



*Birchfield*  
Luxury Residential Care Home

**Newsletter**  
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### ***Easter Fair***



Our annual Easter Fair raised £196.87 for the Residents' Fund which will go towards activities and trips for our residents.

Our thanks go to Margaret Margerison and Sandra Loxham for the cake donations and to Anne, Rob and Kath for helping on the day. As you can see, we all had a great time and there were lots of visitors.



### ***Top 20 Recommended Care Homes***

#### ***North West England 2014***

#### ***Birchfield Residential Care Home***

The carehome.co.uk Top 20 Care Home Awards 2014 highlight the most recommended Care Homes in each region of the UK. The Awards are based on over 20,000 recommendations received from Residents and Family / Friends of Residents during 2013. Birchfield came 9<sup>th</sup> in the Top 20 in the region, we are very proud of this.

## ***Busy at Birchfield.....***



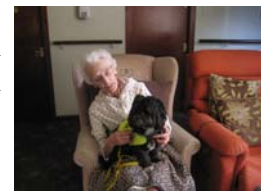
This is Edith modelling the Easter bonnet that she made with some of the other residents... Everyone had fun with this activity and there was lots of chatting and laughter.

Congratulations to John, our cook, who is now a proud grandad and brought little Jake in to visit. This is Ted enjoying a lovely cuddle with our tiny visitor.



We had a lovely Mother's Day lunch with lots of family members visiting to spend time with their mums. Here is Alice (left) and Mary (right) enjoying the meal with their families.

Poppy the PAT dog continues her regular visits with our residents and is always made very welcome with lots of love being both given and received. Here she is enjoying the attentions of Evelyn.



On 3rd April we went for a wonderful pub lunch at The Willows. The food was lovely and everyone who came really enjoyed the experience. Here we see Margaret (right) and Rebecca (left) having a good natter.

Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to show how much we love each other. Here are some of our residents making some Valentine cards to send to their friends and family.



## 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.

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

Also, 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.

## Our Commitment

Birchfield has signed up to the **Social Care Commitment** to show our pledge to continually improve the quality of care and support delivered to our residents and staff.

## Food Hygiene Award

We were recently visited by the Environmental Health inspector who awarded us with a rating of 5. This is the highest possible and we are very proud of this award.



## Certificate of commitment



Adult social care employers and workers sign up to the Social Care Commitment because we want to continually improve the quality of care and support.

**We pledge to deliver high quality care and support so the public can have confidence in the services we provide in our communities.**

Presented to : Birchfield

For making the Social Care Commitment

Date : 04 March, 2014

Date of expiry: 04 March, 2015

## Staff Profile

Jackie Dickinson, a new addition to our team is a Senior Carer and works the day shifts. Jackie has been working in the care sector for 23 years, 16 of which have been caring for the elderly.



She is a mother of four and grandmother of one and loves to spend time with her granddaughter and reading.

## ***Upcoming Events***

**30th May—3.30pm**

Vintage Academy Magic of Musicals Show

**23rd June—2.00pm**

PWF Clothes Show

**22nd July—2.00pm**

Northeast Producers "That's Life" Show

**23rd July**

Sponsored Walk—7 miles

**30th July**

Trip to Blackpool Zoo

***Keep an eye on the notice board for our new***

***DAILY ACTIVITY PLAN***

***which includes***

***Dominoes, Tasting Sessions, Afternoon Tea, Bingo,***

***Films and Reminiscence Afternoons***

***as well as 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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