

RMBI news



Summer Garden Parties and Fetes

Our care homes have been busy during the summer, organising a whole host of activities, events and trips for residents. The summer time generally brings good weather and enables our care staff and Activities Co-ordinators to arrange visits and day trips to local places of interest and organise entertainment in the Home.

Garden Party kicks off construction work

Shannon Court, Surrey, held their annual garden party which was attended by residents and guests. The principal guests (see below) were each presented with engraved spades to enable them to 'turn sods of turf' to symbolically 'kick off' the construction of a significant extension to the Home. The extension is to provide increased recreation space for residents.



Shannon Court Garden Party, r-l: Principal guests RW Bro Eric Stuart-Bamford, VW Bro Willie Shackell, President, RMBI and RW Bro Brian Bellinger 'turn sods of turf'.

The Association of Friends of Prince Michael of Kent Court, Watford, hosted their Family Summer Garden Party to which friends and relatives of residents were invited; as well as Almoners of sponsoring Lodges.



Residents from Prince Michael of Kent Court enjoy the Family Summer Party.

Cornwallis Court, Suffolk, held its summer fete where everyone had a lovely afternoon with support from the Association of Friends. The PGM of Suffolk, RW Bro Barry Ross and his wife opened the proceedings.



Liz Fleming, Home Manager with the PGM Barry Ross at the summer fete.

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A day out in the Cotswolds with the Good Neighbours

In July, several residents from Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, Mid Glamorgan, were invited by The Bridgend Good Neighbours, (retired and widowed Masons), to join them on a trip to the Cotswolds where they had lunch in the Wold and visited Bourton-on-the-Water.



Residents enjoying themselves in the Cotswolds.



Resident Mr Roy Gunn enjoying the trip to Dawlish.

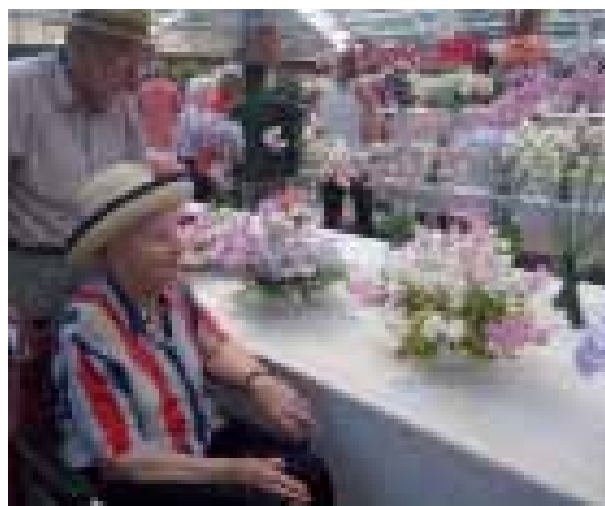
A Gentleman's day out in Dawlish

A number of male residents at Cadogan Court, Exeter, recently visited the seaside resort of Dawlish. The trip included a stop at Gays Creamery where the large ice creams went down a treat on the warm summer's day.

Sweet Peas at Zetland Court

Green fingered residents at Zetland Court, Bournemouth, visited the National Sweet Pea exhibition in Christchurch in June. The residents saw an array of sweet pea blooms in many different colours and species.

Zetland Court also hired the community 'beach hut' at Branksome Dene Chine beach and took residents to the seaside for the day.



Mr and Mrs March at the National Sweet Pea exhibition.

Scarborough Court enjoys all things summer

With the support of the Association of Friends of Scarborough Court, Northumberland, residents enjoyed an excellent day out at Wallington Hall, House and Gardens. They had a wonderful time exploring the lovely estate; enjoyed a really good lunch and luckily the weather held out for them.

Scarborough Court also celebrated American Independence Day with popcorn and doughnuts followed by a quiz.



Scarborough Court residents at Wallington Hall.

A Breath of Fresh Air at Devonshire Court



Wearing purple and red at the Purple & Red Poetry Day.

Devonshire Court, Leicester, entered the 'Breath of Fresh Air' competition organised by NAPA.

The staff at the Home arranged many outdoor activities and got many of their residents to join in. Starting with a Pimms afternoon, they went on to have an 'Explorer's Trip', a Treasure Hunt around the Home's grounds and the Devonshire Court Olympic Games proved a great success. The week also involved a visit to Bradgate Park, Teddy Bears Picnic and a Purple & Red Poetry Day where everyone that attended wore purple or red.

Everyone had a lovely week and enjoyed 'A Breath of Fresh Air'.



Residents from Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court enjoy the luncheon.

A Special Luncheon

Residents from Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court, Essex, enjoyed a special luncheon which was laid on by their Association of Friends members. Held in a marquee in the Home's grounds, the lunch included a delicious buffet meal of cold meats, smoked salmon and a variety of salads, followed by strawberries and cream. Many of the residents invited guests and everyone had a lovely afternoon.



Mrs Maguire and Mrs Brocklehurst enjoy the wine and strawberries.

