



*Birchfield*  
Luxury Residential Care Home

**Newsletter**  
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## ***We've Been Working Hard on Refurbishments!***

The last few months have been very busy whilst we have been transforming the communal areas of our home. We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the improvements and I'm sure you will agree, it has been well worth the wait... just a few pictures, mirrors and ornaments to add and we will be there!



## ***100 Years Young...***



*Elsie with her telegram from the Queen*

Elsie Barker celebrated her 100th birthday in February. She had a lovely day with other residents and staff and really enjoyed opening her presents and cards—especially her telegram from the Queen. Elsie was also able to speak with her son which was another high point of her celebrations. We all had a buffet tea party with games in the afternoon.

## ***Christmas Crackers***



A big thank you to all our staff, friends, visitors and entertainers for helping to make our Christmas such an enjoyable and relaxing time. As usual, we had lots of entertainment for everyone including a visit from the Northeast Producers Production Company who performed Puss In Boots for our residents and their families.

This was great fun and very entertaining.

We also held our annual Christmas Fair and raised £320 for the Residents Fund. This was one of our best Fairs ever and we would like to thank everyone who supported us especially Sandra Loxham and Margaret Margerison for their contributions to the cake stall and also to Anne Noon for donating the beautiful crafts she had made which were sold on the day. Our Tombola was very popular and there were no items left at the end of

*Vincent, his grandson and Alice get into the festive spirit at the Christmas Fair*



the day—and as always, our raffle winners were extremely happy with the amazing prizes that had been

donated this year.



## ***Christmas Lunch at The Willows***

On 13th December we went to The Willows pub and restaurant for Christmas lunch with residents, relatives and staff. We all had a fabulous time and the meal was enjoyed by everyone. It was lovely to be joined by so many relatives which made the day extra special for our residents.

*Jane, Alice, Annie and Theresa enjoy Christmas Lunch*



## ***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.

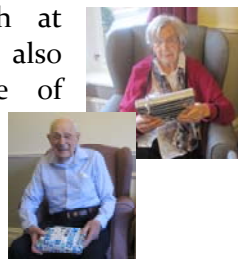
*Also on the **second Wednesday** we are visited by the library so if you would like to borrow books, please let us know.*

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!***

## ***Christmas Day***

Everyone had a lovely day with the usual gift giving and a wonderful Christmas lunch at which we also welcomed some of our residents family members.



*Ted and Jane on Christmas Day*

## ***Forget-Me-Not***

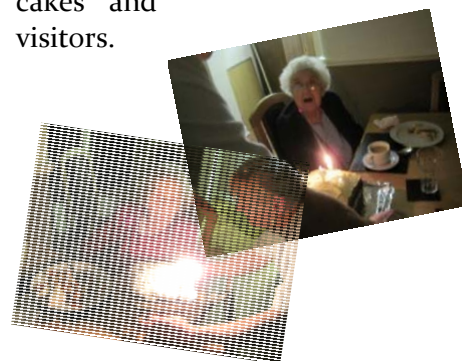
We had a fabulous couple of ladies visit us this month from Forget-Me-Not who brought with them a spinning wheel, small looms and shuttles etc. This was a therapeutic workshop for spinning, weaving, darning, patchwork and bobbin knitting. All our residents enjoyed this unusual experience and there was plenty of chatting and reminiscing going on.



*L-R: Mary, Jane and Ted exercising their creative sides*

## ***Birthday Celebrations***

Both Anne Margerison and Edna Harris enjoyed a birthday celebration recently with special cakes and visitors.



## ***Upcoming Events***

**21st February**

Dominic—singing entertainer

**4th March**

Pancake Day

*We will have different fillings for the pancakes of the resident's choice*

**14th March**

Dorothy Hibbins Retirement

**18th March**

Dorn Clothing Show

**3rd April**

Pub Lunch

*We do not know where—the residents will decide!*

**26th April**

Easter Fair

***Keep an eye on the notice board for our new DAILY ACTIVITY PLAN  
and details of 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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