

# Eastbury House

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Dear friend of Eastbury House,

Welcome to our Spring newsletter! As we head into summer we hope the weather will be kind and we can spend lots of time outside enjoying the sunshine and the garden.

If you have anything to be included, please let me know.

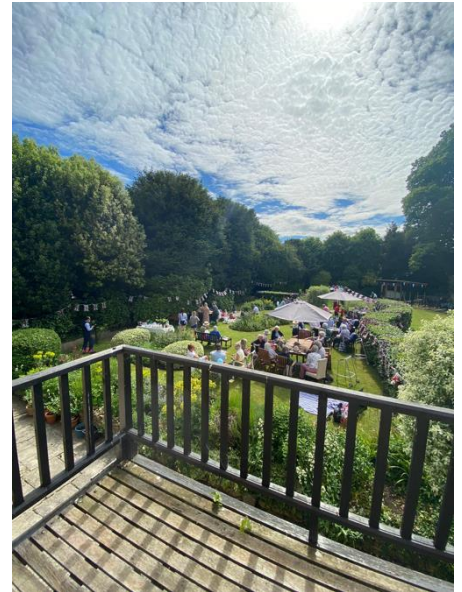
Warmest regards, Stacey

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## Update

On a personal note, Grayson is now 6 months old, and I'm enjoying lots of time with him, and am now back at Eastbury House part-time, for about 20 hours a week. Going forward Laura and I will work closely together to manage Eastbury House. We have 5 fantastic and experienced Care Managers, an awesome team of Care Assistants, supported by an outstanding domestic and kitchen team and an amazing administrator who keeps us on the straight and narrow!

Many of you will be aware that one of our long-term care assistants, and dear friend Helen Richardson sadly died in February of this year, after a short battle with an aggressive cancer. She has left a huge hole at Eastbury House and is missed every day. We have ordered a bench engraved in her memory, soon to be seen in the garden.



## Upcoming Events

Flower arranging

Lunch/tea in the garden

Trips to Castle Gardens,  
Udder Farm & Old School  
Gallery

Supper @ Hunters Moon,  
Middle Marsh

1940s singer Victoria Starr  
Staff Well-being week

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## Covid-19 Update

Staff are still testing every day before work with LFT and weekly with PCR.

Please continue to test with LFT before visiting (we have stock if needed). Please use common sense & do not visit if you have symptoms or have had contact with anyone with Covid-19.

## More News

### Outside

The garden is looking beautiful, and we have received many compliments. It provided the perfect setting for our afternoon tea in honour of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for our Queen. The event was very well attended and feedback has been positive – so much so that we hope to make it an annual event.

The area by the side door onto the courtyard has been completely re-done and looks amazing. A vegetable patch has been planted next to the summer house and we hope to soon be able to be cooking and eating the fruits of our own labours. Part of the top end of the garden was left wild for 'No Mow May' and we now have a meadow type area thriving, providing for the insects and bees. We have plans to continue improving the garden, including a memorial area for reflection. We also have a new shed – not particularly attractive but for the practical purpose of storage of paperwork that is required.

Luke Jupp is our gardener and he has certainly shown us how wonderful the garden can look and we're excited to watch it develop further!

### Staff Induction

We have been working on our staff induction so that new employees are well-trained in the ethos and ways of Eastbury House, as well as the provision of exceptional care. Inductions will be delivered by myself, Laura and our Care Managers.

### Lastly.....

We are on the lookout for a chess player and someone to take a singing class – sadly our previous teacher has now moved out of the area.



## What we've been up to.....

### Trips to Castle Gardens

Residents and staff have enjoyed visits to Castle Gardens to select a number of plants for the garden at Eastbury House, including a jubilee hydrangea with purple heads – now flowering in the garden. Anyone wishing to go to the garden centre who hasn't been already please make yourself known, more trips are planned.

### Exercise Classes

We're trialling some different types of class, please do get involved and let us know your thoughts!