

THROWBACK EDITION

February 2026

The Whitfield

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Team Sai Care Homes, circa 2018...

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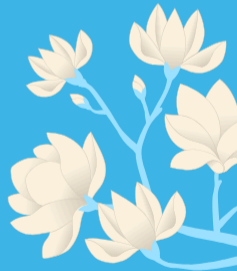
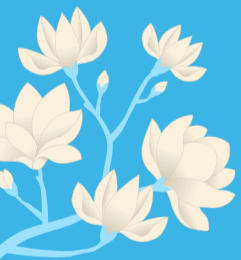
New and exciting things are in store for the future of Whitfield Residential Home - so we thought for this newsletter, on top of our usual updates, why not sift through the archives and take a trip down memory lane?

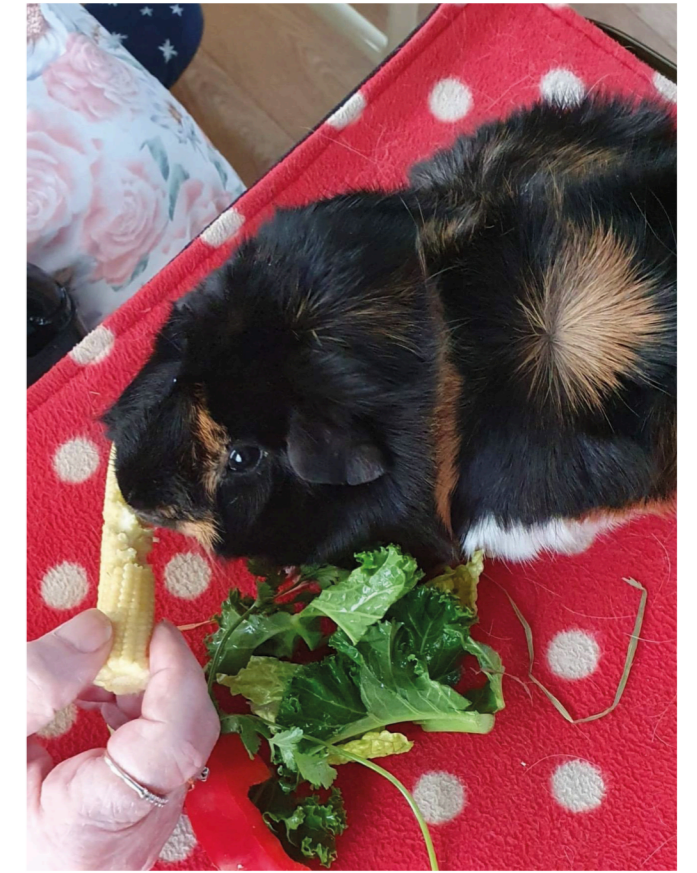


World BOOK DAY

Join us at Whitfield for a celebration and tea party! You're welcome to dress up as your favourite book character. Sandwiches and cake provided.

5TH MARCH @ 2PM





Cuddly Corner

On February 17th, after an extended winter break, the guinea pigs from Cuddly Cavies have officially returned for 2026! Our residents thoroughly enjoyed hand-feeding and petting the guinea pigs, and we're looking forward to seeing them more regularly!

Before We Cared...

Our building on Sandwich Road once served a very different purpose! It began as Cambridge Villa, a private members club in 1965 called the Circle Club. The exact opening date is unclear. The club later became the Whitfield Hotel in the late 1960s, before being turned into a care home.

The Circle Club drew attention in February 1965 when police raided the premises after 1 a.m. Officers found members drinking after permitted hours. The licensee, Roy Martin Scott, pleaded guilty to supplying alcohol between 12.30 a.m. and 1.10 a.m. He received a £55 fine. Eleven members received £15 fines. Police found 24 people in the bar. Some said they had eaten meals, but the raid took place 40 minutes after legal hours. Mr. Scott accepted responsibility for the service that night.

