



Birchfield
Luxury Residential Care Home

Newsletter

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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of our newsletter. We've had a lovely few months (despite the inclement weather) with lots of extra entertainment arranged for our residents.

It goes without saying that our staff are continuing their hard work, ensuring the smooth running of the home and engendering a 'family-like' atmosphere for our residents all the while making sure that their care needs are met. We would like to pass our thanks and congratulations on to them.

Mark and Kirsty Taylor

Victorian Entertainment



The Victorian Singers

On the 18th April everyone took part in an evening of Victorian entertainment.

The Victorian show was opened by Vera, their compere, who chatted with residents before introducing the Victorian's opening number which was a medley of favourite songs.

There were jokes, poems, dancing and sing-a-longs as well as some dressing up—Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken certainly had us all in stitches!

There was lots of clapping and laughter and we were very happy to see some family members for the evening.

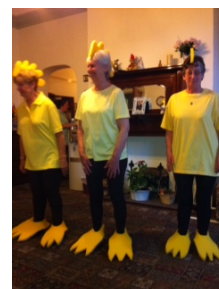
Everyone had a great time and we look forward to their next visit.



Grace and Edna



Ada enjoys the fun



Victorian "chicks"

Ann Margerison



Ann is 90 and celebrated her birthday in January. She has one son, David, who is married to Margaret and they visit her regularly. When she left school Ann worked in the card room of a mill making paper. When she was younger she loved to go dancing and socialising with her friends. Ann's husband, who she met when she was 20, was called Arthur. They had a very happy marriage. Ann used to enjoy going on holiday, particularly Blackpool because she loves the illuminations. Ann is very happy living at Birchfield and has a good friend, Emily, who she sits with on a daily basis. They love to chat, listen to music and have a sing. Ann feels that she is well looked after here and enjoys the company. Ann also enjoys meal times as she likes her food and loves to chat with the other residents.

Testimonial

My mother sadly passed away aged 94 years. She had spent three settled and comfortable years at Birchfield where she had made friends with the staff and residents. To her Birchfield was soon "home".

After her death, I wrote a letter of appreciation in respect of the exceptional care and consideration given to my mother - most notably evident in the last few weeks of her illness.

I have visited Birchfield recently and remain impressed by the care and respect shown to the residents by the staff and also by the loving approach they have to their work.

From Dr Pam Tomlin, daughter of Mrs Irene Hayes

Easter Bonnets



Emily & Jen

There was a great deal of laughing and banter heard when three residents and carers spent a colourful

afternoon with paints and craft materials making some very creative Easter Bonnets.

They had great (and messy) fun whilst also taking time to enjoy a coffee and chat at the same time.



Connie

Easter Fair



Nora won first prize in the raffle



Nora, Sandra and Jackie

On the 31st March 2012 we held our Easter fair where, as usual, a good time was had by all. We were joined by families both old and new who came to support us and £234.05 was raised for the resident's fund.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who supported the event. We had a tombola, raffle, cake and craft stalls. Thanks to Yvonne Wray and Sandra Loxham who made some beautiful cakes which went down a treat. There were some wonderful items donated for the Tombola and raffle and again, we would like to pass on our thanks for your support.

We were again helped throughout the morning by the Penman girls who brought along their friend, Kath, and their assistance was much appreciated.

The residents enjoyed the morning and joined in with the raffle and tombola.



Betty won a prize

A New Addition



This is Ayva Mae, the newest addition to the Birchfield family, enjoying a welcome cuddle from Eileen Kneafsey.

Ayva was born on 16th March this year weighing in at 7 lbs. Lisa Wright, one of our carers, is her proud mummy.

We were all very happy when she arrived safe and sound and thrilled when Lisa brought her along to our Easter Fair where there were lots of cuddles and everyone was very glad to finally meet her.

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:

5th June

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Tea Party
4.30pm—all welcome

18th June

Residents Meeting—2pm

28th July

Summer Fair—10am

To be confirmed

Trip to Cleveleys

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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