



Changes at BriarGate:

Hello once again family and friends. The weather is warming up and it's about time for another one of BriarGate's newsletters. Quite a few things have been happening here over the past few months, making sure everyone is busy!

Improvements have been made in order to further the efficiency of Management. The single role of Manager is now shared Pam Smith (Registered Nurse), Linn Andersson (Business Manager) and finally, it is our pleasure to introduce Pamela Lake, who has the role of Care Manager. She has comfortably filled this new role with the support of the staff and looks forward to meeting everyone.



Pamela with Jack

We had a professional photographer come in recently to take some new photos for the BriarGate website. That should spruce things up a bit! www.briargate.co.nz

Welcome:

A warm welcome to our new permanent residents and their families who are Paul Wuthrich and May Whyte.

We really do appreciate the difficult adjustments that families make when your loved ones go into care. We aim for the very best level of care for your family member.



Farewell to:

We are sad to announce the passing of Peter. Our sincerest sympathies are extended to the families and friends of this dear man.

What's Happening:

You may have noticed a few changes around BriarGate. Linn and Pamela did some spring cleaning, rearranging furniture and putting up gorgeous new paintings and photographs.



Tony enjoying the new furniture in the sun



Always with the new paintings behind him

The inner courtyard is also being completely replanted. Landscapers are coming in to plant new, colourful flowers for spring. The colours of the plants were specifically chosen as they have a therapeutic effect on our residents.

Management have started organising the next Family Forum for next month. The date has not yet been finalised, when it is, a notice will sent out to all families. We encourage everyone to come along to meet and greet Management and other families. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to meet Pamela, if you haven't already. More information will be given about the new 3 Management roles. Here is a brief summary of the roles:

- Pam Smith (Registered Nurse)
 - Pam's role is very much the same, however she is now more involved in the Management side of BriarGate.
- Linn Andersson (Business Manager)
 - Responsible for finance & accounts
 - Any other business responsibilities
- Pamela Lake (Care Manager)
 - Responsible for staff, daily routines
 - The overseeing of BriarGate

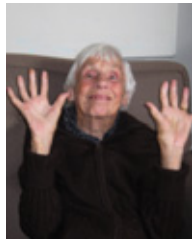
- Even though these roles deal with different aspects of BriarGate, all important decisions and issues are discussed and resolved jointly as 3 pairs of eyes are better than 1. We believe that this new system will benefit us and make BriarGate even far better a place for your loved one.

Activities:

The activities coordinator has been keeping our residents busy with painting, candle-making, movies and games. It really is a pleasure to see the residents getting stuck in to arts and crafts!



Joy and Jean



June being June ☺



May and Joan sitting together in the sun

August and September Birthdays:



A very happy birthday to all the following residents who have celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday.

- Marion Dodd – 3rd Aug**
- Verna Mossong – 25th Aug**
- Joan Davis – 18th Sept**
- David Cutten – 22nd Sept**

Staff :

We are sad to see a few staff leaving us. Tony Cornish, our maintenance man has moved away, seeking the sunny North. He

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, unfortunately has also left BriarGate in order to pursue her career as a Registered Nurse, her smiling face and happy nature will be missed immensely by all staff, families and residents. We wish her all the best for the future. Luckily for us, Sita has agreed to take over the full time position of Unit Supervisor and we're delighted to have her back.



The staff at Cora's farewell

Have you heard this one?



Two elderly women, Mildred and Hazel, were out driving in a car.

As they're driving along to the grocery store, they approach an intersection. The light is red, but Mildred just drives on through. Bewildered, Hazel thinks to herself "I must be losing it. I could've sworn we just drove through a red light."

A few minutes later, they come up to another red light. Again, Mildred drives right on through. Hazel is alarmed, but is still not sure if she's imagining things. At the next intersection, however, Mildred drives through another red light, prompting Hazel to turn to her friend. "Mildred, are you aware that we just ran through three red lights in a row?"

Mildred replies: "You know, I noticed that too!"

Hazel, flabbergasted, says, "You could have gotten us both killed!"

Mildred turns to her slowly, and says, "Me?! I thought *you* were driving!"

Wishing you all the best this spring, The Staff at BriarGate