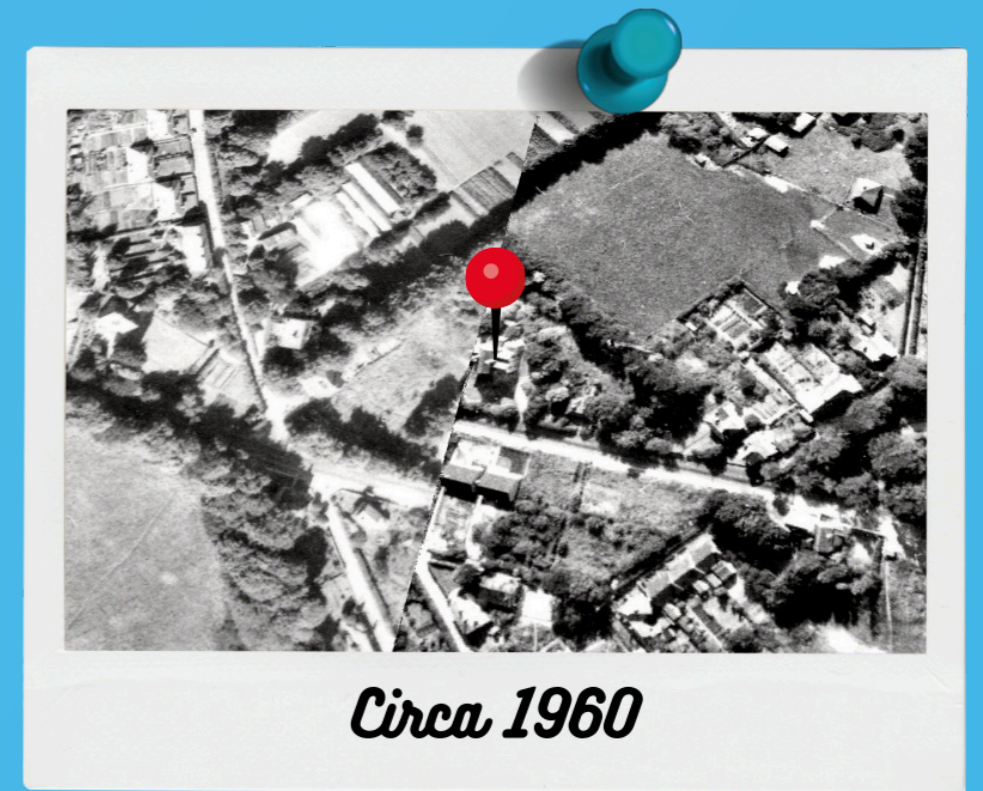
In March 1965, the licence transferred to Roy's father, Harold J. Scott. Police had opposed the renewal for Roy due to late hours kept at the club. Harold took over to stabilise the management. Roy remained as manager under his father's supervision. The club had about 200 members at the time. Both men told magistrates they understood the need for correct hours and confirmed that the club now closed promptly.



Skyline Scrapbook

Our historic building's been on the map for quite some time now - we've dug out some satellite imagery, courtesy of Kent County Council and Google.

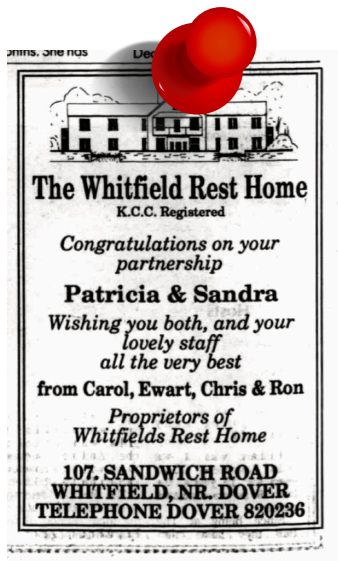
In the early 2000's, Whitfield joined First Choice Care Homes, a group of homes run by brothers Menon & Seelan. This joint venture ended in 2016, with Seelan taking Whitfield under the newly-formed Sai Care Homes umbrella.



Read All About It!

Long before the days of digital marketing, a good old newspaper was the best way to get your name out there.

We've sifted through various local newspapers (courtesy of the British Newspaper Archive) and uncovered some Whitfield-related gems...



Firstly, this clipping from 8 December 1988, from the Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Mercury. This is the first mention of Whitfield Rest Home in the archive.



