



**MAY NEWSLETTER
2009**

Changes at BriarGate:

Hello to everyone, we hope you are all keeping well as we say farewell to summer and winter has settled in, making our days shorter and our nights colder. We apologise for not having written a newsletter for so long, unfortunately we have been very busy with an audit (which we've proudly fully attained).

BriarGate Manager Lidija will leave us on the 19th of June.

We are wishing her good health and a good future and big thanks from all of us at BriarGate. We expect to appoint a replacement shortly.

Welcome:

A warm welcome to our new permanent residents and their families who are John Godwin and Maurice Wilson.

Activities:

Unfortunately, as most of you are already aware, Joanna has left BriarGate and in her place we're proud to introduce Valerie who has been taking the residents out on van trips to Long Bay and exciting events such as the wood-carving art expo at Takapuna. Valerie has brightened up BriarGate with her enthusiasm and endless creative decorating and craft ideas.



The gang out on a van trip



Marion, Gordon, Joan, Barbie & Robin at Long Bay



Marion at the beach & Raewyn enjoying an ice cream

April, May & June Birthdays:



A very happy birthday to all the following residents who have celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday.
Eric Shucksmith- 9th April
Mary Mooney- 21st April

- Ena Inglis-29th April
- Mervyn Probine- 30th April
- Ernie Morley- 2nd May
- Courtenay Walker- 12th May
- Richard Hudson- 22nd May
- Alwyn Edwards- 25th May
- Iris Barber- 4th June
- June Monds- 15th June
- Tony Kenyon- 23rd June



Courtenay and Eric blowing out their birthday cake candles



Alwyn and Joan singing a duet

Staff :

We are sad to see a few staff leaving us. Tony Cornish, our maintenance man has moved up north. His cheerfulness and helpful charm will be greatly missed around the rest home. However, one of Tony's friends, Peter will be taking over for him and we're excited to welcome him to the BriarGate family. Cora is also leaving BriarGate in order to study to become a Registered Nurse, she too will be missed immensely by all staff and families. Luckily for us, Sita has agreed to take over the full time position of Unit Supervisor and we're glad to have her back.

Staff Performance:

The staff have had their hands full over the past few months, we sent 8 of our care staff to a First Aid Training course and they are now fully qualified. All of our care staff are also currently enrolled and are working through their ACE Dementia Course training.

Employee of the Month for this month was everyone! Due to the excellent results we got from the audit, the staff were rewarded with little thank-you gifts.



Victor enjoying the sun in the conservatory

Have you heard this one? :



Two old men are chatting and one man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. This pill is amazing." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What's the name of the pill?"

The first man says, "Hmm... The name of the pill!... Let's see... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower... with the thorns? It's red... You give it on Valentine's Day?"

The other man says, "A rose?"

The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill?"

Wishing you all the best and hoping you stay warm and toasty this winter, the staff at BriarGate

