



Birchfield
Luxury Residential Care Home

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National Care Homes Open Day & Summer Fair

On 21st June we took part in the National Care Homes Open Day which happily coincided with our Summer Fair. As usual there was lots of preparation needed to hold this event and we would like to thank our loyal band of helpers who ran stalls, baked cakes, donated raffle and tombola prizes and generally supported us. We would especially like to thank Sally's Fruit & Veg for their beautiful fruit hamper and to John, our cook, for the amazing buffet. We were also visited by WellyBobs Petting Farm who brought along an array of animals including a gecko, guinea pigs, tortoise, parrot, snake and Gerbal the dog who was very happy to see everyone! All the residents, families and friends loved the visit and we look forward to welcoming them again soon.



Jean won the food hamper



*Vina enjoys a cuddle
with Gerbal*

All in all, the day was a huge success and we raised £145 for the Residents' Fund which will go towards entertainment or a trip out. As you know, we hold fundraising events throughout the year to support the Residents' Fund and everyone is always welcome. If you can think of any events we could hold, do get in touch and let us know—all ideas will be welcome!

Reminiscence Afternoon

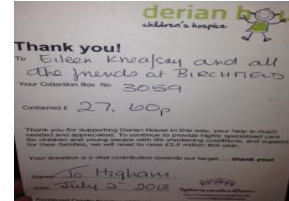
We recently ran a reminiscence afternoon and it was so well received that we have decided to make it a regular event in our calendar. We would like to ask families and friends to bring along photos, letters and keepsakes etc so that our residents can reminisce about more personal things. The afternoon was lots of fun with tea and cakes and plenty of chatting with interesting and funny stories told.



*Mary recounting her
memories*

Eileen Kneafsey

Eileen is very keen to raise money for Derian House and likes to have collection boxes in the home for the residents, staff and visitors to put their change in. Eileen appreciates that everyone continues to put their change in this and she says thank you for everyone's support. This has recently been emptied and the amount raised was £27.60. Eileen also sells calendars each year for the charity to help them to raise funds. She has done this for many years and she is very proud of her fundraising achievements.



Eileen enjoys a visit from Rusty the donkey

Eileen enjoys the local library coming and likes to read romance books which she gets every two weeks. Eileen also reads the daily newspaper and keeps everyone up to date with the goings on in the world. She used to love dancing and liked to go to Blackpool to see dance shows at the theatre. When she was younger, Eileen worked in a factory where she was a telephone operator and loved chatting with people. She enjoys living at Birchfield as she likes to be around people and sees the other ladies daily. One of her favourite

parts of the day is when the tea trolley comes round—she especially enjoys a ginger a biscuit with her drink. Eileen also likes it when animals visit the home as she loves them and looks forward to those events. Another of her highlights is when her niece and nephew come to see her.

Potters Barn

In May we had a visit from Potters Barn and residents enjoyed painting the pot of their choice.

Charlie from Potters Barn helped the residents decide how to paint each pot and advised them on what was best. The pots are now back with us and the residents are really pleased with their work.



Nora painting her vase



Alice with her jug

Activity Reminders

We aim to bring as much variety and fun into the lives of our residents as possible. They are encouraged to continue with their long established hobbies as well as joining in with organised group activities which include: baking, card-making, crafts, bingo, dominoes, crosswords and quizzes as well as other 'one-off' activities.

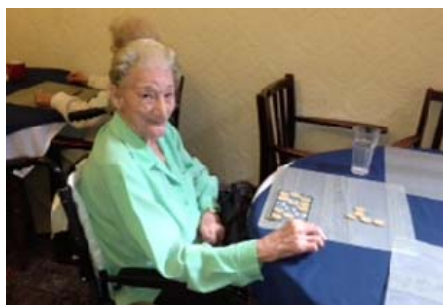
Wednesday—Domino afternoon.

Thursday—Ray the physio visits.

Friday—Book Club with reading and discussion.

*Also on the **second Wednesday** we are visited by the library so if you would like to borrow books, please let us know.*

Our hairdresser calls in weekly, so if you fancy a change or a bit of a 'do' we'll be happy to make an appointment for you.



Margaret enjoying a recent Bingo afternoon

Please see the full list of upcoming events on the back page!

Enjoying the Sun!

With the lovely weather recently we have been encouraging our residents to sit out in the garden and enjoy sunshine.



Here you can see Alice and Dorothy playing a game whilst others are listening to music and generally relaxing.



The Cats Pyjama's Productions entertained us in June with Calamity Jane which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Although it was a one woman show, the story-telling was brilliant and we would love to have them back in the future.



Enjoying the show

Upcoming Events

15th August—2pm

Wellybobs Petting Farm visit

21st August—2pm

PWS Clothes Show

12th September

Rotary Club outing for the residents

19th September—2pm

Dream Wardrobe Productions
wartime entertainment

27th September—10am

Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning!

18th October—2pm

Great Pink Bake Off Day
to raise money for cancer awareness

27th November—2pm

Pauline May Clothes Show

Keep an eye on the notice board for more trips in the pipeline.

Respite Care

We currently have availability in our ***dedicated respite room*** so please call us on **01254 266020** with your respite enquiries—we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.

Feedback

We welcome all sorts of feedback. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the Home or the service we provide, do let us know. Also, please feel free to send in any articles, memoirs or photo's for inclusion in our newsletter.

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