



*Birchfield*  
Luxury Residential Care Home

**Newsletter**  
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## ***Let's Recap... Christmas!!***

Yes, it was a while ago but we had so much fun this year that we wanted to share it with you...

Our staff dressed up in Christmas tops to help bring in the season and our annual Christmas fair was a great success. We welcomed lots of visitors who helped us to raise £217.30 for the Residents Fund.



The cake stall was wonderful with lovely cakes, scones and trifles kindly donated by Margaret Margerison, Michelle, our senior carer, and Sandra Loxham. There was also a jolly good effort on the Christmas outfit front as you can see in the picture here.



We went to the Old Mother Redcap for the tinsel and turkey afternoon at the beginning of December. Our residents enjoyed a lovely three course meal with bingo and singing. There was plenty of fun and

Charlotte had a great time dancing whilst Alice won the house at bingo and was very pleased with her tin of biscuits. We were also joined by some family members which made the afternoon extra special.

There was surprise visit from Father Christmas which was great fun!



## ***Christmas Show***

We had a Christmas party with a show on 19th December. The Northeast Producers thoroughly entertained us by performing their version of “A Christmas Carol”. Everyone enjoyed it as you can see from the pictures here.



*Annie, Ruth and Audrey with the performers*



*The audience were all engrossed with what Scrooge had to say!*

## ***Tanya Morris***

### ***Birthday Celebrations***

Birthday wishes were sent out to two of our lovely residents, Irene Derbyshire and Ann Margerison. They both had lovely birthday teas with Ann’s cake being made by her daughter-in-law, Margaret.



Tanya has been a member of our team for 6 years. She is 27 and lives at home with her mother, Alicia.

She doesn’t have children but likes to spend time

with her nephew, Coby, and socialising with her friends.

She tells us she really likes being part of our team as she has a close relationship with the staff and residents and finds the work rewarding and enjoyable, although at times challenging. She is currently studying for her NVQ3 and at some point in the future would like to study nursing.



*Irene celebrated her birthday in October*



*Ann with her birthday cake*

## ***Norman Parry***



Norman is 89 years old and grew up in Birmingham. He had a career in the navy spanning 32 1/2 years and has lived

all over the world including Jamaica where he lived for 3 years. In 1982, whilst still in the Navy, he was awarded the MSM award by the Queen.

Norman was married for 51 years to Eunice and together they had a daughter, Samantha.

Norman's hobbies include building and flying model aircraft. He also enjoys socialising with family and friends and since retiring has enjoyed holidays abroad.

## ***Baking Afternoon***

On 23rd January some of our residents enjoyed an afternoon of baking with John.



*Alice and Audrey demonstrate their culinary skills*

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

On the 6th March we are going to be visited by Forget-Me-Not Crafts. They will be offering a superb workshop where our residents will be able to step back in time and revisit their schooldays by using slate and chalk, quills and then dip pens with blotting paper etc.

There will be demonstrations and artefacts and games from the past to encourage reminiscence and we are sure that conversations will flow freely between everyone who takes part.

We will have more about the event in our next newsletter but in the meantime, the picture below gives a lovely feel as to what to expect.



## ***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.

## ***Regular Activities***

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

### ***DAILY ACTIVITY PLAN***

*Dominoes, Tasting Sessions, Afternoon Tea, Bingo, Films and Reminiscence Afternoons as well as any trips in the pipeline.*

*We also have board games placed out daily for everyone to enjoy including cards, noughts & crosses and a radio in the front seating area*

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.

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Poppy the PAT Dog will be visiting**

26th February

**Forget-Me-Not Crafts**

6th March

**PWS Clothes Show**

11th March—2-4pm

**Mothers Day Meal**

15th March

*All welcome to come and have lunch with mum—please just let us know*

**St Patrick's Day Tea**

17th March

**Easter Fair**

28th March

## ***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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