

A taste of the Continent



Gerald and Audrey Leeson, John and Joan Price, all aged 68, celebrate the day

Euro party feast enjoyed by staff and residents

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Residents at a sheltered housing scheme near Kidderminster enjoyed a taste of the Continent when they celebrated European Neighbours Day.

The residents of Knight Court, Wolverley, shared a European banquet fit for a king yesterday at their Euro party.

Staff and residents enjoyed a wide variety of foods such as Frankfurter sausages from Germany, cheeses from France, pasta from Italy and cake from Poland. They got into the spirit of the event by dressing up as characters from around Europe such as a French onion seller and French maid.

European Neighbours Day was started in

Paris eight years ago. It now spans 582 cities in 22 countries. Last year six million people celebrated the event. The aim is to invite neighbours to share time together around a buffet to share any problems.

Secretary of the residents' social club John Price said: "We are a sociable group, who live in our own self-contained flats. It's very different to the idea of us being an old folks home. So it's great to be able to open our doors, meet with our neighbours and show them what it's like to live independently with peace of mind."