

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

We wish a happy birthday to our residents who had their birthdays recently. They were; Amanda on the 1st July and Edward on the 2nd July. In August there were several birthday people : Iris on the 1st August, Gladys on the 5th, Vera 9th, Bill 10th, Hazel 11th Cathy 18th Doris 21st and John on the 23rd August. In September we had only one birthday to celebrate and that was for Hildegard on the 10th.

We will be celebrating the following Birthdays for:

October

Jess Power	9 th
Peter Bowyer	15 th
Edward Fortune	17 th

November

Lydia Pusser	7 th
Frank Dore	13 th



We hope that you all enjoyed the birthday flowers and the cake made especially for you by chef.

JULY GARDEN PARTY

Our annual garden party was held on Sunday 13th July. The rain held off and we all had an enjoyable afternoon. The event was very well attended and a total of £500.00 was raised for the Residents' Amenity Fund which helps pay for their outings and entertainment . The top raffle prize of M&S Vouchers was won by Sheila Grisedale, she managed to win some other prizes too! Another lucky family was the McMillans, they also walked away with several prizes. As usual our Chef Mo and her kitchen staff worked very hard to prepare a wonderful buffet, which was appreciated by the residents and their families. The entertainment was provided by Stephen Robbins, who is a particular favourite of our residents as he can get everyone singing along to all those familiar old songs. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets or supported us on the day.

A REVIEW OF THE GARDEN PARTY

By Mrs Patricia Power

On Sunday 13th July we had our garden party. There was a big variety of stalls, tombola, bottle stall, plants and name the doll, all the stalls were very busy.

The plant stall did struggle a bit, but maybe the gardeners among the guests had already planted up their summer baskets. The entertainer was a favourite of the residents and he went down well. The raffle and beer tent seemed to do extra well and Chef Mo's food was up to her usual standard.

There did not seem to have been a lot left over!

It is nice to see the resident's families, as normally you do not see all the relatives together, They all seemed to enjoy the day! Well done to all the staff who worked hard to prepare the garden with the colourful bunting and stalls. The garden looked very nice, our new handyman David had cut the grass and the flowers were very colourful in their pots. We have a new bird feeder and that was a talking point with the visitors. I think the residents went off to their rooms tired and happy and I am sure all the staff were glad to put their feet up!

OBITUARY

We are sad to report the deaths of two of our long time residents.

Miss Ivy Giles



Ivy passed away at the age of 99 years on the 5th July. She became a resident of Barrington Lodge in September 1994 and was a few days away from her 100th birthday.

Mrs Marjorie Cowin

Marjorie died at the age of 104 on the 21st May and had been with us since February 2000.

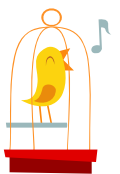
Both ladies are very much missed by the residents and the staff.

FRIENDS MEETING

Please note in your diary that the next Friends Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th September commencing at 6pm. Please come and support us, our meetings are very informal and we are always pleased to see new faces and listen to any new Ideas which may help our residents in any way.

BIRD FEEDING STATION

In memory of Mr Bill Bradley a resident who died in January this year, his family gave a very generous donation to the amenity fund. With this money we have purchased a bird feeding station and a water feature for the garden. Dear Bill Bradley was with us in the nursing home for five years and for a short time his wife Mary was also with us until her death in 2005.



RETIREMENT

Everyone in Barrington will remember our maintenance man Mick Power. Mick had to retire in May this year due to poor health. He joined the staff in January 2001 and was an important member of our team.

If something got broken Mick usually fixed it! We all miss him and wish him well for the future.

HAIRDRESSER

In June our hairdresser Nisha left the nursing home to pursue a new career working for the prison service. We now have a new hairdresser Vanessa and we welcome her to our team.

MATURE THOUGHTS

Understand– I'm not old– I'm merely mature

But some things are changing temporarily, I'm sure.

The newspaper print gets smaller each day, And people speak softer– can't hear what they say.

My teeth are my own (I have the receipt)
And my glasses identify people I meet.
Oh, I've slowed down a bit– not a lot, I am sure,
You see, I'm not old.....Just call me mature.

LEISURE

By W.H. Davies

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

A poor life this if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

RECYCLING APPEAL FOR THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

We have been sending our used printer cartridges to the RNIB, they have an arrangement with a company to recycle these and the RNIB receives a small amount of money for each one. If you have any used printer cartridges please save them and give them to Ann our Administrator. We are also collecting mobile phones that do not work any more. The RNIB cannot accept Epsom inkjet products, apparently these cannot be recycled.



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WINNING POEM

I am a leaf. See how I sway.
Here on my branch I am safe, for today.
A part of the whole, waving about,
I'd like to be noticed but never stand out.

Supple and springy I've summered up here,
The weather my playmate, and misty or clear
The view from my branch is a beautiful thing.
Breezes are tunes and sometimes I sing;

It sounds like a whisper but listen, it's me,
Adding my voice to the song of the tree.
Golden as glory, I bud and I blaze
Dancing like fire in mercurial ways.

I lived high above you. Did you notice at all?
I am a leaf. See now I fall.



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