



*Birchfield*  
Luxury Residential Care Home

**Newsletter**  
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## ***Memories of Summer....***

With summer fading in our minds and the nights drawing in we've decided to cheer ourselves up by taking a look back over the fun we had when the sun was shining and the skies were blue (well some of the time anyway!)

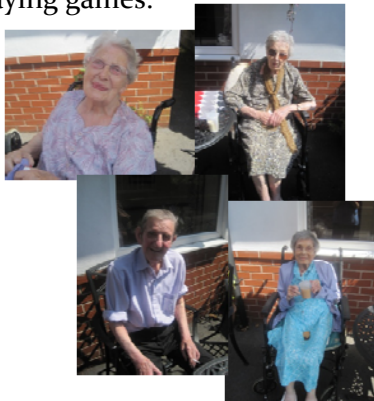


*Betty with her seeds*

In June the residents were helped by our UCLAN student, Tahera, to plant seeds. They have been caring for these throughout the last few months and have some lovely plants to enjoy from this ongoing project.

## ***Fun in the Sun!***

There were lots of opportunities to enjoy the sun this year and our residents made the most of it by sitting out, listening to music and playing games.



*Top left to bottom right:  
Mary, Nora, John and  
Betty enjoy the weather*

## ***Visiting the Donkeys***

On the 24th July we went to the Elizabeth Svendens Donkey Sanctuary in Manchester where we had a lovely lunch provided by the staff and were also able to watch part of the riding lessons for the children. Everyone had a lovely day and the weather was beautiful.



*Beautiful weather, lovely food and good  
company made for a great day out*



*Rose, Betty and Mary  
celebrate with their  
families as did Jane  
who was 99 in October*

## *Lots of Happy Birthdays*



*Pat, Eileen and Ted  
with their celebration  
cakes*

### ***Staff Retirement***

Sandra Aspin retired this year after having been a loyal member of our staff for 23 years. Gifts and flowers were presented to her. We will miss her greatly and wish her a long and happy retirement.



### ***Happy 40th Rachel!***

Our Deputy Manager, Rachel Padbury, recently celebrated her 40th Birthday. The staff helped her to celebrate and Kelly decorated the office. Rachel would like to say thank you for all the cards and gifts she received.



## ***Regular Activities***

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.

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

## ***Halloween Fun***

Staff entertained our residents and their visitors by dressing up for Halloween. Later in the evening there was a super potato pie



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which went  
down well  
on a chilly  
evening.

## ***Northeast Producers***

The Northeast Producers are a travelling theatre company who specialise in creating professional, affordable and entertaining productions that are adaptable to any space or playing area.

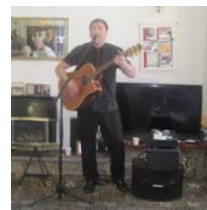
They recently visited us with their variety show "When I'm Cleaning Windows". The show was very funny and extremely interactive with lots of laughs and a great sing along.



*Light Entertainment from Northeast Producers*

## ***Dominic Delights***

Dominic is a wonderful singer who entertained us in July.



All the residents really enjoyed this and he had a great selection of songs for us to sing along to.

We were also joined by Shaky in September who sang songs from all eras and was very popular.

## ***Upcoming Events***

**19th November**

Pub Lunch  
*venue to be confirmed*

**27th November—2pm**

Pauline May Clothes Show

**1st December—2pm**

“Puss in Boots”  
*Northeast Producers Theatre Company*

**7th December—10am**

Birchfield Christmas Fair

**20th December**

Resident and Family Christmas Party

***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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