



*Birchfield*  
Luxury Residential Care Home

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## ***A Message From Our New Manager***



My name is Emma McNeil and I'm very happy to join the Birchfield team as Care Home Manager. I have worked in Healthcare for 16 years and have experience in Residential, Nursing, Domiciliary care and Extra Care Housing. I have also dealt with both children and adults with complex difficulties. My most recent position was managing a Domiciliary Care Service in the Ribble Valley and Hyndburn area.

I am 34 years old and live in Blackburn with my partner, son, Callum, who is 14 and daughter, Morgan, who is 11. I have two small dogs and adore them very much—a Pug, Jayma and Boston Terrier, Bella. I spend my spare time enjoying family days and socialising with friends. I love afternoon tea and all things shabby chic and like everything to be neat and tidy. I look forward to getting to know you all properly. ***Emma***

## ***25 Years Service***

Congratulations to Kath, who celebrated 25 years service at Birchfield recently.

Here she is receiving flowers from some of her colleagues in our care team.



## ***A New Member of Our Volunteer Team***



We are pleased to introduce Iram, our new volunteer who comes in to carry out activities with our residents. She is the daughter of a long standing staff member.

Iram is 17 and studying BTEC Applied Science at Blackburn College and will be moving to Manchester Metropolitan University in September to study Adult Nursing.

## ***Digni-Tea Lunch***

On 20th May we had a lovely Digni-Tea lunch. John and Jackie made a wonderful buffet and Pam and Jackie set up all the tables making everything look elegant. We would like to thank everyone who made it such a special occasion as well as Peter Pegg, who donated some delicious cakes for the event.



*A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone at the Digni-Tea Lunch*



## ***Garden Party***

We held our annual Garden Party on 6th July and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

A big thank you has to be said to Pam and Jackie for decorating the home and also to John for again providing us with a wonderful menu.



## ***Baby Cuddles***

Sam Knight, our senior carer recently called in with her great nephew, Bryan.

Our resident, Eileen, loves babies and thoroughly enjoyed an unexpected cuddle with the beautiful little boy.



## Twiddlemuffs

This is Barbara Carbery who has made and donated some Twiddlemuffs to Birchfield.

A Twiddlemuff is a hand muff with bits and bobs attached and provides sensory stimulation for those with dementia.



## A Fond Farewell



We recently said a fond farewell to Ursula, our Care Home Manager. We wish her all the best in her new role and hope she will pop in to visit.



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## Reminiscence

Pam recently organised one of our favourite activities—a Reminiscence afternoon. Here are some of our residents taking a trip down memory lane with everyday items, clothing and toys of yesteryear.



## Respite Care

We know how hard you work to care for your loved ones—we also know that everyone needs a break now and then and this is why we keep a **dedicated respite room**. If you, or anyone you know would like to take advantage of this service, please call us on **01254 266020** — we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.

*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.***

***Board games are available daily for everyone to enjoy including cards, noughts & crosses and a radio in the front seating area.***

Every **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***

### ***Baking with Jackie***

16th August

### ***Exercise with James***

17th August—2.45pm

### ***Ossy Mill Afternoon—shopping & tea***

24th August (provisional)

### ***Afternoon Tea***

25th August—2pm

### ***Movie Afternoon***

7th September—2pm

### ***Birchfield Fair***

10th September—10am

### ***Residents Meeting***

14th September—2pm

### ***Reminiscence with Pam***

15th September—2pm

### ***Macmillan Coffee Morning***

30th September—10am

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