



## ***A Visit from Poppy and Daisy***

Pets As Therapy (PAT) is a national charity founded in 1983. They provide therapeutic visits to hospitals, special needs schools, care homes and a variety of other establishments. We are very lucky to have received another of our regular visits from Poppy and her little friend Daisy on 7th July.

As you can see from these photographs, our residents thoroughly enjoyed this latest visit and we are very much looking forward to the next.



## ***Team Player of the Month***

At a recent staff meeting we decided to bring in a “Team Player of the Month” scheme. Each month a member of staff will be awarded this title based on the key areas of their jobs as well as on comments received from residents and their families.

If you feel a member of our staff has gone above and beyond or does anything you feel should be recognised in this way, do please let us know.

## ***Summer Fair***

We had a wonderful turn out for our annual Summer Fair on 8th August with £171.10 being raised for the Residents Fund. We'd like to give a huge thank you to Pam for organising this event and also to everyone who made donations of cakes and prizes for our raffle and tombola stalls.



*Joan with her daughter, Pam winning a raffle prize*



*Edna and Tanya*



*Audrey with her daughters, Lorraine and Stella after winning guess the weight of the cake*



*From L/R: Pam, Joan, Alice and in the background, Charlotte with her daughter, Julie*



*Jean with her family*

## ***Home Safari***

One of our favourite activities took place again in June with a welcome visit from the Home Safari. Here are some of our residents enjoying some cuddle time with the exotic critters.



## *Joan Kirrane*

Joan is 87 years old and was married to her husband, Edward for 50 years. She has four children, a daughter, Pam and three sons, Michael, Steven and Christopher.

When she was younger she enjoyed embroidery and going to dances with her friends. During the war she used to sew tents and parachutes for the forces.

Joan joined us initially for respite care and has now decided to live with us permanently having enjoyed her stay and feeling settled here.



Keep up to date with all the comings and goings at Birchfield by following us on Facebook—just search for “Birchfield Residential Care Home”!

## *Emma Grieve*



Emma has been working with us at Birchfield for 2 1/2 months. She and her husband, Lewis, have been married for 11 years and have three children, Elisa, Luke and

Mason. Emma likes to go camping and socialising. We are very pleased to say that she is settling in very well at Birchfield and the residents enjoy her company very much.

## *Respite Care*

The holiday season is now well and truly upon us and we currently have availability in our ***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.



## ***Regular Activities***

*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.***

***We also have board games placed out 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***

### **Afternoon Tea**

23rd September

### **Poppy the PAT Dog Visit**

6th October

### **Reminiscence Afternoon**

20th November

### **Christmas Fair**

5th December

### **Christmas Show with the Northeast Producers**

15th December at 2pm

### **Christmas Party**

21st December at 2pm

## ***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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