



BBCH Autumn Newsletter

Date for the Diary!

The date has been set for our Christmas Fayre, Wednesday the 13th of November 10am-12noon.

There will be loads of lovely gift ideas for Christmas presents and our very popular tombola!

It's always a superb social start to the festive season.

We look forward to seeing all our regulars and new comers from our local community and beyond.

New Plumbing

We are in the process of replacing the boilers from open flue to condenser boilers, in the main building. This new system will be 30% more efficient and better for the environment. It involves a lot of replacement pipe work. The work is due to finish by the end of October. The pressure of the hot and cold water will increase so we will be replacing some of the old pipe work to improve the water flow to the taps.

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**WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
10AM-12NOON**

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Sue Varley's Memorial

by Joan Barnes

When a programme for our celebration of Sue Varley's life was being arranged I was asked to read this verse.

Some people just can't help making a difference in our lives by simply being who they are. They make the world a little brighter, a little warmer, a little gentler and when they are gone we realised how lucky we are to have known them.

To me, it sums up Sue's effect on all our lives it could have been written about her. A Resident put forward the idea of planting a tree in Sue's memory. A silver birch was bought, the soil in the roundabout near the main entrance was generously fortified with compost.



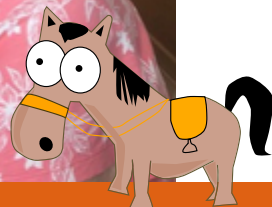
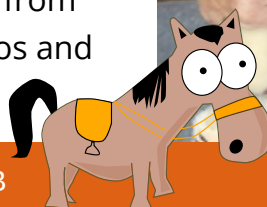
Unfortunately, the weather on Saturday 10th of August was very wet with a strong gusty wind.

A decision was made to hold the celebration indoors. The lounge was transformed into a garden room with space for all the Residents, staff and Sue's family & friends. Those who were to have helped to plant azaleas (Sue's favourite flowers) around the tree took part in a symbolic planting, placing the plants around a vase of flowers on a small table. Dirk spoke movingly about Sue and the respect and love that she had shown for Residents & Staff at BBCH in her work here for 22 years. Following the traditional wine, cake, tea and chat, the weather having improved a number of Sue's family, Residents and staff were able to go outside to see the tree planted and surrounded with the azaleas. The tree now looks perfectly at home and is in exactly the right place. I think that many of us, as we pass to and fro, pause to remember Sue and to be grateful that we had the privilege of knowing her.

The afternoon proved to have been a fitting tribute to a much loved and missed member of staff. Thank you Sue.

A surprise for Maureen Irwin

One of the Residents, Maureen along with her friend, is part of a donkey adoption scheme at a donkey sanctuary. When she was there last, Maureen took some photos of their donkey and sent them to her friend, who was unable to visit on this occasion. In return, she received this lovely 'Scottish' teddy from her friend as a thank you for sending the photos and a donkey update!





Elizabeth's Carpentry Work

Elizabeth Wilson, became a Resident at BBCH just over a year ago. As a teenager she was always interested in wood work and carpentry. Recently she has set up some space in one of the workshops with the help of David and Paul. There was an old bench that was in need of a sanding and re coating with wood preservative, so Elizabeth has been busy prepping the bench and has begun to restore it to its former glory . Suited up with goggles, gloves and face mask, Elizabeth goes straight in with sanding the arms initially , then the seat slats, some of the areas are a bit tricky and the electric sander can't reach., so she does those bits by hand. Can't wait to see it when its finished! Watch this space.



Water Garden

The pond is a popular feature in our grounds. According to the plaque it should be called the Water Garden and was given in memory of Mollie Gillet and Frank Gillet. For many years Mollie served as a Trustee and as clerk to the House Committee (since 1945). Frank was an amazing fundraiser for the Homes, he had the ability to look ahead with enthusiasm. He was on the building subcommittee and a Trustee until he became a resident. His comment was ' a good place but too hot in here' as he turned off the radiator.



Frank Gillet



Did you know...

that the numbered metal tags on the trees alongside the Millennium Walk at BBCH are a means of identification when the health of each tree is assessed every four years.

Harvest Festival

This is a special time of year when everyone contributes to the Harvest Festival Display. Luke bakes a special cottage loaf and Carl fills the baskets with many different veg including gourds that our Resident, Len Robinson grows in his veg garden. Many people make a money contribution. The items were collected by the Salvation Army (Citadel Corps) for delivery to local people in need. We received a letter from the Salvation Army thanking us for the cheque for £176.75 and all the generous harvest gifts.



Congratulations to Yolana and Maggie for celebrating 20 years at BBCH.

