



NEWSLETTER August / September 2007

Hi everyone,

I am writing to advise that Pam our Registered Nurse will be away from BriarGate until mid-September. Hopefully she will be back on deck sooner rather than later.

My other bit of news is that Ed Mitchell our maintenance person and also the driver of the day care people will be leaving BriarGate towards the end of September. He has been at BriarGate for over two years and been a real asset to all of us. We thank him for that and wish him well.

A Word of Advice

I am so pleased that some of you come and talk to me about how you are coping at home now your spouse / family member is here at BriarGate. What is interesting is that only just recently a couple of people spoke to me recently about dreams they have, some not so pleasant involving their partners. Please talk about this in your support groups, you will find that others have them also and may be able to tell you how they cope.

WEB SITE

I am pleased to inform you all that the Web site is now up and running. It is not fully developed but we will keep on adding things to it all the time. If you are able to do go to www.briargate.co.nz and have a look, out Newsletters and entertainers feature. There is also a delightful song that you can open with "windows media player". You should all have this feature automatically on your computer.

Welcome: – A very warm welcome to our new residents here at BriarGate, Harold Martin; George Johnson; June Monds and their families

BRIAR LODGE

Briar Lodge is now well and truly up and running. We have had a lot of inquiries and bookings are steady.

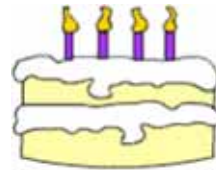
Respite Care at Briar Lodge

Just a reminder that if you are planning a trip away at Christmas and require respite care for your family member please get in touch and book early so you are not disappointed.

If you would like to visit and view Briar Lodge the address is 482 State Highway 16 Kumeu. You can ring Briargate on 09-444-4484 for further details or 09-412-8981 and talk to Filipe about visiting times.

RESIDENTS BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



For August
3rd Marion Dodd
15th Norma Moodie
19th Rita Belcher

For September
4th Jean Ramsden
18th Joan Davis
22nd David Cutten

If we have missed any of your family member(s) please let us know and it will be rectified immediately on our birthday listing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BRIARGATE

Entertainment



Regency Review Master of Ceremonies

On Friday 17 August at 1.30pm a wonderful troupe called "Regency Review" came to BriarGate to entertain our residents.



The Little Fairy at the Bottom of the Garden

They sang all the really old????? (Flanagan and Allen) songs, such as - Strollin', just Strollin, Underneath the Arches and Doing the Lambeth Walk (I had never heard this song). They were really fantastic and the residents so enjoyed singing along with the troupe.



The Three “Bother” Boys

They will be performing again here at BriarGate at 1.30pm on Thursday, 25 October 2007 so come along join us to watch the show, well worth it.

Heating

The new heat pumps have now been installed and certainly doing the job. The lounges are much warmer and cosier.

Call Bell System

We are also having installed a new call bell system in the bedrooms and lounges. This will make the system more efficient, we will be able to monitor all calls at all times.

Staff Cultural Day / Residents Christmas Party

We recently had a staff cultural day which was fabulous. The staff have expressed a real keen interest in having another of these days. Mark the 14 December 2007 at 10.30am on your calendar, this will also be the date of the Residents Christmas Party.

I really encourage you all to come and watch. They put a lot of effort into the concert and their contribution of food from the countries that they come from, you will so enjoy yourselves.

A program for the day will be sent out closer to this date.

Preparing the Luncheon for our Residents

A sneaky photo taken of Filipe and Pele when they were preparing the midday meal.



It was fish pie and lots of vegetables. Looked and smelt delicious.

Resident’s Van Outings

Not any of these recently. The weather has definitely not been in our favour for doing this. Hopefully it will pick up soon and we can start taking our residents’ out again.



We are still going to the Birkenhead RSA and as always you are invited to come and join us there. Wednesday is the day we go there.

OUR STAFF AND WHAT THEY ARE UP TO

- **Melissa Castillo – Activities Co-Ordinator**
What a great job Melissa is doing. Our residents are occupied with plenty going on and some great entertainers. Check out the entertainers list on our Web site and come and join us.

- **Congratulations**
And well done to Soodi who has completed and passed her Dementia papers. Soodi is currently in Iran on holiday and visiting her family. Not too long now before she arrives back home here.

And Finally

Keep warm, stay well and keep checking the internet site

From Jacque and all the staff at BriarGate