Married couples were in for a treat on 17 November 1994 when a double en suite was made available.

Have you noticed that our phone number hasn't changed in all these years!



On 16 December 1988, not long after the first mention on the archive, we were wishing our community a Merry Christmas in the Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate and Cheriton Herald!



Another advertisement, found in the Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate and Cheriton Herald from 16 May 1996.

If you look closely, you'll see an advertisement for our sister home, Hatfield Lodge (or Hatfeild Lodge, ancient typo?)



The Whitfield Rest Home

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We at the Whitfield Rest Home work as a team – proprietors, manager, staff, residents and their families. This goes to make a very happy environment for all. A happy home, a family home.

We have a policy of 24-hour care. We have been established in care, on the 9 June, 1996, for 14 years and are still with the same family, Carole and Ewart Wanstall. Our aims are simple – to give top quality care in non formal surroundings.

Outings and shows are FREE and are put on each month. Tony from Cardinal Travel is our guide. Thankyou Tony. We have a keep fit programme and Andy keeps our ladies and gentlemen in good shape. There is breakfast in bed and help with personal needs.

Some residents have phones in their own rooms if asked for, call bell system throughout the home. All our staff are trained in First Aid, Standard Nursing, Fire Precaution and all have Basic Food Hygiene Certificates. Carole invites non-residents, free of charge, to stay for dinner and teas and takes them on outings free and has done so for the past 14 years.

We employ 24 staff to ensure we give quality attention to our residents. We are registered for 26 and take people in for respite care, one or two weeks or, if an emergency, half day, if we have a vacancy. All our rooms are single except for three doubles, with bathroom en-suite, which would suit married couples. All welcome for a visit and a chat with Carole if you are concerned about placing a relative.

★ Lift ★ Nurse Call System ★ Bath hoist ★ TV points and telephone points ★ Laundry in with fees ★ All diets catered for ★
Within easy reach of public transport (Outside Door) ★ Chaplains ★ Own GP ★ Dentist ★ Chiropodist ★ Hairdresser ★
Occupational therapist ★ Outings ★ Shows ★

Last but not least, a half-page spread from 20 June 1996, yet again in the Folkestone Herald. This is probably the most insightful clipping we found, going into great detail about our policies and facilities - and it even has some rather grainy photographs!

A Growing Village

Over the long stretch of time our home's been stood, the world around Whitfield has shifted. Roads changed, buildings moved, and the area grew. This collage shows clear moments from that journey. You see old corners of the village, familiar spots from years back, and scenes that shaped daily life.



A card game at The Whitfield Club, circa 1966.



Skittles at The Whitfield Club, circa 1966.



Another (still standing!) local boozier, The Archer, circa 1959.



The Dover Motel, now the Holiday Inn, circa 1983.



Whitfield Service Station in 2012, long before its refurbishment (and Seelan, current owner and Sai Care Homes founder, in full regalia!)



The Royal Oak pub, which used to be just a few doors down from us. Image circa 2007



An older image of the Royal Oak, likely from the 50s



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Whitfield...online?

The 2000s saw wide-spread adoption of the internet
- and we weren't going to be left in the dust!

We've uncovered a snapshot of our website from
2009, and a copy of our carehome.co.uk page from
mid-2007.

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Whitfield

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Show on the Map

Person in charge: Ms Liz Blown
Owner: 1st Choice Care Homes

CSCI Area Office: West Kent
Type of Service: Care home only (Private) , 30 residents
CSCI Registered Care Categories: Old Age (not falling into any other category)
Specialist Care Offered: Day Care, Respite Care
Single Rooms: 25 **Shared Rooms:** 2 **Rooms with ensuite WC:** 3
Weekly Charges Guide: Single £296 - £350
Support Services: Short Stay Care, Long Stay Care, Day Care, Physiotherapy
Care Home Guidelines: Own GP if required, Own Furniture if required, Smoking not permitted
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External Access: Close to Local Shops, Near Public Transport
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Whitfield Residential

Whitfield is a small mixed residential long term care home registered for those with dementia related illnesses requiring a low to medium level of care assistance. Situated in the peaceful village of Whitfield, the home provides the perfect location for residential care for the Older Person. The home is within easy reach of local shops and transport facilities and is a short drive from the main coastal town of Dover.

