

What those who know Tom like and admire about him

A fantastic sense of humour

Knows his own mind

Patient



His concern for others

So handsome

Looks out for others

Important to Tom

- Visits from his niece Sheila who he adores – the last Thursday each month at 6.00pm..
- Starting the day with cereal (Weetabix milk no sugar) and toast plus as many cups of tea, milk no sugar, as he likes!!
- Having the Daily Mirror to read each morning and also keeping up with the news on TV.
- Having lively conversation around current affairs. His books to read – books about boxing are favourites - especially if Henry Cooper is in it.
- Loves boxing, watching it on TV and talking about the old greats.
- Having his own room to go to when he wants space away from the women he lives with.
- Playing dominoes with his wife Jane (around 3.00pm - 4.00pm most days) who also lives in the home, apart from playing dominoes Tom likes some space away from Jane.
- Having somebody enjoy a game of cards with him.
- Watching James Bond films or videos on TV.
- Having puzzle books to do “when the mood takes him”.
- Having a relaxing bath, using old spice aftershave and deodorant. He must have Johnsons baby talc too.
- Banter with staff, others living in the home and their visitors.
- Having a joke, he calls the supporter who helps him shave Sweeney Todd the demon barber or cut throat Sally.
- Tom loves good food and treats but needs support around this due to diabetes.

How best to Support

- Tom ‘hates it’ when others are having sweet food and treats as he cannot due to his diabetes, support him with this by sitting and chatting to him – ensure diabetic alternatives are available.
- Tom loves having conversations not just passing the time of day briefly – make time to spend with him, he is very well informed around the news and enjoys topical conversation.
- Tom becomes very frustrated when Jane cannot hear him due to her loss of hearing or if she starts a conversation with him but doesn’t finish.
- Tom becomes upset when Jane ‘fusses’ over him and insists he sits with her, also if any of the other women living in the home talk with Tom, Jane tells them not to which irritates him. Tom needs support in dealing with this.
- Tom may want to watch boxing on TV in the early hours of the morning, remind him to put his dressing gown on.
- Complement Tom, he thoroughly enjoys flattery and will give a wry grin when told how handsome he is.
- Tom is the only male living in the home, he misses male company – be aware of this.