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MY FIRST SIX MONTHS AT GROVE PLACE

My first six months at Grove Place have flown by and I've been made to feel very much at home by all of the team, especially the residents, for which I'm extremely grateful.

Whilst our vibrant community offers a wonderful array of on-site amenities, we also enjoy indulging in a wide range of events and excursions. Residents were recently inspired by Lord Montagu's falconer from the nearby Beaulieu Estate, with a talk on the role that falconry has played throughout history. This was followed by an exhilarating display, with these incredible birds transporting us back in time as they swooped over the 16th Century chimney stacks of the Manor House.

Fusing the present with the past, we embarked on a nostalgic trip to Bovington Tank Museum, viewing original exhibits of the very first tanks through to the mighty 'Tiger' from World War II and latterly the impressive Challenger 2.

Culinary pursuits are always popular at Grove Place and our chef and the team have created a number of globally-inspired themes and dishes. Recent celebrations have included a tribute to St George's Day, with bespoke menus and gifts.

In the next few months we have trips planned to The National Gallery, a boat trip along Southampton Water and the spectacular Isle of Wight fireworks. With so much to enjoy at Grove Place, no two days are ever the same. I look forward to the next six months being equally as busy and rewarding.



David Knight
General Manager, Grove Place

A COUNTRY GARDEN

In homage to the estate's Elizabethan provenance, our kitchen and gardening teams have joined forces and designed a new kitchen garden in St Swithun's field. Made from reclaimed timbers, with red brick walkways around the raised planters, our new garden will provide an idyllic yet practical oasis for residents with a keen interest in gardening. It's just another example of how we continue to invest in our community, ensuring residents can pursue their passions when they move to Grove Place. We look forward to savoring our first home-grown crop of vegetables, herbs, and berries in late autumn.



ORGANIC FOOD DIRECT FROM A LOCAL SOURCE

In support of our local food heroes, we have arranged for the best meat and vegetables, from the South Downs, to be sold at a stall in our grounds every Wednesday between 10am and midday. Residents are able to purchase top quality meat and vegetables ... not forgetting jars of gravies, chutneys and other ambient produce.

View the produce online at farmerschoice.co.uk

INDULGE IN ONE OF OUR BESPOKE SPA AND BEAUTY TREATMENTS

We recently launched our on-site Elegance Spa, offering a full range of treatments from manicures and pedicures through to relaxing hand and foot massages. Our expert team of beauty therapists use only natural ingredients of the best quality and can tailor a bespoke package to suit your personal requirements.



The spa complements an established suite of leisure amenities including a gym and swimming pool (with personal trainers and exercise programmes available), a chef-led restaurant as well as a concierge.



**100 DAYS:
THE GAUSSENS' VIEW**

Mr and Mrs Gaussen purchased a home at Grove Place earlier this year. 100 days in and we caught up with them to learn more about their experience of life at Grove Place:

"We looked at eight retirement villages and this was by far the best. From the very first day we moved

in, it felt like a weight had been lifted and we've enjoyed every moment here since. The fact that we could bring our 14 year-old dog, Tilley, with us was ideal. We enjoy getting up and walking the dog around the estate whilst contemplating how lovely it is to be living here. It's also a nice place where we want our friends to come and visit us.

The quality of the amenities was another reason for choosing Grove Place. We love the gym and make full use of a trainer who offers personal tuition and classes. Having a pool is also a very big draw. There is plenty of stimulation here and we are able to do lots of things outside of Grove Place.

One important thing, certainly for us, is the plan to build a nursing home in the grounds. The comfort of having care was a big consideration - at least it's there if we need it.

Grove Place has ticked all the boxes. We can't think of anywhere better to be at this stage of our lives. We just wish we'd made the move sooner."



SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Our annual snooker championship on 23 March was a hotly-contested event. In the lead up to the day, Ken Tongue (pictured), was busy coaching a number of our residents on the finer points of the game. Despite his success at last year's event (where he carried off the main prize), he was narrowly pipped to the post this time by Johan Swiegers. Our congratulations to Johan and to all who participated in the challenging six knock-out rounds.



We recently introduced a courtesy shuttle service at Grove Place. Available to both able-bodied residents and those with less mobility, this will provide an effortless means of traversing our landscaped grounds (as well as offering relief when transporting items or even during inclement weather). To book this service, please contact the concierge.



**A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE
A BUNGALOW**

We currently have a rare lifestyle opportunity with a selection of stunning ground floor one-bedroom bungalows for sale. All have private terraces and are ideally suited to pet-owners with 27 acres of grounds right on your doorstep. We also have other apartments available to suit a variety of needs. **If you would like to experience life at Grove Place with a complimentary overnight stay at our guest apartment, please call Lara on 023 8074 3595.**

EVENTS

August

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| 15.00 – 17.00 | Bella Armonia Ensemble musical event | Fri, 3rd |
| 20.00 – 23.15 | We celebrate the end of Cowes week with a trip on the Isle of Wight ferry to view the fireworks | Fri, 10th |
| 14.00 – 17.00 | Laser clay shoot | Wed, 15th |
| 16.45 – 20.00 | Skittles at The Ship Inn, Redbridge | Mon, 20th |

September

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| 18.30 – 21.00 | Western Night themed dinner | Wed, 12th |
| 15.00 – 16.30 | Talk on 'The Indian Sari' | Mon, 24th |