

We've got one... 101 years of age!

By Clarence, Clarion Independent Reporter.

At last! - the leading Midlands' mobility specialist has achieved a goal that has been awaited since it began trading in 1999 - the privilege of having a CENTURION client - someone of over 100 YEARS OF AGE!

Castle Comfort Centre's research department have always been curious to learn just how many Staffordshire residents are around aged 100 + but despite there probably not being that many, guessed it was only a matter of time before one came along.

MRS ANNIE MAYER, of Biddulph has recently celebrated her 101st BIRTHDAY so we thought it appropriate to pay this remarkable lady a visit at her home in Biddulph.

Annie's RELAXOMATIC adjustable bed was acquired some months ago and whilst many folk getting on in yeMS 'have the bed brought downstairs' in this instance it is far from the case. Twenty-odd steps are negotiated nightly to

the upstairs bedroom (with daughter Ruth following not too far behind) - no sign or even the thought of a stair lift.

She must have been asked a million times if the secret to such longevity is not 'smoking or drinking so we decided to investigate what else is responsible, other than the pure Biddulph air ... answer, simple - 'I've been looked after' In fact for thirty years Annie's three children RUTH, ISABEL & DAVID have been totally dedicated to ensuring that the only place for Mum to spend her yeMS is in her own home - and that is exactly what will continue.

Annie enjoys life to the full, in fact our visit was cut short as the delightful aroma of home cooking meant lunch was about to be punctually served.

Apart from a recent cataract operation on one eye (she is now hoping for the other to be sorted out) visits to the doctor or hospital are infrequent.

Impressive beyond doubt is Annie's memory



Pictured, still going strong with a smile and thumbs up - MRS ANNIE MAYER -101

and knowledge of the area - on mentioning Castle Comfort Centre and her electric bed she responded 'yes, that's the place just along from Porthill roundabout' and continued to give us exact directions how to get back!

We send our warmest regards to a truly wonderful lady, and the Clarion and CCC staff look forward to celebrating her one hundred and second anniversary.

Are you 100 or more? If anyone has information as to just how many centenarians are in the Clarion readership area or you know of someone in particular who has received the Queen's telegram, please tell us.

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Many thanks to all entrants and better luck this issue

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At least nineteen words exist. All must contain the centre letter and no letter can be used more than once. Minimum four letters in each word - no plurals, verb forms ending in 'S' and your entry must have at least one nine letter word.

Good luck...

Post your entry to: CASTLE COMFORT CENTRE FREEPOST 50 HIGH STREET, WOLSTANTON, NEWCASTLE, STAFFS. ST5 0BR (no stamp necessary)

Solution and prize winners - see next CLARION