

**Changes at BriarGate since  
our last newsletter**

You will have received a letter from Don Watkins our Proprietor advising that Jacque Hodge our GM has resigned and will be leaving on Friday, 12 September 2008. Jacque has been here for over four years and contributed a great deal in the running of BriarGate.



Enclosed with this newsletter is an invitation to an afternoon tea.

BriarGate will continue with the same staff and when a new GM is appointed we will of course advise you of this.

Our best wishes to Jacque in whatever venture she is off to do. She will be fondly remembered and definitely not forgotten.

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**Welcome:**

A warm welcome to our new residents' and their families who are - Lixia Wang and Mary Norton

We really do appreciate that you the family member(s) / relative(s) make huge adjustments when your loved ones are in care. Our aim is always to do our very best to maintain that level of care that they have received prior to coming into BriarGate.

**Farewell to:**

Hilda Wilson and Alf Gent.

Hilda was a long time resident and made her mark by being the one that sat at the front entrance and was always just here for a holiday, well Hilda get well and come home soon. Our grateful thanks to Joy for all she did for BriarGate as well whilst Hilda was here.

Joy contributed to raffles and was always present at our functions. Hilda's birthday's always bought a large family contingent enjoying lunch with her.

Alf has moved on and will sorely missed as will Decima his wife who sat with Alf every day.

This reiterates the point of us being a family driven facility, always encouraging participation.

**Residents Activities / Entertainment:**

**Entertaining** - In recognition of Alzheimer's Week 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July BriarGate held a week of activities which was a resounding success. Under Linn's capable eye the residents made their Crowns, Handprints and a Poster of Past Residents. The food, entertainment and activities was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Our entertainers were John of Bunch of Thyme & Ricky and Maureen.



**Mid Winter Spread**



**Mike Capper and Kath**



**Verna and June**



**Peter and Cheryl**



**Our Barbie**

**Entertainment  
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**Lixia**

Entertainment Timetable for each month is displayed in both lounges.

We really would like to encourage you to come along when the entertainers are here at BriarGate and join in with your family member / relative.

**Activities** - Linn and the residents found a break in the weather to plant the summer flowers. Let us hope they get through the rest of the winter and bloom well for the summer.

### August Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes for August 2008:



03/08/08 - Marion Dodd

15/08/08 - Norma Moodie

19/08/08 - Rita Belcher

### CONDOLENCES



We are sad to announce the passing of Nora and Albert.

Nora was a long time resident at BriarGate since early 90's and was very much a part of our family. Our sincere condolences to Stephanie and Lorraine and their families.

We have been informed that Will Brown a past Resident of BriarGate passed away a couple of months ago. Our sincere condolences to Elaine and family.

We Remember and in some small or large way these people have enriched our lives.

### Staff:

It was mentioned in our last newsletter about our staff completing their 12 module papers on Dementia Care Training. We are pleased to advise that the staff pictured in the next column have now received their Certificates.



Chris Simpson; Cheryl Parker; Jacque Hodge; Lee Chun; Coralyn Cruz; Tau Samoa; Sita Maleko and Mafa Van Der Walle.

Congratulations to all of you and well done.

Pam has been away on a cruise (not the one that had all the trouble thank goodness) and has come back ready to take on the world.

Shirley our Admin person is currently off work with a broken ankle and will hopefully be back at work soon.

### BriarLodge Closure:

Most of you will be aware that BriarLodge has had to be closed. A concept that could have and would have been so beneficial to families was caught up in huge red tape making it unsustainable.

We are so sorry to the families that have been affected and hope you don't lose hope that something like BriarLodge will come along again.

### General Information for Families:

The fees were increased from the first of July 2008. If you have not received notice of this and are paying privately please contact us so we can give you the increase amounts. Subsidies are handled at the Whangarei Office.

### Quotation for the Month

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

(Quotation by Sir Winston Churchill)

As always take care and stay healthy  
Jacquie, Pam and the staff of BriarGate