

The Royal Star & Garter Homes' Resident Celebrates 100th Birthday

31 August 2017 - Residents, family, staff and volunteers at The Royal Star & Garter Home in Solihull joined together to celebrate resident Joan Taylor's 100th birthday. The Home, which cares for disabled veterans and their spouses, made sure it was a birthday to remember with surprise performances, giant balloons, a spectacular cake and a party in her honour.



Joan cutting the beautiful cake



Stuart Davis, the Major of Solihull, with Joan

Joan made sure she celebrated her milestone birthday in style, starting her day with a trip to the in-house hairdresser and receiving visits from other residents wanting to wish her many happy returns.

Later on there was a surprise performance by Mickie Driver from the Not Forgotten



Joan with her card from Her Majesty The Queen and flowers

Association. Mickie had promised Joan he would visit on her birthday and he held true to his word. As Joan made her way to the communal lounge, she was met by Mickie and rapturous applause from fellow residents. His performance didn't disappoint and everyone had a great time watching Mickie sing and dance to well-known tunes.



Joan surrounded by friends and family

After the performance, Joan enjoyed lunch with her family before receiving a visit from Stuart Davis, the Mayor of Solihull, who presented Joan with a beautiful basket of flowers. To top the day off, Joan then enjoyed an afternoon party with her friends and loved-ones in attendance where she was given more flowers and presents.

Joan commented on her day, *"I'm absolutely overwhelmed by all the love and attention that has been shown to me today. I haven't even had time to open my cards yet!"*

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2018.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

The Charity celebrated its centenary in 2016: providing specialist care for disabled veterans since 1916.

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