



JUNE / JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Changes at BriarGate since our last newsletter

The weather has been awful and we are mindful of our Residents' being susceptible to chest infections, so our outdoor activities have been limited. There has however not been a lack of entertainers and things to do.

If you have a cold and are feeling miserable please do not come and visit, you can phone to talk to your relative or to see how they are. If you have been infectious make sure you use the alcohol gel at the front door especially when leaving.

ALZHEIMER'S CUPPA FOR A CAUSE

This starts next week and Lynn our Diversional Therapist has organised a very exciting week, where we will be holding our own week for Alzheimer's awareness. The theme is ROYAL MEMORIES. See further details in this newsletter.

STAFF:

We are so proud of the staff members that have completed their Dementia Care Training. They have each done 12 module papers on every aspect of caring for people with Dementia and I am confident that the level of care your relative is receiving at BriarGate reflects the training the staff have had.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Peter, Verna and Courtenay and their families.

Please remember help us out by telling us as much life history of your family member / relative as possible.

CONDOLENCES:

YESTERDAY,
TODAY,



FOREVER

We are sad to announce the passing of Ron, Jimmy and Nina. Our sincerest sympathies are extended to their families.



On Wednesday 16th July we held a service of remembrance for Jim. His daughter Julie kindly did a video of his life and the staff and residents enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea.

Our thanks to Julie and her family for giving us the opportunity to celebrate Jimmy's life with them.

A big thank you for the wonderful spread that Julie and family provided for residents' and staff here at BriarGate – see below.



Joy
overseeing
the
afternoon
tea

We also took the opportunity to remember others that we have loved and lost. Forever held in our memories and hearts.

BriarGate Birthdays for June / July 2008



June

Iris Barber - 04/06/08
June Monks - 15/06/08

July

Yvonne Browne - 21/07/08
Dulcie O'Sullivan - 28/07/08
Dianne Clarke - 29/07/08
Elma Lawrence - 30/07/08

A very Happy Birthday to all the above residents who have celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday.

DIVERSIONAL THERAPY

ALZHIEMERS WEEK 21ST-27TH JULY

All week we will be celebrating all our Residents memories that they share with us and with their families. Their memories are priceless and we are having this party as part of Alzheimer's Week.

Residents will be making and wearing crowns of gold and silver (rich feelings) all our residents are Royalty.

There will be a tree with the Residents hand prints and we are calling it "Putting your mark on Life"

There will be a remembrance board of all our past and lost Residents and we will pay respect to them.

Friday 25th July 2008 12 midday a mid winter dinner will be served for all residents staff and families to enjoy ,BUT we will ask for a donation for the Alzheimer's Association.

Entertainment for this day will be:

10.30am John from a Bunch of Thyme
1.30pm Ricky and Maureen

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT DAY FOR EVERYONE LIVING AND WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S.

RESIDENT OUTINGS:

Jacque our General Manager went out with a few of the residents to King's Plant Barn in Glenfield. A few of the photos below show them shopping for plants.



Mary in charge of the flower trolley



Mary, David and Jacque discussing and admiring the indoor household plants

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE

Three elderly gentlemen, each with hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy isn't it?" "No" the second man replied, "its Thursday." The third man chimed in, "So am I. Lets have a beer." (He he he he)



Roxy and the indoor Bromeliads

RESIDENTS PHOTOS

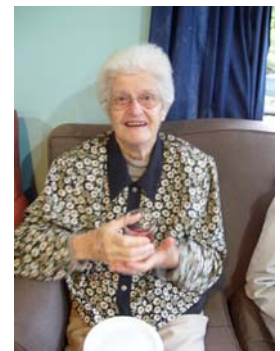
We have in our storeroom downstairs a box of relatives photos. If you wish to look through these please ask the staff and they will take you to them.

MAINTENANCE:HEATH AND SAFETY

The outside entrance area is closed off because the heavy rain has moved the cobbles, please be aware that there are loose cobbles and tread carefully. The centre courtyard is also going to have parts of the decking replaced so care is needed in this area.



Courtenay enjoying afternoon tea



Verna enjoying a drop of grape juice



Peter enjoying the activities taking place

**Some residents enjoying tea and activities
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

When we sum up life's heartaches and hardships,
When we found many trials hard to follow,
When life was a test, it was all for the best
For the heart without hurt, is hollow

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