



*Birchfield*  
Luxury Residential Care Home

**Newsletter**  
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## ***Christmas Fair***

As always we had great support from residents, relatives, friends and staff when we held our annual Christmas Fair. There were wonderful raffle prizes donated and our thanks go out to everyone who contributed—we truly value your support.

We had the traditional cake stall, tombola, bric-a-brac, crafts and books for sale with tea and biscuits or a glass of wine or sherry for those in the mood.



*Kathleen won the raffle*



*The Tombola Stall*



*Dorothy and Andrew*

As you can see from our photos, everyone had a lovely time.

## ***Christmas Shopping & Lunch***



*Waiting for Lunch*

Just before Christmas some of our residents enjoyed a Christmas shopping trip and lunch out at Botany Bay. We regularly hold events to raise money for the Residents' Fund and it is these efforts that enabled us to plan this trip .

Everyone really enjoyed the day and we would like to thank all the relatives who came to help us and join in the fun.



*Kelly T and Ann*

## ***Patricia McNicholas***

Patricia came to live with us in October 2012 and has settled in extremely well. She says that she really likes it here and already loves chatting to all the staff and other residents.

Pat has a really good sense of humour and you can always hear her laughing. She regularly goes shopping with her friend, Deborah, and especially likes to buy new clothes.

Pat is an animal lover and gets on well with Bobby, our resident cat, whom she has formed a special bond with. Bobby finds Pat wherever she is and they sit together quite happily watching TV and having a cuddle.

Pat enjoys watching TV and is interested in all sorts of programmes. She also loves cuddly toys and has lots of these in her room.

Pat says she is very happy at Birchfield and looks forward to our special events, especially the trips out, and can't wait for the next one.

Weather permitting, she will often accompany a staff member to the local shop in the afternoons.



## ***Turkey and Tinsel***

On December 2nd Jackie, our cook, organised a turkey and tinsel meal for the residents and their families—as some were unable to visit on Christmas Day we wanted to give them a special Christmas lunch together. This all went extremely well and everyone had a great time.



Jackie sold tickets for the event and raised £55.00 for the Residents' Fund.

## ***Regular Activities***

We 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.

*Please see the full list of upcoming events on the back page!*



## ***Sponsored Walk***

On 14th November some of our staff took part in a seven mile sponsored walk to raise money for the Residents' Fund.

Those who took part were Kelly L, Rachel, Grace, Jenny, Jackie, Kelly T and Tanya. We were also joined by Geoffrey Loxham (Nora Braithwaite's son-in-law) who, along with Sandra, made a donation of £50 to the fund. So, a big thank you to them and also to everyone who sponsored the walkers. In total, we raised £316.41.



*Full team ready to go...  
Even Flo and Susie the dogs came along!*

## ***Red Day***

To celebrate Valentines Day all the staff came into work wearing red. Everyone joined in to help raise money for the Residents' Fund.



*Tracey, Anne, Julie, Bev & Rachel with Natty in the front with her red shoes and nail varnish*

## ***Staff Profile***



Julie Jackson started working at Birchfield in December 2012. She has already shown that she is very dedicated to her job, the residents and the team. Julie is a Senior Carer and thoroughly enjoys her role. She loves to be around people and taking care of the residents.

Julie has worked in care for 15 years, 2 of them were spent in management for a care provider in the community. She has also owned her own business—a cafe/sandwich shop which she loved. She is an excellent cook (we always look forward to trying her cakes!) and lives in Blackburn with her two dogs who she dotes on. She has two sons who both work in management.

## ***Happy Birthday***



Ann Margerison celebrated her 91st birthday on 26th January. She had a lovely day with lots of friends and family visiting, a buffet tea and cake to share.

## ***Upcoming Events***

**28th February—2pm**

Home Safari

**12th March—2pm**

Afternoon Tea

*Tea, scones & music!*

**18th March—2pm**

Dominoes Afternoon

**28th March—2pm**

PWS Clothes Show

**30th March—10am**

Easter Fair

*Everyone welcome!*

***Keep an eye on the notice board for our next trip!***

## ***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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