Whitfield provides care for 29 older residents who have dementia related illnesses. There are 26 bedrooms of which some have en-suite facilities and there are 3 double bedrooms suitable for couples or friends. The accommodation is on two floors which are served by 2 stairways and shaft lift. The home has a large main lounge, a dining room and small quiet lounge for residents to use as they desire.

View our other Care Homes located in Kent

Whitfield has many other facilities available for residents in the home including:

- A full laundry service
- Home cooked traditional cuisine
- Parker Bath for assisted bathing
- Large attractive garden for residents
- Car park
- Visiting hairdresser, chiropodist and optician

If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the Home Manager by calling 01304 820236 or email whitfield@1stchoicecarehomes.com

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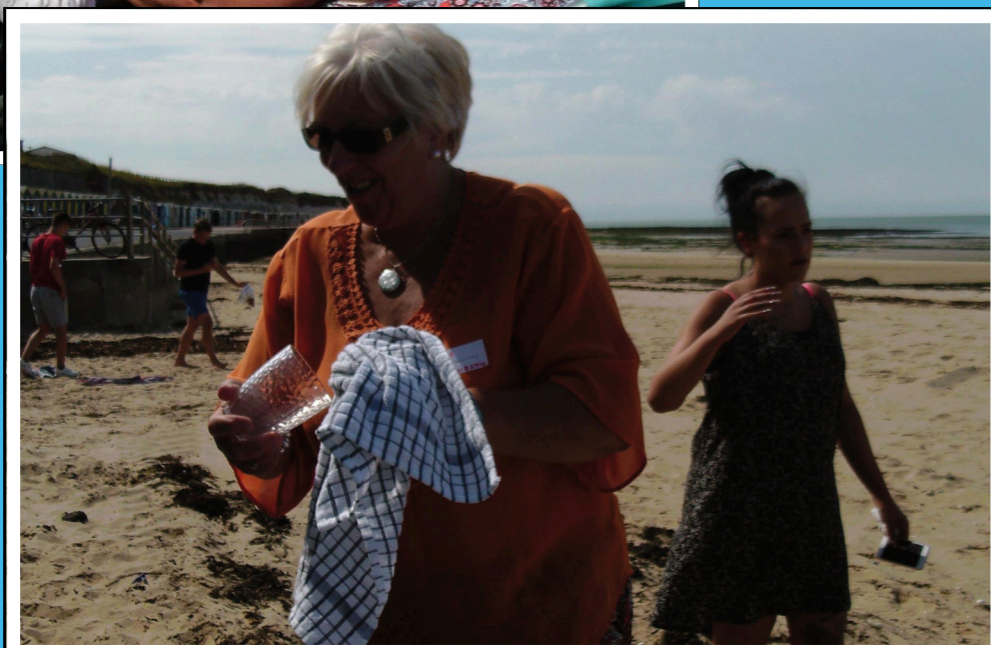
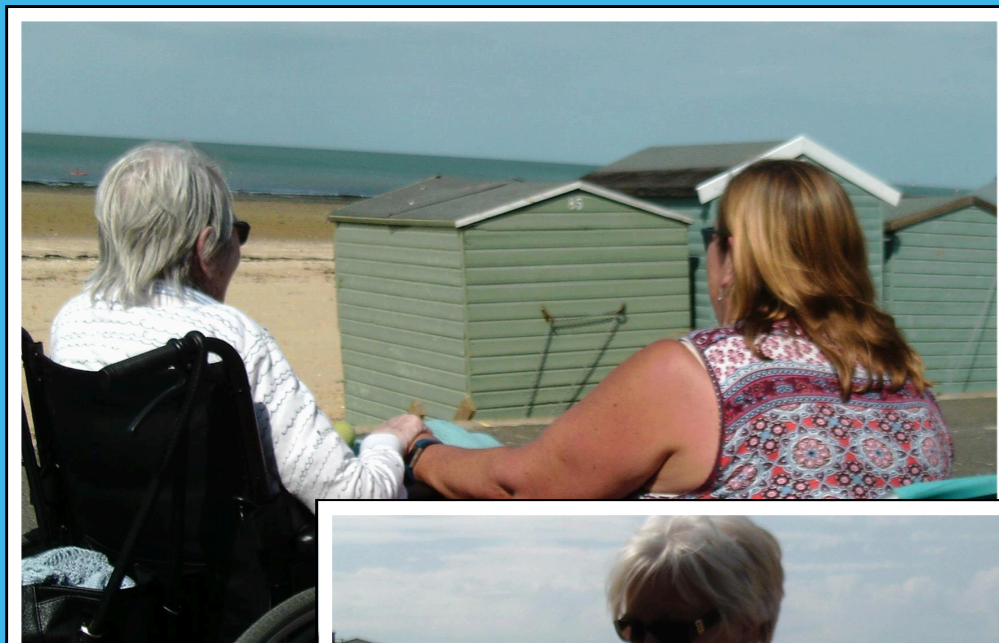
Dual registered for residents with or without dementia.

