



**OCTOBER / NOVEMBER**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Changes at BriarGate since our last newsletter**

Once again it is time to give you an update of the continuing upgrading being carried out at BriarGate.

Each residents' room is gradually getting a fresh coat of paint and where needed a new bed and furniture.

The carpet in both lounges and hallways has been replaced and a new call bell system has been installed. This is monitored daily and improves the time that residents' calls are answered.

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**Welcome:**

A warm welcome to our new residents' and their families who are:

**Beni and Joseph**

It is always hard for families to adjust to their loved ones being in care. As I have said previously we can never look after family members as well as the family, what we aim to achieve is that our very best will be good enough for you. Help us out by telling us as much life history of your family member as possible.

**Van Outings:**



Melissa (our activities person) and Tony (our maintenance and van driver) have been taking the residents' out for regular tour rides in the van – this has been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



**Melissa - Activities Co-Ordinator**



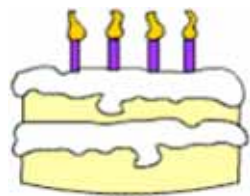
**Tony – Maintenance and Van Driver**

**October / November Birthdays**



**Happy Birthday for: OCTOBER**

- Edward Mills - 07/10/07
- Joseph Low - 11/10/07
- Lindsay Moore - 15/10/07
- Nora Burt - 20/10/07
- Peter Greener - 26/10/07
- Michael McGill - 28/10/07



**Happy Birthday for: NOVEMBER**

- Kay Hassett - 04/11/07
- Jack Marriott - 07/11/07
- Nina Dewar - 13/11/07
- Alf Gent - 15/11/07
- Denys Theuma - 29/11/07

## **Entertainment:**

Our entertainers are a big attraction to the residents' and their families. In October we had Regency Review here who once again were fabulous with good old sing-along music.

As always you are so welcome to come along and join your family member and enjoy our entertainment. Lists are displayed in the lounges.

## **Residents:**

We are sad to announce the passing of Harry, Neville and Sidney. Our sincere sympathies are extended to their families.

A heart-felt farewell to Ken who has moved to hospital care. We will miss his wonderful personality. Thank you to Ken's family for entrusting their father into our care for three years. Best wishes to them all.

Shirley Wilmer said to me recently that meeting and losing people you become fond of is just part of the journey of life. Sometimes in this industry this journey is so sad and we need to focus more on whom we have met and the impact that they have had on our lives and the enrichment and positive things that we take away.

Thank you to Shirley and family for enriching our lives. It was a real pleasure to know Ron and and we do wish him all the very best and much happiness in his new environment.

## **A Wedding Anniversary**



Our congratulations to Dianne and Neale who have recently celebrated 55 years of marriage.

## **Thought for us All**

**A strong nation has people who relate to each other intellectually and spiritually in unity and comradeship**

## **Briar Lodge**



Respite bookings are filling up for January and February 2008. Please book early if you know your plans so you will not be disappointed.

## **Residents Christmas Party**

This is planned for Friday, 14 December 2007. What I can tell you is that everyone will be going out again this year. We will be going to Briar Lodge for the day where there will be good food, entertainment and swimming, so come on haul out those togs, the pool is heated, no excuses accepted. The staff will be in their cultural dress.

We will be organising a coach for the residents to transport them out to BriarLodge. If you wish to travel with them from BriarGate please advise asap.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY PROGRAMME**

**Friday, 14 December 2007**

**9.30am - Depart BriarGate**

**12.30pm - Luncheon**

**Entertainment will be provided**

**For catering purposes we need to know if you will be joining your family member(s) at BriarLodge we would love to see you here.**

**RSVP: to Shirley Harris  
(09)-444-4484 - ext. 4**

**Email admin@briargate.co.nz**

**REMEMBER - KEEP THIS DATE FREE**

**Address for BriarLodge is:  
482 State Highway 16, Kumeu**

**Take care and stay healthy  
Jacquie, Pam and the staff  
of BriarGate**