

Very special celebrations at The Old Downs Residential Care Home



Birthday wishes

Last week at The Old Downs Residential Care Home we had a fun-packed time with our resident **Trudy** who turned **99 years young!**

She celebrated with her family, our staff and our fantastic singer **Kevin Walsh** who came in to entertain us for the day. Trudy loved her decorations, flower bouquets and wonderful **pink-iced birthday cake**. She also got a fantastic framed poster which detailed popular songs, films and facts from the year of her birth, 1924. *She shares her birth year with Benny Hill, Marlon Brando and Lauren Bacall no less!*

Happy anniversary

We were also delighted to celebrate **Daphnie's 59th wedding anniversary** with a garden party with her **family and friends**. It was lovely to see her surrounded by loved ones and having celebratory drinks.

All our residents had a **fantastic time celebrating** these wonderful occasions.

Lots of love to Trudy and Daphnie from us all at The Old Downs.





Official Telegraphic Communication London Office

Gertrude Marshall
Friday 8th August 1924

Charges to pay: 2d

99 Years Ago When You Were Born...

The Met Office's twice daily Shipping Forecast was first broadcast on the BBC
The Sunday Express became the first newspaper to publish a crossword
Fridges went on sale in the UK - a 'Frigidaire' cost around £150 - equivalent to £7500 today
George Mallory was reported as 'going strong for the top' of Everest - he was never seen again
Harold Abrahams won 100m Gold & Eric Liddell won 400m Gold at the Paris Olympics
The BBC broadcast the world's first radio play - it was 'Danger' by Richard Hughes

<p>Born in 1924</p> <p>Tony Hancock Benny Hill Marlon Brando Lauren Bacall Lee Marvin Eva Marie Saint</p>	<p>What Things Cost in 1924</p> <p>Average weekly wages: Men: £2 5s - Women £1 4s Average House: £445 - Typical Rent: 5s 6d/week Wolseley 10 Car: £250 - available from Gurneys, London Loaf of bread: 36d - Pint of Milk: 2d Radio in an Oak Cabinet: £30 - equivalent to £1450 today Mackintosh Coat: £1 10s - A pair of Cussets: 12s 11d</p>
<p>Popular Music</p> <p>George Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue Isidore Jones - It Had to Be You Al Johnson - California, Here I Come Arthur Goble & his Gang - Charleston Paul Whiteman - Hinger Awhile Bix Beiderbecke - Fidgety Feet Jelly Roll Morton - King Porter Stomp</p>	<p>Showing in Cinemas</p> <p>All films were still silent - the first 'talkie' was the first singer in 1927 Sherlock, Jr. - Buster Keaton The Thief of Bagdad Green Evan Evans Peter Pan The Sea Hawk</p> <p>The 1st Oscars were held in 1929 - tickets cost 5s</p>

