

Arthur



What those who know Arthur say they like and admire about him

Charming

Salt of the earth

A real character

Full of humour

A real gent

Just the most gorgeous gentle man

What is Important to Arthur

- Always have his walking stick within reach.
- That people sit and talk with him, and listen to him too - he loves company and is an amazing storyteller.
- That people sit with him when they call to serve his breakfast, dinner and tea - he dislikes eating alone. He loves his meals to be piping hot.
- Seeing Sally and Stephen every other day.
- That you listen to his stories, especially about the war, but never instigate a conversation around the war - he only talks about it when he is in the mood.
- That you can talk about all the old boxers with him - Cassius Clay is favourite but he will not refer to him as Muhammed Ali.
- Knowing if anything is happening that is different from the normal routine.
- Must always have at least £10 in his pocket.
- Must wear his wool bob hat when he wants and not be encouraged to take it off - he likes wearing it and becomes agitated when people suggest he takes it off in the flat.

How to best support Arthur

- Arthur worries that he is very ill and people are keeping it from him - give him lots of reassurance that it is just old age - he will have a good laugh with you then.
- Always explain very clearly to him about any upcoming appointments usually at the hospital - do not tell him at the last minute.
- Arthur has very little vision and is hard of hearing, when you enter his flat via the keypad code you will need to call out to Arthur that you are there, if Arthur is in bed never approach him, he will think you are a burglar and will hit out with his walking stick.
- Arthur is frightened of being 'put in a home' - tell him that we are all doing our best to help him stay at home, but when he goes outside in the middle of the night we are frightened he will get hurt.