Download Brochure

Sunshine & Sea

On 21 July 2017, our staff and residents ventured out to Westbrook Bay for a relaxing day by the coast!

We've managed to dig out some photos from our Facebook page - and while they might not be the best quality (we've done a little enhancing), you can still clearly see everyone smiling!



Excellence in Care

Our Head of Marketing has gathered various photos from past awards ceremonies, parties and celebrations that Team Whitfield (and the wider Sai Care Homes team) have attended.

In other news, our Head of Marketing has gone into hiding after uncovering all of these photos!



2018 Kent Care Awards - out of the 11 awards available that year, Sai Care Homes won 2 and had 4 runners up!



 Sai care homes
Love all serve all

Kent Care Awards 2016 - Whitfield EMI/Residential Home

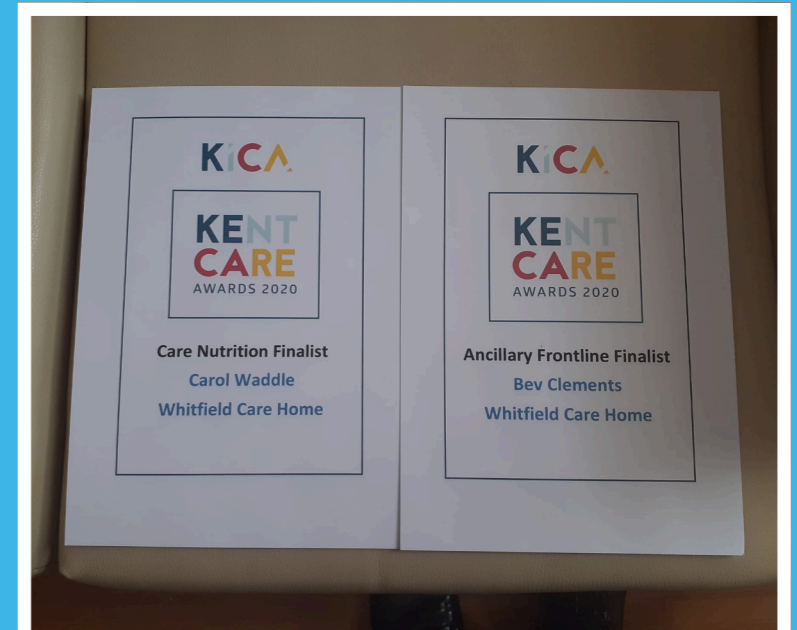
Recipient: Whitfield EMI/Residential Home

Date: Friday 07 Oct 2016

The care home manager Lalitha Kumar and ancillary staff member Susan Bristow won the Best Care Home Manager and Best Ancillary Award for the year 2016 in Kent Care Awards. Five other staff were nominated on other categories for the Nutritionist Award, Best carer Award, Putting People First and Dementia Carer.



The 2019 Christmas Party, with current manager Lesley celebrating that year's care talent.



2020 was an unconventional year for the Kent Care Awards (no prizes for guessing why) but Whitfield staff were still recognised and celebrated.



Sai Care Homes

Whitfield

RESIDENTIAL HOME



Lalitha Kumar
Operations Manager



Lesley Sievwright
Whitfield Manager



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