Birchfield CARE HOME

Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter

We hope everyone had a wonderfully relaxing Christmas and New Year. 2025 brings lots of exciting new things to Birchfield. We can't wait for more visits from local singers and entertainers and to be able to welcome all our friends and family back into our home for coffee mornings and events. One of the biggest changes coming, is welcoming our new Registered Manager Danielle to our team! You can see her introduction below, and we're very excited to have her join our Birchfield family. As always, please feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family so that we can share our home far and wide!

Our Introduction to Danielle



In December our manager, Becky, made the difficult decision to step down from her role. She will be greatly missed, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to our home. Becky told us, *'Since joining Birchfield in April 2022, I have loved every moment of my time here. It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside such a wonderful group of residents, families and staff. Together we have created a caring, homely environment that I am incredibly proud of. Birchfield is so much more than a care home – it has become a family.'*

We're pleased to announce that Danielle will be joining us as our new manager in the second week of February. She first worked as a care support worker over 20 years ago whilst studying to be a teacher. After taking time out to raise children, Danielle went back to work in care and progressed to the role of Registered Manager.

Colleagues describe Danielle as caring, compassionate and committed to making a difference in others' lives. She's passionate about supporting her staff to help them reach their full potential. We believe she will be a strong leader for our team, and we're looking forward to welcoming her to the Birchfield family.

Christmas Smiles!

In the lead up to Christmas we always like to spread some festive cheer with our daily Christmas smiles! This year was no different, and we all enjoyed having our Christmas photos taken—we even had a special four-legged friend take part! We hope you all enjoyed our beautiful smiles and that they helped get you in the mood for Christmas. It's always something we look forward to, along with our other festive activities , such as putting up the decorations and our annual Elf Day!





Sweet Treats for All!

Always popular, our Tuck Shop regularly makes the rounds for our residents. Everyone deserves a sweet treat now and again!

Burns Night

Our residents had great fun getting ready for Burns Night, and, as you can see, they thoroughly enjoyed this year's celebrations—especially the piper, neeps and tatties!



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Eat Out

A few of our residents had a wonderful time during one of our regular 'Eat Out' trips. They enjoyed a trip to a local pub for food and drinks. Everyone enjoyed their meals and had a lovely chat whilst they ate.





Elf Day

Once again, we celebrated our annual Elf Day! Staff and residents all got dressed up in their best elf outfits and in the afternoon we were visited by Steve, who came to sing some wonderfully festive songs! It really got us all into the Christmas spirit and we had a fantastic time singing along.

Go On Tour

Always a firm favourite with our residents, Go On Tour came back to entertain us again with their singing and dancing.

Go On Tour returned with more of their fabulous outfits, jazzy dance moves and brought the festive tunes with them!

We all had a brilliant time joining in, it was lovely to see the home filled with so much singing and joy. We can't wait to be able to invite them back again in the near future!



Daily Activity Plan

Dominoes, Tasting Sessions, Afternoon Tea, Bingo, Films and Reminiscence Afternoons and Trips Out.

Board games are available daily for everyone to enjoy including cards, noughts & crosses and a radio in the front seating area.

Our **hairdresser** calls in weekly, so if you fancy a change or a bit of a 'do' we'll be happy to make an appointment for you.

Our regular ***Afternoon Tea*** *is held every other Wednesday*

In-House Entertainment

We are continuing to provide a variety of activities 'in-house' including themed afternoons as well as re-introducing our external entertainers

Reminiscence time in groups and individually

Card Games and Quizzes

Pampering Afternoons

Arts and Crafts

Flower Arranging

Musical Movement and Exercise Sessions

Film Afternoons

Feedback

We welcome your feedback. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the Home or the service we provide, do let us know. Also, please feel free to send in any articles, memoirs or photo's for inclusion in our newsletter.

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