



*Birchfield*  
*Luxury Residential Care Home*

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## ***Easter Fair***

This was held on Saturday, 28th March and we raised £156.20 for the Residents Fund. This included a generous donation from Raymond Wilson who unfortunately couldn't be with us on the day— we would like to thank him and everyone else who supported the event.

We had all the traditional stalls, raffle prizes and competitions—you can see some of our winners below. We would like to send special thanks to Pam for organising everything and helping to run the event on the day and to Anne Padbury for manning the cake stall.



*Edna with her raffle prize*



*Tanya won Name the Bunny*



*Ellis guessed cake weight*

## ***Easter Bonnets!***

In the run up to Easter our residents enjoyed some seasonal crafts. Here are Charlotte (on the right) and Joan making their Easter Bonnets in readiness for the Easter Fair.



## ***When I'm Cleaning Windows....***

We were joined in late April by the Northeast Producers who performed "When I'm Cleaning Windows". This was a great performance and as you can see below, everyone had a wonderful time and a jolly good sing-a-long.



## ***Natty Martin***



Natty has worked at Birchfield for three years. She really enjoys it here and being part of our care team.

She has two children, Chloe and Ziggy and returned to work in March after having taken maternity leave.

She enjoys watching box sets and spending quality time with her family and friends—especially eating out and socialising.

## ***Doreen Baldwin***



Doreen is 83 years old and has two sons. One of her sons sadly passed away and she is very close to her other son, Martin. She has two grandsons, Luke and Peter.

Doreen was married at the age of 27 to Kevin at St Peter's Church. She grew up in Blackburn and used to work at Newshams shoe shop which she enjoyed very much.

She now lives in a little terraced house which she loves. She has lived there for five years and enjoys going to Bingo once a week and visiting her friends.

Doreen has been staying at Birchfield for respite Care following an accident. She told us she has enjoyed her stay with us as the staff and facilities are brilliant.

## ***Home Safari***

Home Safari are coming to visit Birchfield again on 3rd June and will be bringing all sorts of animals to meet and interact with the residents.



## ***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.

## ***Happy Birthday!***

Jean Garlington celebrated her birthday recently and thoroughly enjoyed her special cake!



Keep up to date with all the comings and goings at Birchfield by following us on Facebook—just search for “Birchfield Residential Care Home”!

## ***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***

### **Home Safari**

3rd June

### **Father's Day Meal**

21st June

### **Reminiscence Afternoon**

24th June

### **Poppy the PAT Dog Visit**

7th July

### **Day Trip—location to be decided**

29th July

### **Summer Fair**

8th August

## ***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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