

RMBI news



Scarborough Court Celebrates its First Birthday

To celebrate Scarborough Court's first birthday the Home organised a very successful Garden Party.

At the party a cheque was presented to The Great North Air Ambulance Service by the Friends of Scarborough Court on behalf of the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland. Entertainment was provided by the Home's favourite organists Elsie and Silvia.

The Home had a great time with its special music hall entertainer Allan Cutter who also helped it celebrate its first birthday.



Attendees at Scarborough Court's first birthday celebrations pose for a picture at the Garden Party.

Stisted Hall to remain as RMBI Home

In October it was announced that Stisted Hall in Braintree, Essex is to remain as the permanent Home of Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court.

The announcement, made at the Home by David Innes, Chief Executive of the RMBI, was applauded by residents, relatives, staff, members of the Association of Friends and the local Province. Chris Caine, Chairman of the RMBI was also present for the announcement. David Innes informed the residents "You will be able to continue to enjoy living here at Stisted Hall and the RMBI will continue caring for you."

The RMBI had planned to rebuild the Home at a site in Bocking. However, due to planning restrictions and the current financial climate the decision was taken not to proceed with the new build.

The Home will now receive maintenance work to ensure that it remains at a high standard and is suitable for present and future use. Mrs Proctor, a resident at the Home said: "I am so pleased that we are staying. This is my home."

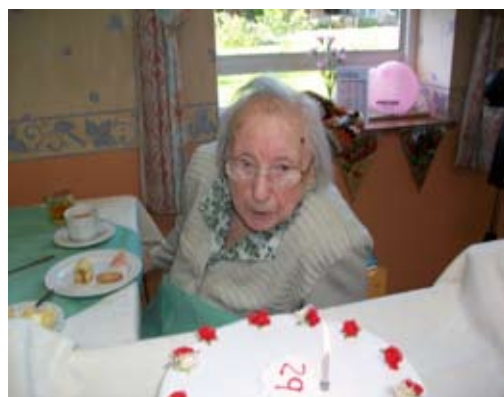


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Birthdays and Anniversaries

The celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries continue. James Terry Court, Croydon, celebrated its 29th birthday with its oldest resident at the Home blowing out the candles.



James Terry Court celebrates its 29th birthday.

Peter and Shirley Lawery recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary at Cadogan Court, Exeter. Peter presented Shirley with a lovely bouquet of flowers. Also at the Home, Malcolm and Sybil Martin celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

At Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, Mid Glamorgan, resident Mrs Evelyn Warman celebrated her 105th birthday. Mrs Warman has been a resident at the Home for 11 years and is still a very independent and mobile lady who attends all events. To help celebrate, the Lady Mayor, Mrs Rosemary Deere brought her flowers.



Peter and Shirley Lawery celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.



Malcolm and Sybil Martin celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.



Mrs Warman celebrates her 105th birthday at Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court.

Gala Dinner

The Widnes Group organised a Gala Dinner at Ecclesholme, Manchester which raised £750. The funds were donated to the Friends of Ecclesholme to use for the benefit of the residents at the Home.



L-R: Widnes Group Chairman W.Bro. David Redhead presents a cheque to W.Bro. Michael Gouldsbrough, Chairman of the Association of Friends of Ecclesholme.

Garden Open Day

Connaught Court, York, held a Garden Open Day at the Dementia Support Unit Fred Crosland House to launch the new sensory garden. The Friends of Connaught Court donated a bench for the garden which has been a delight for the residents. The Friends and representatives from the Lodges attended the event to show their support.



Mrs Porter & Mr Leach relax on the bench that was donated by the Friends of Connaught Court.

A Fun Founders' Day

Lord Harris Court in Berkshire celebrated Founders' Day with a Fun Day for the residents. Staff donned their outfits and took the residents out to enjoy various games. The finale was a wheelchair assault course, greatly enjoyed by residents, especially when the Managers were in the wheelchairs! The weather was perfect and a good day was had by all.



Staff at Lord Harris Court down around on their Founders' Fun Day

Pet Therapy

Residents at Queen Elizabeth Court, Llandudno, have been receiving a different type of therapy. Kameron, a dog from Pets As Therapy, has been visiting the Home for a few weeks and has proved to be very popular.

It is found that some residents, especially those that are ill, often feel isolated. However, barriers are let down, even amongst those that are most withdrawn when their regular Pets As Therapy visiting dog is around, providing a little extra boost.



Mrs Tess Lowe with Kameron from Pets As Therapy.

Fundraising for animals

Residents from Zetland Court, Bournemouth, were concerned that local animal charities were struggling due to the recession with more animals being re-homed.

With this in mind, the Home held an animal charity event where the local Cat Protection League and Waggy Tails Dog Rescue were invited to the



Representatives from Waggy Tails Dog Rescue at the garden party at Zetland Court.

Home for a small garden party to help raise funds. A lovely afternoon was had by relatives and friends who attended the party to support the charities. The Home raised £230 and the two charities were delighted with the amount of support shown.

A donkey of a time at Cadogan Court

Residents at Cadogan Court, Exeter, were visited by Mary the donkey from Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary. The residents loved Mary and she was spoilt rotten with carrots and ginger nut biscuits.



Resident Mrs Dorothy Jolly with Mary the donkey.

