

THE DEVONSHIRE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There are no Resident or staff birthdays in October



MESSAGES

Dates for your Diary

- 6th - 'Night at the races' DVD event
- 10th - Classical Music Afternoon
- 17th - Tea and scones
- 21st - Western movie bonanza
- 30th - End of Summer time
- 31st - Halloween Party

Fresh Air Drives:

These take place every Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.

Residents Meetings with Jo

These are held at 11am each Wednesday in the main ground floor lounge

5th 12th 19th 26th

Residents Council Meeting

14th *with Jean*

Welcome to: Our new Resident Barbara, we hope that you and your family will be very happy at The Devonshire.

Farewell to: Staff member Justyna, who has sadly returned to Poland due to ill health within her family. We will all miss you Justyna!

Thank you to: Residents, Graham and George who have been weeding the back garden and dead-heading all the flowers.

Good Luck to: Staff members Jacqui who is working towards her NVQ 11 and Trudie who is working towards her NVQ 11

Reminder: Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour at 2am on the 31st October.

Resident Profile.....Barbara D

Barbara was born on 8th July 1924 to proud parents Florence Emma Lily and Ernest Franklin. Barbara was born in Oxford Gardens, Kensington, and she was the eldest of three to her brother, John and sister, Anne.

Barbara said that her little sisters arrival was a big surprise!

Barbara grew up in Muswell Hill, North Finchley and Totteridge and later moved to New Malden. Barbara went to school at St Martins Convent in Muswell Hill and her best friends were Sylvia and Jean both of whom she spent many happy hours with during her school days.

When Barbara left school her first job was at the Westminster Bank in Covent Garden during the war. Later she worked as a secretary and also as a French translator, a skill she continued to use on her travels where she visited many countries such as Khartoum in Egypt, Spain, Norway, France, Italy, Greece and also took a cruise down the Rhine.

Barbara never married. After her mother died, she looked after her father. Barbara has now come to live at The Devonshire and is a very sociable lady. She enjoys cream cakes, chocolate and any food except fish. Her favourite flowers are daffodils.

Thank You:

For all your fantastic comments on our annual questionnaires.

We are in the process of collating the responses and will hopefully have this information for you with the next newsletter.

Most Residents and their families seemed quite content and happy with all matters with the care and services at The Devonshire. There were a few concerns raised about:

- The decor being very boring
- A suggestion that our Care Manager work 'on the floor'
- And as always a few laundry issues

Most Residents love the food and the activities especially the fresh air drives which we are now planning on offering daily.

More details will be shared next newsletter.

Life at The Devonshire

With Autumn now upon us the Residents are using the garden as much as possible when the sun shines before winter sets in. George, Graham, Betty, Jean and Dot H have played cards outdoors and taken time to dead head the pansies.

Vera, Mary R, Eileen, Dob, Irene and Ella have been playing darts along with Annie, Graham and Betty. The winner of the darts tournament was Vera, with Eileen in second place.

Chair exercises remain popular with regular participants Irene, Eileen, Dob, Annie, Mary M, Iris and even Mary H who is 100 years young joining in! Those who want to exercise the brain take part in the morning quizzes instead, including the 'usual suspects' Marj, Connie, Doris, Eileen, Laura, Vera, Mary R, George, Marion, Sylvia, Ruth and Irene. Dorothy P and Annie enjoy the musical quizzes, joined by Dot H, Doris and Mary H for a sing-a-long with Annie commenting that 'the old songs are the best!'

Bingo is played in many forms at The Devonshire including 'original', enjoyed by Doris, Mary H, Ella, Eileen, Vera, Graham, Iris, Dot H, and Mary R. Also card bingo, and musical bingo which is a real favourite with Doris, Dob, Annie, Dorothy P, Jean and Ruth.

Telford, Barbara, Daisy, Joan, Lily, Dolly and Martha have been participating in one to one activities including the papers, art reviews, knitting, reminiscence, and music. Margaret C has also been enjoying scrabble games.

One group activity enjoyed by all was the performance by the Rah Rah Theatre Group on 21st September. As usual cast member Peter recalled all of our Residents names and gave his usual hilarious performance in the show.

*We bid a sad farewell to Margaret W who recently passed away.
Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. We
will miss you!*

THE DEVONSHIRE SOCIAL CALENDAR

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31st October World Events Morning Stroll Halloween Party	Dates for your diary 6th - 'Night at the races' DVD event 10th - Classical Music Afternoon 17th - Tea and scones 21st - Western movie bonanza 31st - Halloween Party		Happy Birthday To: There are no Residents birthdays in October.		1st Weekend News Move that Body Guess that soap line	2nd Weekend News Move that Body Movie & Popcorn Evening
3rd Daily News Bend n Stretch Arts & Crafts Sing-a-Long	4th Daily Papers Morning Stroll Recipe's Old & New Let's Cook Fresh Air Drive	5th World News Move that Body Bingo Marathon Classical Music Time Residents Meeting	6th News Today Gentle Exercise Beauty Salon Fresh air drive	7th Newspapers Musical Movement 50's Film Star's Afternoon Movie	8th Current Events Ball Play One 2 One Morning Quiz	9th Sunday Papers Gentle Stretch Afternoon Movie Evening Quiz
10th Newspapers Move that Body Musical Bingo Classical Music	11th Fresh Air Drive Gentle Exercise Quiz Time Movie & Popcorn Evening	12th Daily Papers Bend n Stretch Let's Cook Look at Cook Books Residents Meeting	13th Current Affairs Reminiscence Beauty Salon Fresh Air Drive	14th World News Bend n Stretch Rummage Box Residents Council Meeting	15th Weekend News Move that Body Late Night Movie	16th Sunday News Musical Movement Afternoon Matinee Board Games
17th World Events Morning Stroll Taboo Game Tea and scones	18th Move that Body Karaoke Afternoon Tea and Scones Fresh Air Drive	19th Daily News Bend n Stretch Reminiscence Residents Meeting	20th Current Events 40's fashion Morning Quiz Beauty Salon Fresh Air Drive	21st Daily Papers Gentle Exercise 40's Film Star's Western Movies	22nd Newspapers Armchair Stretch Arts & Crafts Quiz & Music	23rd Weekend World Morning Stroll Late night movie with chocolates and sherry
24th Daily Papers Gentle Exercise Morning Quiz Afternoon Movie	25th Current Affairs Musical Movement Let's Cook Fresh Air Drive	26th Bend n Stretch Millionaire Quiz Reminiscence Box Residents Meeting	27th News Today Gentle Exercise Beauty Salon Fresh Air Drive	28th News and Views Gentle Stroll Crosswords	29th News today Gentle Exercise Tea in the Garden	30th Weekend Papers Gentle Exercise 40's Film Star's Crosswords Musical Bingo