



Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre was held on 28th July and as always, was very well supported by family, friends, staff and even some ladies who have enjoyed respite care with us in the past— it was lovely to see everyone.



Wonderful Tombola prizes

We had a fabulous Tombola stall thanks to all the wonderful donations, as well as numerous Raffle prizes which included a DVD player donated to us by Margaret Holden who's mother-in-law has stayed with us for respite care. Jenny Collister won the first prize and kindly gave it to her sister, Grace, who is buying her first home.

Joan and Jack Mounsey, who regularly support our events, again donated lots of items and won the alcohol hamper in the Raffle. Sally Smithson won the food hamper and Nora Braithwaite also won a prize of chocolates and Baileys.



Joan & Jack with their Raffle prize



Lots of chatting & laughter

The atmosphere was great with lots of chatting going on! The management and staff at Birchfield would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported and helped us to raise £205.09 for the Residents' Fund. These funds are used to enable all our residents to enjoy trips out and other activities.

Trip to Cleveley's

Some of our residents enjoyed a trip to Cleveleys in late June. They had a lovely time which started with lunch and then they wandered around the shops where they managed to find plenty of bargains.



Kelly and Ada ready to hit the shops!

Jubilee Celebrations



*Cake donated by
Dixon House*

Our Jubilee Celebration party was held on 5th June and was well supported by residents, friends and families once again. We were also joined by 12 guests from Dixon House, who brought along two beautiful cakes and some lovely onion bhajis. Families and friends also donated cakes.

We watched the Queen on TV and all the residents had a fabulous time waving their flags and enjoying the show. We also met new friends from the local community who came to join in the celebrations. A lovely buffet was made for us by Jenny Collister who did an excellent job. There was also plenty of chatting and story telling as the residents recounted what they could remember of the Queen's reign. We held a small raffle with some lovely chocolate prizes that were donated by Jack and Joan Mounsey. The raffle raised £50 which will be put into our Residents' fund.



Watching the Queen

Summer Crafts



*Connie, Evelyn & Natty
with their crafts*

Residents and staff decided to do some crafts for the Summer Fair. They all had a great time and enjoyed a chat with a cup of tea and biscuits too!

Regular Activities

We aim to bring as much variety and fun into the lives of our residents as we can. We encourage them to continue their own hobbies as well as joining in with organised activities including: baking, card-making, crafts, bingo, dominoes, crosswords and quizzes as well as other 'one-off' activities.

Jubilee Preparations



Emily Toplis spent some time using her baking skills in readiness for our Jubilee Tea. Her efforts were greatly appreciated!

Shoe Box Appeal

Jackie, our cook, has been collecting items for the Forces Shoe Box Appeal. Residents, families and friends have all been making donations. She has filled two boxes and has asked us to pass on her thanks to everyone.

Supporting Students



Paige is a UCLan student training to be a Social Worker and has been with us for the last month on a placement from university.

All the residents and staff have really enjoyed having her here and she has done activities such as knitting and quizzes with the residents and enjoys chatting with them all on a daily basis.

Paige has been an absolute diamond carrying out jobs such as the tea trolley and setting tables.

We are all really sorry to see Paige go as she settled in so well and hope that she has enjoyed the experience as much as we have. We would like to wish her all the best in the future.

Rusty the Donkey



Rusty gives us a smile after Carole's biscuit

Lots of excitement and a biscuit sneakily hidden by Carole was the order of the day on 16th May when we were visited again by our favourite donkey, Rusty.

All the residents eagerly awaited his arrival which was one of the highlights of May.



Emily greets Rusty

Birthday Celebrations

We have had quite a few birthdays recently with Dorothy Smith and Carole Place celebrating their birthdays on the same day followed by John Dean and Margaret Miller a few weeks later. They all had lovely cakes, cards and visitors.



From left, Margaret Miller, John Dean, Dorothy Smith and Carole Place with their birthday cakes

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:

21st September

Margaret Macree will be singing for us at 2.30pm

28th September

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning at 10.00 am
in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

31st October

Halloween Party

5th November

Bonfire Night Party

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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