



Birchfield
Luxury Residential Care Home

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Easter at Birchfield

Easter was an especially fun filled time at Birchfield with residents, visitors and staff taking part in celebratory activities.

Our annual Easter Fair was held on Saturday, 30th March and we were very pleased to receive so much support for this family event. We raised £211.16 for the Residents' Fund through donations, raffle tickets and stalls.

There were plenty of cakes donated by Yvonne Wray, Margaret Margerison, Sandra Loxham and Sue Hudson and we are very grateful to them for going to so much effort on our behalf. We were very happy to be able to have all our favourite stalls and lots of cheerful prize winners who took home various surprises including an Easter egg, £5 Marks and Spencer voucher, £10 Debenhams voucher, a food hamper and a bottle of wine.

As you can see from our photographs it really was a great day!



St Patrick's Day Celebrations



John and Jean with some of his wonderful dishes

We were very spoiled on St Patrick's Day when John, our cook, made an Irish Stew with crusty bread and an Irish Pudding which everyone enjoyed.

There was Irish music playing with lots of laughter and a great party spirit. We decorated the home with the Irish colours and flags were put up in the dining rooms along with a 'spot the leprechaun' game which had us all looking to see where they were hidden.



Aneesa, Pat, Ann, John and Elsie all got into the Irish spirit!

CLOTHES SHOW

OK, we didn't really go to the NEC but we did have a great time at the end of March when we were visited by our very own Clothes Show. Our residents were able to buy themselves some lovely items and everyone had fun looking through the various racks. Due to the number of items bought, we were given £9 commission which went into 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



Student Training



Alana and Amber from U C L A N University, Preston are with us for 6 weeks gaining experience to support a degree course to become Adult Social Workers. They have proved so popular that we have hired them as Bank staff.

Amber lives in Preston with her Mum and disabled sister who suffers with deafness, Multiple Sclerosis, is unable to mobilise and is partially sighted. Amber cares for her and has experience with specialised and personal care. Amber enjoys painting as a hobby.

Alana currently lives with 4 other students in Preston who also study at the University but are doing different subjects. She likes adrenaline sports such as Sky diving, white water rafting; jet skiing, paragliding and canoeing.



Yee Haw! Let's get this show on the road... We have the Calamity Jane show booked for 6th June and everyone will be able to get involved... Look out for the details!

Summer Fair

We will be planning our Summer Fair soon and would really welcome any help from family members or friends in organising this popular event and also to help on the day—please contact us if you are able to assist.

Activity Reminders

Wednesday—Domino afternoon.

Thursday—Ray the physio visits.

Friday—Book Club with reading and discussion.

Also on the second Wednesday we are visited by the library so if you would like to borrow books, please let us know.

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.

Coming Soon—

Our own Gardening Club!



We arranged a special meal for all the residents and their families on Mother's Day and it was lovely to see everyone gathering together to have lunch with their mums.

Upcoming Events

3rd June & 1st July

Holy Communion delivered by St Mark's Church

4th June & 2nd July—2pm

Poppy the Pat Dog will be visiting

6th June—2pm

Calamity Jane

performed by Cats Pyjamas Productions Ltd

6th June, 27th June & 18th July

Superstars Physio Group

11th June, 25th June & 18th July

Reminiscence Afternoon
with tea and cake

10th July

Pub Lunch

at a place of the residents choice

24th July

Donkey Sanctuary Trip

Keep an eye on the notice board for more trips in the pipeline.

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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