



Birchfield
Luxury Residential Care Home

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Bonfire Party and Halloween Tricks!!

On the 5th November we held a firework party for all the residents and their family and friends. There was a fantastic turn out and we raised £94.41 for the Resident's Fund. We would like to say a big thank you to Jean Garlington's grandson who saved up all his change and donated this to the fund.



Jackie serves a lovely warming meal



Patricia McNicholas

Jackie treated us all to a lovely potato pie supper with fresh pickles and there was plenty of Parkin and other cakes. There were games for the children and lots of trick or treat prizes. Huge thanks go to Jackie for organising this event and working so hard to get everything ready. We would also like to say thank you to her son Joel, for safely setting off the fire works. It was a wonderful evening and everyone had a great time.

Several generations of witches converged at Birchfield when we held a Halloween 'dress up' day. It was great fun for everyone and was a thoroughly entertaining day with a very spooky atmosphere!



Outside Lighting



Dorothy Smith



Rachel, Jackie, Grace, Jen & Janet

We were visited by friends and family throughout the day and everyone looked ready to go 'trick or treating'.

Birthday Celebrations

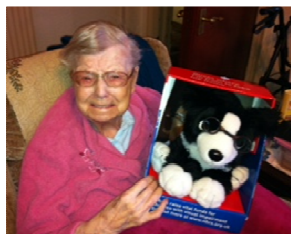


*Top Left—Nora Braithwaite with her daughter
Top Right—Kenneth Julien
Bottom Left—Eileen Kneafsey
Centre—Irene Derbyshire
Bottom Right—Emily Toplis*

There have been lots of celebrations recently with several of our residents having birthdays. As you can see above, there were visitors, cakes and surprises all round to help them enjoy their special days.

Fundraising Events

Our residents and staff have continued their charitable events over the last few months and raised a grand total of £275.63 for various charities including the National Blind Children Society, Pink Day for Cancer, McMillan Nurses and the Residents Fund.



Eileen Kneafsey won a teddy in the draw raising money for the National Blind Children Society



Eileen Kneafsey, Anne Margerison & Dorothy Smith enjoy Pink Day for Cancer



Jackie, Kelly T, Rachel P, Grace & Aneesa taking part in PJ Day



Joan and Gladys enjoy coffee in aid of McMillan Nurses

The Olympic Torch at Birchfield

Steve Watson from 'Superstars' came to visit us on 13th August bringing with him the Olympic Torch that he carried at the opening ceremony of this year's Olympic Games. He wanted to give the residents the chance to hold the torch and to share his experiences with them.

He was asked to carry the torch as he had started an all girls junior football academy which now has 150 girls taking part. He also runs marathons and has raised money in aid of the PSP Association which is dedicated to the support of people with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a degenerative brain disease which affects eye movement, balance, mobility, speech and swallowing. He carried the torch for 300 meters near Haslam Park in Bolton and explained to the residents that there are 8000 holes in the torch each signifying one of the 8000 torch bearers. The three sides represent how many times the Olympics has been held in London—1908, 1948 and 2012. The residents thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience as you can see from our photographs taken during the visit.



Upcoming Events

We will also be planting our daffodils in December and hold regular activities for our residents. These include a Domino Club and a Book Club which are held weekly along with daily crafts and other activities—please see the notice board for more details.

14th November

Sponsored Walk by Staff

16th November

Movement to Music with Pam

2nd December

Christmas Lunch

(for Residents and Relatives who cannot attend on Christmas Day)

8th December

Christmas Fair

13th December

Botany Bay Trip for Christmas Lunch

20th December

Christmas Party with Entertainment

25th December

Christmas Day Lunch

(Family and friends welcome but please give us notice)

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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