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Veterans' care home celebrates resident's 102nd birthday

Friends and family gathered at The Royal Star & Garter Homes in Surbiton to celebrate the 102nd birthday of Marjorie 'Johnnie' Steiner.

The birthday bash on Thursday 11 October was put on by the Home, and featured a delicious birthday cake, Champagne, singers and a pianist who led a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.



Residents and staff were also present to wish Johnnie, who has lived at the Surbiton Home for nearly four years, many happy returns.

Afterwards, Johnnie's daughter Vicky Peirson praised her mother and The Royal Star & Garter Homes. She said: *"My mother is an inspiration to all of us and I just feel so thankful and pleased that she's here at The Royal Star & Garter Homes, where everyone shows her so much love and kindness, and it's such a happy home. Thank you, The Royal Star & Garter Homes!"*

Johnnie, a great-grandmother, was born in Norwich on 11 October 1916. She married Peter, who served in the RAF, after the Second World War, and they settled in Enfield, North London, where she worked as a hairdresser.



The Royal Star & Garter Homes looks after military veterans living with disability or dementia. It also has a Home in Solihull and third will open early next year in High Wycombe.



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Captions: Johnnie with her daughter Vicky Peirson during her birthday party at the Royal Star & Garter Homes

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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 2019.

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.

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