

# DRUMCONNER

# NEWS

## May 2023

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# Editor's Desk

Hello Residents, Families and Friends!

Welcome to our first Newsletter at Drumconner Care Home!

We are hoping to keep you up to date with all that is going on within the home, focusing on our activities and events that are coming up!

We have ended April by celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Drumconner Care Home! We have had some amazing events put on, from pyjama days, movie afternoons, picture bingo to a staff bakeoff! Please like and follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with what we are up to!

In May, we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III (amongst other things!). We wish you all a sunny and fun May!

*Hannah Guyan*



## May Trivia

The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility!  
In any given year, no month ever begins or ends of the same day of the week as May does!

Zodiac signs: **Taurus and Gemini**  
Birthstone: **Emerald**  
Flower: **Lily of the Valley**

## Quote of the Day

If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.

Napoleon Hill

# Month in Review

## Easter Celebrations

Tracy put on some marvelous decorations for the residents for Easter! The dining room was a shrine to all things spring and egg shaped! The Easter Bunny was in full force this year and all residents received a present from our fluffy friend to celebrate!



## Foodbank Collection

Thank you for helping us in April to organise a collection for the local food bank! We managed to collect a large number of items that we could take to Bournemouth Food Bank at St George's Methodist Church!

## Drumconner Bake Off!

We had a bake off between staff as part of our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations! The entries were absolutely amazing, and it was a close call for our judges to decide who won! Congratulations to Tracy for your fruit topped chocolate orange cake! A bottle of champagne, flowers and bragging rights are on us!





# Month in Review



**Kathleen's Picture Bingo!**



**Movie Afternoon!**



**Drumconner Staff – Around the World!**



**Pyjama Day and Teddy Bears Picnic!**



**Bake Off entrants!**



**Staff Pictures from their Childhood!**

# Upcoming Events

## Mr. Kellogg's coming to visit

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 14:00

## Coronation of King Charles

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of May – from 10:00

## Nick Sellars - Singer

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 11:00

## Phil Cowan - Singer

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 13:30

## Flower Arranging

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 10:30

## Steve Linn - Singer

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 11:00

## Residents Meeting

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May at 13:30

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# Regular Events

Thai Chi every other Tuesday at 15:15

Church Service every Sunday at 10:30

Hairdresser every other Wednesday from 12:00

Bingo! Every Monday at 10:30



## Special Days

- 1<sup>st</sup> May Day Bank Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Harry Potter Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Coronation of King Charles III
- 8<sup>th</sup> Coronation Bank Holiday
- 12<sup>th</sup> National Limerick Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> International Nurses Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> World Cocktail Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> World Hypertension Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> International Tea Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Shavuot
- 29<sup>th</sup> Spring Bank Holiday

# May Birthdays

In May, we celebrate birthdays with:

**Edna H**

**Paul W**

**Len C**

**Connie R**



Kate Smith, Singer, 1<sup>st</sup> May 1909  
Sugar Ray Robinson, Boxer, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1921  
Audrey Hepburn, Actress, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1929  
Michael Palin, Comedian, 5<sup>th</sup> May 1943  
Florence Nightingale, Founder of Nursing, 12<sup>th</sup> May 1820  
Cher, Singer, 20<sup>th</sup> May 1946  
Tony Stewart, Race Car Driver, 20<sup>th</sup> May 1971  
John Wayne, Actor, 26<sup>th</sup> May 1907  
Ian Fleming, Author, 28<sup>th</sup> May 1908

## **Taurus (April 20 – May 20)**

Taurus comes across as quiet and polite, but they can be hot heads at times!

## **Gemini (May 21 – June 20)**

Geminis are smart-witted. They try to gain knowledge and information on every subject they can!

**WOW!**

## **Famous May Inventions: Antibiotic Production**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1948, Andrew Moyer (an American microbiologist) was granted a patent for a method of mass production of penicillin! This led to the wide use of penicillin and has saved many lives over the years!

# A Poem to Share

## *Life Doesn't Frighten Me*

*By Maya Angelou*

Shadows on the wall  
Noises down the hall  
Life doesn't frighten me at all

Bad dogs barking loud  
Big ghosts in a cloud  
Life doesn't frighten me at all

Mean old Mother Goose  
Lions on the loose  
They don't frighten me at all

Dragons breathing flame  
On my counterpane  
That doesn't frighten me at all.

I go boo  
Make them shoo  
I make fun  
Way they run  
I won't cry  
So they fly  
I just smile  
They go wild

Life doesn't frighten me at all.

Tough guys fight  
All alone at night  
Life doesn't frighten me at all.

Panthers in the park  
Strangers in the dark  
No, they don't frighten me at all.

That new classroom where  
Boys all pull my hair  
(Kissy little girls  
With their hair in curls)  
They don't frighten me at all.

Don't show me frogs and snakes  
And listen for my scream,  
If I'm afraid at all  
It's only in my dreams.

I've got a magic charm  
That I keep up my sleeve  
I can walk the ocean floor  
And never have to breathe.

Life doesn't frighten me at all  
Not at all  
Not at all.

Life doesn't frighten me at all.



# Noticeboard



## NEW RESIDENTS

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We have not had any new residents in April 2023. We look forward to welcoming new residents soon!