Strawberries, sparkling wine and Wimbledon!

Residents at Connaught Court, York, enjoyed a strawberry and sparkling wine afternoon whilst watching the Men's Final at Wimbledon. Residents were also treated to a visit to a local bird garden which was thoroughly enjoyed.

St George's Day celebrations

Residents at James Terry Court, Croydon celebrated St George's Day in style with entertainment provided by SG Productions, food and drink. The day was a great success and enjoyed by the residents.



Residents enjoy the St George's Day celebrations.



Resident at Queen Elizabeth Court get up close and personal with an owl.

Birthday celebration and owls at Queen Elizabeth Court

The 30th birthday event was celebrated in style with an anniversary lunch which was enjoyed by all. The lunch included drinks and fabulous entertainment.

Back by popular demand, the North Wales Bird Trust visited Queen Elizabeth Court in June with their beautiful owls. Residents enjoyed the visit, as they were able to see and hold the owls up close as well as learning about their habits and lifestyles.

Surfing the web

Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, Mid Glamorgan, have recently had a computer installed in their activity room and the residents have been making the most of it.

Joe Bennett, 86, Doug Fussell, 89 and Ron Saunders, 85, have been learning how to surf the web and are thrilled to be able to use the computer and to be able to send and receive emails. Doug, also regularly receives photos from his sister in Canada.



L-R, Joe Bennett, Doug Fussell and Ron Saunders enjoy their time on the computer.

Prince George Duke of Kent Court



Residents work hard on their silk paintings.

Prince George Duke of Kent Court, Kent, are extremely fortunate in having established a connection with Dulwich Picture Gallery. The Gallery was the first public picture gallery ever opened in the UK and organises private viewings and workshops.

This year, the Gallery arranged three workshops for residents of Prince George Duke of Kent Court which took place on the Home's premises. The workshops were all facilitated by professional artists linked to the gallery. This enabled residents unable to travel to Dulwich to take part. The picture (above) was taken at one of the sessions.

Bowling for Cadogan

In July, residents at Cadogan Court had an indoor bowling competition where two teams battled it out to the end to be champions.

The winning team was lead by Mr Eric De Rose who was also celebrating his birthday on the day and was very happy with the result.

The activity was enjoyed by all, everyone had great fun and there will be a re-match for the cup soon!



The winning team r-l: Mr Eric De Rose, Mrs Dorothy Jolly, Mrs Ruby Allen, Mrs Myrtle Sanford, Mr Joe Punder, Mrs Shirley Lawery, Mrs Miriam Arthurs, Mrs Joy Perraton.

Thank you for taking part

We would like to thank RMBI residents and their relatives for completing the Customer Satisfaction Survey. Below are the key highlights from the survey results.

- 41% of residents and 51% of next of kins responded to the survey. This is a very encouraging overall response rate.
- Almost 90% of residents felt that their welcome into their Home of choice was excellent or good.
- 90% of residents felt that staff were always courteous towards them and 89% felt they were able to maintain their privacy.

- 85% of residents and 89% of next of kins were very satisfied or satisfied with their Home, and 89% of both residents and next of kins would recommend the Home to someone else.

The survey will be repeated in the future as part of our ongoing commitment to assess the quality of our service provision to residents and their next of kins. A plan of action appropriate to the local circumstances of each Home is being developed to address the points raised from the survey.

Thank you for your input.

Flambard Lodge raises £10,000 for the RMBI

In June 2009, a delegation of members of Flambard Lodge No 6874 visited the RMBI Head Office in London to celebrate the achievement of contributing over £10,000 towards the 2010 Durham Festival.

Lodge member, Stewart Bell, had put much time and effort into producing wrist watches and pocket watches branded with the RMBI logo. All funds from the sale of the watches will go towards the Durham Festival.

The RMBI would like to thank Stewart and all the members of Flambard Lodge for their support in raising £10,000 so far.

If any other Lodges and Chapters in Festival for the RMBI are finding innovative ways of raising money, then please let us know and we will help to promote your ideas in whatever way we can.



Flambard Lodge present their cheque.



RMBI products made by Stewart Bell.

‘We are the Champions!’

The Province of Berkshire recently arranged an event where The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra played Symphonic Rock at the Hexagon Venue in Reading. A staggering 948 people attended the concert which was a unique and unforgettable experience.

To all that attended, a hearty thank you.



The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra entertain the Berkshire Province.

Patrons and Grand Patrons

Patrons and Grand Patrons of the RMBI are eligible to attend RMBI Council meetings and AGM. The following Council meetings are scheduled for the remaining part of the year:

Wednesday 16th September 2009.

Wednesday 2nd December 2009.

The meetings start at 2.00pm and are held in the Former Boardroom at 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ

The RMBI AGM will be taking place on Wednesday 30th September at The Army & Navy Club in Pall Mall, London.

If you would like to attend either of these meetings or require any further information, please call 020 7596 2400 or email enquiries@rmbi.org.uk

Please also visit the RMBI website, www.rmbi.org.uk, for more fundraising news.

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