

Newsletter Summer 2020 Issue 38

Welcome to our Newsletter

As our lives continue to be disrupted by lockdown, we are continuing in our usual optimistic way at Birchfield. Our residents have been enjoying impromptu pub quizzes and bingo afternoons which bring surprises and fun to our afternoons. We are maintaining our regular activities and continuing to provide a safe and homely environment for our residents.

We hope that our newsletter will reassure you and brighten your day.

Our Private Summer Fair

We decided to go ahead and hold our Annual Summer Fair for our residents and staff only. We had a lovely afternoon with lots of fun and games. There was some delicious food including a selection of cheese and ham, olives and feta with red, white and rose wine. We read the history of where all the foods originated and enjoyed cakes, cupcakes, pizza, garlic bread wedges and salad for tea. We also had a tombola, raffle, music and nail treatments available. We had lots of fun and all the money raised will be put into the resident's fund so that we can do something nice at Christmas.



VE Day Celebrations

We were busy at Birchfield for the 75th anniversary celebrations of VE Day. Our residents were served with a lovely dinner made by Curtis and beautifully presented by Alisha. Natty and Nas listened whilst our residents recounted their memories.

The home was decorated beautifully by Pam and Tracie and James, of Senior Fitness, visited to lead our residents in some outdoor, socially distant exercise and fun.

My New Dear Friend

The children of St Peter's School wrote our residents some wonderful 'my new dear friend' letters. The letters were thoughtful and kind and our residents thoroughly enjoyed receiving and reading them.







Cheese & Wine Tasting

May saw us hold a fabulous Cheese & Wine tasting afternoon. Our residents really enjoyed it and it started the Bank Holiday weekend off very well.



Hairdressing Talent

Alisha recently held an entertaining session for our residents, teaching them how to do the perfect 'up-do'. As you can see, the finished creation was very impressive.

We are so proud to have a team of carers at Birchfield with a multitude of different talents that have proved invaluable to us during these trying times—a big thank you to our team!



Respite Care

We know how hard you work to care for your loved ones—we also know that everyone needs a break now and then and this is why we keep a *dedicated respite room*.

If you, or anyone you know would like to take advantage of this service, please call Emma on **01254 266020** — we will be pleased to help in any way that we can.



Keep up to date with all the comings and goings at Birchfield by following us on Facebook—just search for "<u>Birchfield Residential</u> Care Home"!

Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to the lovely lady who made these laundry bags and donated them to our staff for their uniforms.

This means they can go straight into the washing machine once they've been used and we absolutely love them!



Daily Activity Plan

Dominoes, Tasting Sessions, Afternoon Tea, Bingo, Films and Reminiscence Afternoons as well as any trips in the pipeline.

Board games are available daily for everyone to enjoy including cards, noughts & crosses and a radio in the front seating area.

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.

Also, don't forget that our regular **Afternoon Tea** is held every other Wednesday and we welcome you to join us!

Upcoming Events

Country Themed Day

28th August

Macmillan Coffee Morning

18th September

Wear it Pink—Fundraising for Cancer Research

18th October

Country Themed Day

30th October

Halloween Celebrations

31st October

Bonfire Night

5th November

Please keep an eye on the notice board for updated information as some activities may be postponed dependent upon the current government guidelines

Feedback

We welcome your 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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