## NEW STAFF

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A warm welcome to the people who joined our team in the past month!

1. **Edzeal Tampepe – HCA on days**
2. **Tom Boyce – Head Chef (Maternity Cover for Kirsty)**
3. **Imaete Michael – HCA on nights**

We hope that you enjoy your time here with us!

## IN MEMORIAM

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We are fortunate that none of our residents have passed in April 2023.

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

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Residents, families and friends are reminded that there are a number of avenues available for you to express your views, suggestions and complaints.

There are feedback forms available outside at Reception. We are happy to receive feedback at any time and strongly encourage everyone to contribute so that we can ensure that we continue to do the BEST we can.

## CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

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Contributions to our newsletter are encouraged and appreciated!

Articles, photos, reports on community outings, staff news, trivia, poems and amusing stories relating to residents and staff are most welcome.

Please hand in your submission to reception, or email us anytime.

Thank you!



# Noticeboard



## LIBRARY SERVICE

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We have recently enquired in to the set up of the library service at the home via BCP Library service. We are hoping they will be able to help our residents access the library at the home! I will keep you informed of details!

## THANK YOU

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We would like to issue a heartfelt thanks to relatives and volunteers who support us day in and day out. You make such a difference, and we appreciate your time and energy!

## HAIRDRESSER

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We have a hairdresser who attends every other Wednesday. If you would like an appointment, please talk to reception or ask a staff member to write your name down on the list for the hairdresser.

## CHIROPODIST

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The Chiropodist comes and visits the home every six weeks. If you would like to see Marion to get treatment, please liaise with Amanda at reception, who can book you in to the next session.

## CULTURAL CELEBRATION

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We have recently put up a map of the world and shown where our amazing and diverse staff team are from! We are hoping to hold some events from 'Around the World' with our staff helping with inspiration!

## PHYSIOTHERAPIST

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Our in-house physiotherapist (Suzanna) attends the home twice a week. If you have a goal in mind that you would like to reach, please let the staff know so we can ask Suzanna to come and see you!

# Laughing Matters



Two gentlemen (Fred and Sam) went to see a movie. Merely minutes into the movie, Sam heard Fred rustling around. It appeared that he was reaching under all of the seats. “What on earth are you doing, Fred?” asked Sam. Fred indignantly responded, “I had a caramel in my mouth, and it dropped out. I’m trying to find it!” Annoyed, Sam told him not to worry about it — they could get him another caramel later since that one was ruined by now. “But I’ve got to,” said Fred, exasperated. “My teeth are in it!”

A man, living alone, decided he wanted to add a pet companion to his life. After thinking long and hard about the decision, he buys a parrot and brings it home. However, the parrot almost immediately starts insulting the man and becomes really rude. In a moment of frustration, the man picks up the parrot and tosses it into the freezer to teach it a lesson. But when the bird stops squawking, the man panics and opens the freezer. The parrot walks out, looks up at the man, and says, “I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness.” The man replies, “Well, thank you. I forgive you, and I’m sorry too.” The parrot then says, “If you don’t mind my asking... what’d the chicken do?”

What do you call someone with no body and no nose?

*Nobody knows.*

What is the difference between broccoli and boogers?

*Children don't eat broccoli!*


Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants?

*In case he got a hole in one.*

# Spotlight

**BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, . . .**

Shaftesbury Lodge, Poole Road.  
(NEAR WEST STATION.)



Head Master:  
**J. SMALLPAGE, B.A.**  
(LONDON).

**Secondary Education on Modern Lines.**

*House Large, Roomy, and on Highest Part of West Cliff. Holds Borough Medical Officer's Certificate for Sanitary Arrangements.*

INSPECTION INVITED. + +  
PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

## History of Drumconner Care Home

As part of our 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Drumconner Care Home, we have been looking into the history of the building! Did you know that it used to be called Shaftesbury Lodge and was a school for boys which was founded in 1894? The building was used as the Headquarters for The Bournemouth Gordon Boy's Messenger Corps. Boys between 14-16 were admitted and could board at the Home. The school would ensure that the boys were given an education and on leaving were given permanent positions in the army, navy or were helped to move to Australia under the 'Big Brother Movement.'

Drumconner Care Home was opened by Sir Thomas Lees on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1988.

Drumconner Care Home has been owned by Mr. Creasey since its transformation and he remains a regular visitor to the home!

# Famous & Infamous Left-Handers

If you are left-handed, you are in good and not so good company!

Left-handers have graced all walks of life from World leaders to musicians to hooligans and outlaws.

George W. Bush

Queen Elizabeth II

Barack Obama

Nicole Kidman

Jack the Ripper

Napoleon Bonaparte

Aristotle

Oprah Winfrey

Marilyn Monroe

Osama Bin Laden

John F. Kennedy

Ronald Regan

Mahatma Gandhi

Joan of Arc

Bill Gates

John Rockefeller

Albert Einstein

Germaine Greer

Helen Keller

Pelé

Angelina Jolie

Fidel Castro

Michelangelo

Bob Dylan

Bill Clinton

Joan of Arc

Prince William

Judy Garland

Greta Garbo

Harpo Marx