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# Balmoral Quarterly Newsletter

*Autumn 2015*

Hello again,

Welcome to Balmoral Unit Autumn newsletter.

We have had a very busy summer and the weather has been kind to us. We have celebrated as much of the social season as we could fit it. With Pimms and cream teas for Ascot and strawberries and cream for Wimbledon. The golf is being followed at the moment so everyone is catered for.

Our summer fete was a great success and a big thank you to everyone who supported the day. Whether you donated a prize, bought from the stalls or just came along to enjoy the day, We couldn't have done it without you. Our Nepalese staff put on a beautiful display of cultural dancing and cooked some delicious food to help raise more money and awareness of their homelands plight. And with such marvellous support from our residents, staff, friends and family we raised a lot of money for the Nepalese disaster fund.



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## A VISIT FROM CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY

We had a visit from Chawton house library in May. Sarah Perry brought along two beautiful costumes we could touch and try on along with books and some amazing tales from the library itself. We have to go along and see it for ourselves.





## SING A LONG

We had our first sing a long in May. Everyone gathered in Balmoral lounge we put on the karaoke DVDs and we all sang our hearts out. It was a fun afternoon. Our subsequent sing a long however didn't go as well so we may find another interest to get together for instead. Random sing a longs are always enjoyed so please feel free to start one off.

## SIP AND KNIT

Fewer than usual people from Balmoral attended this popular get together as the tennis took priority but the few who did turn up enjoyed the chatter .....and of course the sherry!

## PERMISSION TO LAND?

At the end of June we had a visit from Paul Smy who told us about his role as an air traffic controller at Heathrow airport. He took us on a journey in our minds and captivated the whole room. Lots of questions were asked and Paul took the time to answer them all. The ex pilots amongst our residents were truly enthralled.

## GAME, SET AND MATCH

All our group afternoons fell to the wayside when the summer tennis began with the French open being televised. I hadn't realised how tennis obsessed our balmoral residents are. We did manage to coax a few to the lounge .....with the tennis on TV in the background. Even our church services took place with the tennis on TVs right until the last minute . Ascot was celebrated with cream teas and Pimms and when Wimbledon arrived the corridors were eerily quiet except for the umpire or the bounce of the ball against the racquet!



## A RIGHT OLD SONG AND DANCE

Marion and her tappers put on an amazing performance on what was the hottest day of the year. The troupe tapped, sang and wowed the audience with their costume changes and energy .A sing a long ended the afternoon followed by a much anticipated cup of tea for everyone.



## FETE PREP

Our summer fete came and went far too quickly. Residents from Balmoral unit donned gloves and aprons and got stuck in to produce some lovely sweets to sell at the fete. Lots of mess and giggles and a taste test too. We made posters and signs to be used to guide people around the areas of the fete too. We had swing dancers , Nepalese dancers , bbq food and Nepalese food. Lots of stalls around the fountain, a raffle and a tombola. We were very lucky to have the sun shine on us as the mayor opened the fete and joined in the fun.

Keith who has sang for us on many occasions and is enjoyed by everyone. compared the day and called the raffle as well as entertaining everyone....a big thank you to him.

We raised lots of money for the Nepalese disaster fund and want to thank everyone who made it possible.





## OUR VINTAGE SUMMER FETE 2015

A brilliant day from start to finish .The sun shone on us .A good turnout and lots of smiles and laughter made lovely memories of this years summer fete. We had music from our much loved entertainer Keith and dancing from a swing group and our own Nepalese staff. Delicious food in abundance was cooked and served from our hardworking kitchen staff along side Nepalese food made by some of the Nepalese staff , with home made lemonade or Pimms there, to take the heat out of the sun. Residents, staff, Family and friends took time to wander around the stalls enjoying the sunshine as they did. The tombola was sold out after an hour and the raffle sold so many tickets the draw was late due to extra ticket folding time. Thank you to my ticket folding helpers....you know who you are.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Hearnshawm  
Rita Nightingale,  
Jim Wheeler,  
Audrey Chalk





## CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY VISIT

After Sarah from Chawton House Library visited Paxhill earlier this year , we booked a bus and went to find out more. Everyone enjoyed the stories about the renovation of the library and the history of the house itself. Looking at the photo albums and the note found in a champagne bottle under the floor let our imaginations run riot. A copy of the message and a new up to date one was placed back in the bottle and put back under the floor for others to uncover in the future.

Tea and cake was enjoyed in the old kitchen which had been used as a set for "the borrowers" series on BBC.







## FINALLY!

We still are looking for short knitting needles and wool if anyone can help.

PS. Not to scare you.....but we are now planning our Christmas parties and outings so if you are willing and able . Put your name down. Ask staff for more details.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 3rd September 2pm	Inter Unit Dominoes	Montgomery Activities Room
Friday 4th September 11am	Holy Communion Catholic	Montgomery Activities Room
Wednesday 9th September 2.15pm	Holy Communion and Service CofE	Balmoral Lounge
Thursday 10th September 1.30pm	Sip and Knit	Windsor Lounge
Wednesday 16th September 2pm	Sax Swing Entertainment with Chris	Montgomery Lounge
Thursday 17th September 2pm	Inter Unit Bingo	Montgomery Activities Room
Wednesday 23rd September 1.30pm	Pets At Home	Balmoral Lounge
Thursday 24th September 10am	McMillan Big Coffee Morning	EMF
Thursday 24th September 1.30pm	Sip and Knit	Windsor Lounge
Thursday 1st October 1.30pm	Inter Unit Dominoes	Montgomery Activities Room
Friday 2nd October 11am	Holy Communion Catholic	Montgomery Activities Room
Wednesday 14th October 2pm	Entertainment With Singer Paul	Montgomery Lounge
Thursday 15th October 2pm	Inter Unit Bingo	Montgomery Activities Room



Tuesday 20th October 1.30pm	Toys of Yesteryear	Montgomery Activities Room
Wednesday 21st October 2.15pm	Holy Communion and Service CofE	Balmoral Lounge
Wednesday 28th October 1.30pm	Big Knit Tea Party	EMF
Thursday 29th October	Pumpkin Carving	All Units
Friday 30th October 2pm	Halloween Party	Montgomery Lounge
Thursday 5th November When it gets dark	Fireworks	On Balmoral Terrace
Friday 6th November 11am	Holy Communion Catholic	Montgomery Activities Room
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Sunday	
Wednesday 11th November AM	Armistice Day Service at the Cenotaph on TV	All Units
Wednesday 11th November 2.15pm	Holy Communion and Service CofE	Balmoral Lounge
Wednesday 12th November 2pm	Talk on the Roots Of Remembrance Day by Kate	Balmoral Lounge
Wednesday 18th November 2pm	Entertainer to be arrange	Montgomery Lounge
Sunday 22nd November 2-5pm	Pax Hill Vintage Christmas Bazaar	Heated Marque
Wednesday 25th November Pick Up 1pm	Bagshot Lea Garden Centre Christmas Decoration	
Friday 4th December 11am	Holy Communion Catholic	Montgomery Activities Room
Wednesday 9th December Pick Up 11.15am	Alton House Christmas Lunch	
Saturday 19th December 2pm	Montgomery Christmas Party	Montgomery Lounge
Sunday 20th December 2pm	Windsor and Balmoral Christmas Party	Balmoral Lounge

More Christmas Activities and Entertainment to be Announced. Please see notice boards on each unit.