

Miss Ada Henson, born in Newbold Verdon in 1909, who marked her 105th birthday at Bethel Bethesda residential care home in Earl Shilton on September 23 with a card from the Queen

Queen sends card for Ada's 105th birthday

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ONE of the borough's oldest ever residents has reached her 105th birthday.

Ada Henson, originally from Newbold Verdon, marked the milestone on Tuesday September 23, in Bethel Bethesda residential care home in Earl Shilton, where she has lived since 2002.

Supported by staff and visited by relatives, Miss Henson received a card from the Queen to congratulate her on her special day.

Born the eighth of 10 children in 1909, Ada left school to become a domestic servant at Bosworth Park Hospital before moving to Toon's in Earl Shilton.

She became a domestic servant to the Toon family then went to work at the Wolsey factory in Ratby, where she remained until her retirement in the late 1960s.

Staying single, Miss Henson lived in the family home on Main Street, Newbold Verdon, until moving to Bethel Bethesda with her brother Albert in 2002.

Albert died in 2007.

Although she had no children of her own, Miss Henson is still visited by her great niece and great nephew, who went to wish her well on her landmark birthday.

At 105, Miss Henson is now the same age as Hinckley's former oldest man Arthur Moore, who died in 2010.

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Ada Henson celebrated her 106th birthday with a party and cake at the Bethel and Bethesda residential home in Earl Shilton. Ada recently enjoyed a trip to the Battlefield Line steam railway

Birthday wishes for 106-year-old

A GRAND lady who has lived through both world wars has celebrated her 106th birthday.

Ada Henson, a resident at Bethel and Bethesda residential home in Earl Shilton, enjoyed cake during a party for her special day with the room adorned with balloons and banners.

She received the customary congratulatory telegram from the Queen and was treated to a sing-a-long.

A spokesman for the home said: "Ada had a lovely time - she particularly liked the cake as she has a bit of a sweet tooth."

Ada, who was one of six sisters and had four brothers, is the last of the family. Never married, she was born in Newbold Verdon and remembers growing up on a farm before going to work in a sock factory. Here she recalls making socks for the soldiers during the Second World War.

Recently she went on a day out to the Battlefield Line at Shackerstone Station, where she had high tea and rode on the steam train. She has lived at the Equity Road East home since 2002.