

# THE DEVONSHIRE

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## Dates for your Diary

- 1st Darts Tournament  
8th Karaoke Afternoon  
13th Barbeque  
21st Rah Rah Theatre Group  
presents 'Summer Frolics'  
27th Bingo Afternoon  
30th Cinema evening with popcorn

## 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

7th 14th 21st 28th

## Residents Council Meeting

16th with Jean

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following  
Residents and staff a very Happy  
Birthday for the month of  
September:

**Residents:** Constance on the 1st,  
Mary R on the 3rd, Dorothy P on the  
21st, Dorothy M on the 22nd, Daisy  
on the 28th and Ruth on the 29th.

**Staff:** Eddie on the 20th



## MESSAGES

**Welcome to** Mary M, we hope you  
and your family will be very happy at  
The Devonshire

**Please note** we recently held a  
training session on Parkinson's  
Disease and we are holding another  
one on 7th September. If there is  
anyone who would like to attend  
please let Jean know.

## **Resident Profile.....Mary M**

Mary was born in Roehampton, London to proud parents Frances Alice and Henry William. Mary was the youngest of four children. She had two brothers; Eric and Norman, and a sister, Joan. Mary had a happy childhood with her family . She has fond memories of her mother at home playing the piano and singing. Mary attended Sacred Heart Convent followed by Putney Upper Grade (Now Putney Girls School).

When Mary left school she went to work in a Post Office, where she met her husband Harold in the canteen. When war broke out, Mary joined the Land Army and on her return she and Harold were married. Mary and Harold spent happy times travelling all over Europe in their three wheeled car. Unfortunately they did not have any children, but Mary has fond memories of her step son and dearly loved her many pets.

Mary worked in various jobs including those in shops and restaurants. She also found time to belong to an Opera Society as a Mezzo Soprano and took part in many stage productions over the years. Another hobby that Mary particularly enjoyed was embroidery and making her own clothes.

Mary has always kept herself very fit and recalls how when she was a young girl she used to walk for miles with her brother. Despite her attempts at dieting, her husband would try to tempt her with chocolate brazils as those were her favourite.

In her spare time now Mary loves reading the classics and listening to opera, enjoys the morning quiz, and makes excellent use of the library. Mary has lived in Worcester Park for over 40 years and is now happily settled at The Devonshire.

## ***Thought for the day.....***

*Be grateful that you don't have everything you want, it means you still have the opportunity to be happier tomorrow than you are today*

## **Life at The Devonshire**

On 10th August Residents at The Devonshire enjoyed the summer barbeque in the garden. George, Graham, Lily and Marianne commented how it was a real treat and what lovely food and good company they were enjoying. Laura, Eileen, Iris, Telford and Doris especially enjoyed Gary's spicy chicken and Betty, Eileen, Mary R, Iris, Ella, Martha and Jean stayed on for a game of cards in the garden along with pots of tea.

The garden has also been used for strawberry and cream teas, enjoyed by everyone; especially George, Eileen, Mary R and Iris who partook in a game of skittles cheered on by Ella and Dot H. The exercises remain popular in the mornings with Dob, Marj, Irene, George, Annie and Mary M joining in.

Connie, Mary M, Mary H, George, Marj, Ruth, Irene, Eileen, Sylvia and Marianne have been participating in the morning quizzes and board games while Margaret C, Irene, Eileen, Ella, Iris and Mary R enjoy the musical bingo and comment on the lovely voices as Dorothy P sings with Margaret H. The musical theme continues during the morning sing-a-longs where Annie, Doris, Dot H, Eileen, Ella, Dorothy P and Graham have been enjoying the dulcet tones of Andy Williams and Frank Sinatra.

The Royal Wedding collage is now finished thanks to the artistic efforts of Vera, Betty, George, Marj, Irene, and the final input by Jean and Ella. Lily, Daisy, Dolly, Joan, Martha and Margaret W have been taking part in one to one activities including the daily news, reminiscence, poetry and music.

The weather has been good and the Residents look forward to their afternoons out with Eddie in the Devonshire van for a fresh air drive and ice cream stop. Irene, Dob, Annie, Iris, Graham, George and Marj are just a few of the Residents who come back very cheerful and ready for their afternoon tea.

# THE DEVONSHIRE SOCIAL CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Happy Birthday to...</b>						
Residents Constance on the 1st, Mary R on the 3rd, Dorothy P on the 21st, Dorothy M on the 22nd, Daisy on the 28th and Ruth on the 29th.						
5th News discussion Bend n Stretch Scrapbooking Name that song	6th Daily Papers Morning Stroll Sing a long Let's Cook <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	7th World News Move that Body Wartime recipes Classical Music Time <b>Residents Meeting</b>	8th News Today Beauty Salon Karaoke Afternoon <b>Fresh air drive</b>	9th Newspapers Musical Movement Collage Afternoon Movie	10th Current Events Let's move! One 2 One TV Quiz	11th Sunday Papers Gentle Stretch Afternoon Movie Evening Quiz
152h Newspapers Move that Body Musical Bingo Music Quiz Tea and scones	13th Current Affairs Gentle Exercise Quiz Time Barbeque <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	14th Daily Papers Bend n Stretch Let's Cook Recipes old and new <b>Residents Meeting</b>	15th Current Affairs Sing a long Beauty Salon <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	16th World News Bend n Stretch Arts and Craft <b>Residents Council Meeting</b>	17th Weekend News Move that Body Late Night Movie	18th Sunday News Musical Movement Afternoon Matinee Board Games
19th World Events Ball Play Bingo Marathon	20th Move that Body Reminiscence Rummage Box <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	21st Daily News Bend n Stretch Rah Rah Theatre Group <b>Residents Meeting</b>	22nd Current Events Taboo Game Morning Quiz Beauty Salon <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	23rd Daily Papers Gentle Exercise 40's Film Star's Afternoon of Classical Music	24th Newspapers Armchair Stretch Arts & Crafts Quiz & Music	25th Weekend World Morning Stroll Late night movie with chocolates and sherry
26th Daily Papers Gentle Exercise Morning Quiz Afternoon Movie	27th Current Affairs Musical Movement Bingo Afternoon <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	28th Bend n Stretch Millionaire Quiz Let's Cook <b>Residents Meeting</b>	29th Headlines Gentle Exercise Arts and Crafts <b>Fresh Air Drive</b>	30th Celebrity News Chair exercises Cinema Evening with popcorn	<b>Dates for your diary</b> 1st Darts Tournament 8th Karaoke Afternoon 13th Barbeque 21st Rah Rah Theatre Group in 'Summer Frolics' 27th Bingo Afternoon 30th Cinema evening with popcorn	