



Birchfield
Luxury Residential Care Home

Newsletter

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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. We hope you enjoy catching up with all the goings-on at Birchfield - its certainly nice for us to look back over the past three months at everything that has happened.

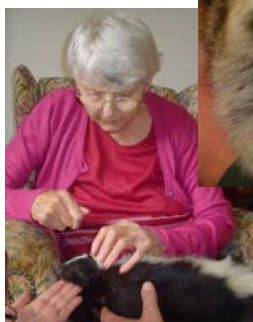
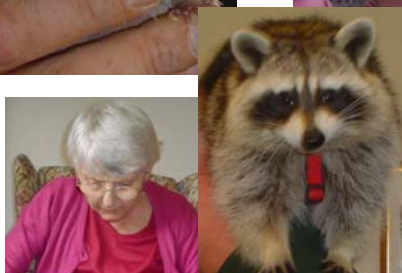
If you have any suggestions for our newsletter, please do let us know.

Mark and Kirsty Taylor

Home Safari



Lions and tigers and bears... not quite, but quite enough for us! On 18th May we were visited by the Home Safari team who arrived with snakes, skunks, tortoises, lizards and all sorts of other creatures. Here are some of our favourite pictures from the day.



Nora Braithwaite



Nora lived in Darwen and was married at 21, to Ron Braithwaite. She has two children and a grandson, Simon.

She used to holiday in Malta and enjoyed family holidays and going out for meals when she lived at home. She particularly liked going for an Indian with her son Nigel, his wife Dorothy and her grandson. Nora also really looks forward to days out with Sandra, her daughter.

Nora found recently that she could not manage living at home alone anymore so came to live with us at Birchfield in November 2010. Nora says since she has been at Birchfield she is very happy and has made two new friends, Joan and Jean. They apparently used to work together many years ago and Nora is happy to be reunited with them again and to have been given the chance to renew their friendship.

Nora is very happy with the staff and everything they do for her here and loves our resident cat Bobby. Nora still has an odd Indian meal too.

Elisabeth Svendsen Trust for Children and Donkeys



The EST helps children with special needs as well as the elderly. The use of animals as therapy is widely recognised for the invaluable benefits it can bring.

On the 28th July we received a visit from the staff of the Manchester centre who brought Rusty the donkey—seen here with our resident, Irene Derbyshire. He stayed for an hour and visited all the residents who were amused to discover his like for ginger nut biscuits!

Management Team



This is Kelly Lakey and Rachel Padbury who are the dedicated Management Team for Birchfield.

Kelly lives in Blackburn with her husband and two Miniature Yorkshire Terriers and has worked at Birchfield for 19 years. Rachel lives in Lower Darwen with her family and has been with us for 4 years.

We will be including a Staff Profile in each of our Newsletters so that everyone reading can get to know us.

A New Arrival!

We are delighted to announce that Mark and Kirsty have produced a beautiful daughter, Amelia Taylor, on Saturday, 2nd July at 01:45 weighing in at 7.10lbs. The whole family are doing well, although Mark has had to bring his bedtime forward a bit!



Mr and Mrs Peacock



We are used to unusual visitors at Birchfield but our favourites are Mr and Mrs Peacock who live down the road.



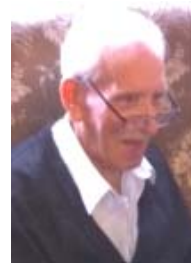
We thought it would be nice to include them in our newsletter as our residents love them dearly and look forward to their visits.

Respite Care

We are keen to promote the provision of respite care and have a dedicated room for this purpose. As the holiday season approaches, please call us with any respite enquiries—we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.

In Memory of Leslie Collin

We were all very sad to lose Leslie Collin who passed away recently. Leslie was a gentleman and loved the ladies especially the



important ones in his life, his daughter Elaine, granddaughter Jo and Simon's girlfriend Jan. He was kind and polite to all the staff and will be sadly missed. Leslie was a pleasure to care for and we enjoyed the company of his family, particularly the regular visit's from Elaine and the visit from Simon, his grandson, all the way from Australia.

Regular Activities

The staff at Birchfield 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.

We also have an 'in-house' hairdresser and our Physio, Ray, comes in every Wednesday to do armchair relaxation and exercise sessions.

More events are on the back page!

Upcoming Events

Remember to keep an eye on the notice board for events that are currently being organised. In the meantime, here is a list of planned events at Birchfield:

13th August

Summer Fair—with tombola, raffle, craft, jewellery and cake stalls.
All in aid of the resident's fund—everyone welcome!

6th September

Trip to Cleveley—shopping and lunch out.
Please let us know if you would like to join in.

30th September

MacMillan Coffee Morning
(this is happening all over the country to raise money for Cancer Research)

31st October

Halloween Party
Staff and residents will dress up for the party—games and fun to be had!

9th November

Victorian Entertainers
Residents are invited to join the singers—complete with Victorian Regalia, in singing songs from the past.

22nd November

The Clothes Show
A chance to update your wardrobe—we will have displays of tops, dresses, trousers, slippers etc for you to choose from.

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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