Tithebarn facelift

The Tithebarn, Liverpool had an official opening of their new Mable Lloyd Therapy Suite. The suite was opened by the late Mable's daughter Maime Bell. Also present were W.Bro. Laurie Scott, Chairman of the Association of Friends and W.Bro. Mr Knowles, Almoner, who also made a generous donation towards the therapy suite. The suite is going to offer a range of treatments from hand and foot massages to aromatherapy for the residents.

There are also some magnificent grounds at the Home with an abundance of flowers and trees.



The British Gas Engineers ready and armed to help The Tithebarn.

A lot of work and effort goes into maintaining the wonderful facility which gives so much pleasure to the residents, staff and visitors. Recently the Home received help from a team of 26 British Gas Engineers. Armed with paint sprays, paint brushes and trimmers they spent a full day painting the boundary fences, garden furniture, dovecote and cutting back undergrowth. The spruce up has made a walk in the gardens more pleasurable.



British Gas Engineers paint the garden bench.

Thanks go to the management of British Gas who chose The Tithebarn as part of a programme to encourage employees to support charities in their own time. They accepted the challenge and did a fantastic job.

Thanks also go to HSBC who carried out a similar project when six bank employees painted a courtyard at the rear of the Home.

World Alzheimer's Day

In all parts of the country people were taking part in Memory Walks on 15th September 2009 to remember people with dementia. Connaught Court, York, organised its own walk where residents, relatives, friends and staff from the Home carried out a sponsored walk and wheelchair push for the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk. The participants started at the Home and made their way to Rowntree Park and back to the Home covering about two miles with residents. A lovely day was had by all and they raised over £400 for the charity.



Residents, relatives, friends and staff outside the Home at the start of their walk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Cadogan Court, Exeter took part in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning to help raise funds for the cancer charity. The coffee morning raised a total of £57.50 for the cause.



Residents Mr Joe Pounder and Mrs Shirley Lawery enjoy the coffee morning.

Harvest Festival

Prince George Duke of Kent Court, Kent, recently held its annual Harvest Festival, Songs of Praise. Residents spent a busy morning packing boxes so that the harvest goods could be sent to the troops in Afghanistan. Much to everyone's satisfaction, at least 40 boxes will be sent out to the troops.



Residents help to pack the harvest festival boxes for the troops.

Ageless Golf creates competition

Residents at Lord Harris Court, Berkshire were the proud winners of the regional Ageless Golf competition in September and are determined to win the half yearly shield. The Home is currently fourth in a league of 33 care homes from various areas.

Ageless Golf is a game for all abilities where participants can either hit or throw a ball to try to hit the targets.



Proud Lord Harris Court residents show off their achievements in winning the Ageless Golf Cup.

Sponsored Walk

Residents at Devonshire Court, Leicestershire carried out a sponsored walk for 'Young at Heart Day'. They had great fun collecting sponsors from the staff, friends & family and raised £76 for their Amenity Fund. They walked around the Home three times and were sponsored per lap. Everyone who took part was thoroughly proud of themselves.



Residents at Devonshire Court carry out a sponsored walk.

Boat Trips

Residents at Prince George Duke of Kent Court, Kent, Ecclesholme in Manchester and The Tithebarn in Liverpool with the Friends of The Tithebarn have all enjoyed boat trips thanks to the warm autumn weather had.



Top left: Residents from Prince George Duke of Kent Court. Top right: Residents from Ecclesholme. Bottom left: Resident from The Tithebarn, all enjoyed their trips out on the boats.

Festival Jewels Appeal

The RMBI is soon to have in place at its Head Office a display cabinet of past RMBI Festival Jewels and other historic paraphernalia.

We would like to appeal to all Freemasons reading this newsletter to consider donating any duplicate/spare RMBI Festival jewels (or any other interesting historical RMBI related items) to our collection.

At the time of writing we are particularly keen to find any jewels from the following Festival periods:

1861 to 1915	1942 to 1943	1984
1917 to 1918	1945 to 1946	1986 to 1989
1922	1962	1993
1927	1969 to 1970	1998
1934	1974	2002
1939	1976 to 1978	2005 to 2007

If you are willing to donate your jewels, please contact RMBI's Fundraising Co-ordinator Duncan Washbrook on 020 7596 2402.



Pictured right: Already donated RMBI Festival Jewels for the collection.

Calendar Delights

Staff at Devonshire Court, Leicestershire have produced a delightful 2010 calendar that highlights the trips the residents have attended.

If you would like to support Devonshire Court in this fundraising initiative by purchasing a calendar priced at £3.50, please contact the Home on 01162 714171.

2010 Durham Festival

The RMBI, in conjunction with The Flambard Lodge No. 6874, are proud to announce the launch of a new fundraising initiative for the 2010 Durham Festival.

For a minimum donation of £11 (inc p&p) we are offering a 2GB USB Storage Pen. These silver pens sport the RMBI logo.

The pen is a working pen with a retractable ball point, works with Vista, XP, 2000 and a driver for '98 is available on request.



If you are interested in supporting this Festival, please make cheques payable to Flambard Lodge No. 6874 and post to: Stewart K Bell 20 Folly Terrace, Pity Me, Durham DH1 5DS.

Stop Press: RMBI London Appeal

The London Appeal began in December 2004, hoping to reach the target of £5,000,000. Different levels of honorifics were put in place to help give the London Lodges and Chapters who donated money recognition for their kindness and support in the Appeal. The final total was announced on Thursday 12th November and exceeded £6 million. Full details will be given in the next newsletter.

The RMBI would like to thank all the London Lodges, Chapters and individual members who made such a valuable contribution towards the charity.

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

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