories and reflection.

We were delighted to welcome "Nostalgia Tea" with John and Pam, whose performance created a warm and uplifting atmosphere throughout the home. Familiar songs encouraged plenty of singing along, conversation and reminiscing, with many residents sharing memories and stories from years gone by.

The event provided an opportunity to come together, reflect on an important moment in history and enjoy time together in a relaxed and meaningful setting.

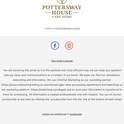
Varied Activities & New Sessions

Alongside our regular activities, we have also introduced several new sessions which have quickly become popular with many.

Making Cuts, sulrings and entertainment continues to be enjoyed each week, while some staff members have also been sharing their own skills and interests with those taking part.

Holly, one of our Lifestyle Residents, has been introducing everyone to basic knitting and crochet, with several residents now working on their own projects. Holly has been leading Walk and meditation sessions using her professional qualifications and experience.

Both activities have been warmly received and provide residents with opportunities to try something different in a calm and supportive environment.



HOME & STAFF AWARDS

Home of the Quarter Award

We are extremely proud to share that Pottersway House has received the "Home of the Quarter – Spring 2026" award for the North Region.

Home Manager, Rachel Simpson, and Deputy Manager, Sally Appleton, accepted the award on behalf of the home. The award recognises how consistently high standards are being maintained across the home, including improvements to the environment, practice related experiences, strong community engagement, staff training and overall quality of care.

This achievement is a reflection of the hard work and dedication shown by the whole team, as well as the support of residents and families.

Community Hero Dawn Byrne

The team at Pottersway House is delighted to announce that Business Administrator, Dawn Byrne, has been named the recipient of the Community Hero Award at the prestigious CCQ Awards ceremony.

The award recognises Dawn's exceptional dedication, resilience and passion for supporting both residents and the wider community. Known for her compassionate approach and commitment to creating meaningful connections, Dawn has become an integral part of life at Pottersway House.

COMING UP...

Looking Ahead

As we move further into spring and towards the summer months, we are looking forward to continuing our varied programme of activities, outings and themed events.

We hope to make the most of our outdoor spaces, gardens and local community, while continuing to provide opportunities for residents to stay active, connected and engaged in ways that are meaningful to them.

Most importantly, we remain committed to maintaining the warm, welcoming and supportive atmosphere that makes Pottersway House feel like home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

EXTERNAL LINKS

Social Media

Make sure to check out the Pottersway House Care Home Facebook Page for all our latest photos!

Dave's Forward 3s 'Lines' List

Leave A Review

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