

# NEWSLETTER

## August 2023

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# Editor's Desk



Hello Residents, Families and Friends!

We have had a busy and fun filled July!

We had a great first Drumconner Prom and our first Prom King and Prom Queen were crowned! (Congratulations Roger and Anne!).

In August we look forward to having new singers come to the home to entertain us, and more trips out into the local community!

Behind the scenes we are starting to move over to a new electronic care planning system, which will be much easier for you all to access and keep up to date with what you/your loved ones have been up to! We will keep you updated with our progress!

I hope you all have a sun filled August!

*Hannah Guyan*

## August Trivia

August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar. It has 31 days because Augustus wanted as many days as Julius Caesar's month of July had!

Zodiac signs: **Leo & Virgo**  
Birthstone: **Peridot**  
Flower: **Gladiolus**

## Quote of the Day

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.

- Charles R. Swindoll

# Month in Review

## First Drumconner Prom!

We had our first Drumconner Prom! The residents enjoyed dressing in their finest for a delicious 3 course meal and entertainment from Steve Linn!



## Prom King and Prom Queen

Residents, family, and staff have voted for our Prom King and Prom Queen! Congratulations to Roger and Anne! We hope you enjoy the glory, tiaras and sashes!

## Board Games

On our surprising raining and drizzling days, we have spent our time playing board games and word games!



# Month in Review



**Trip Out to Lockett Fuel!**



**Crafts at 'Craft Box' event**



**Flower Arranging!**



**Trip Out to Christchurch Quay!**



**Trip Out to Upton Park!**



**Entertained by Nick Sellars!**

# Upcoming Events

## **Singer – Phil Cowan**

3<sup>rd</sup> August 13:30

## **Singer – Damian Quinn**

10<sup>th</sup> August 13:30

## **Singer – Nick Sellars**

14<sup>th</sup> August 11:00

## **Flower Arranging**

15<sup>th</sup> August 10:30

## **Singer – Real Deal**

24<sup>th</sup> August 13:30

## **Residents Meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> August 13:30



## **Special Days**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Horses' Birthday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Forgiveness Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Beer Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> International Cat Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> World Indigenous Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> International Youth Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Left-Handers Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ferragosto Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lighthouse Weekend
- 25<sup>th</sup> Daffodil Day

# 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

Trips out! Every Friday with Tracy, Paul and the minibus!

# August Birthdays



In August, we celebrate birthdays with:

**Audrey W**

**Dan P**

**Tina C**

Tony Bennett, Singer, 3rd of August, 1926  
Dustin Hoffman, Actor, 8<sup>th</sup> August 1937  
Melanie Griffith, Actor, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1957  
Magic Johnson, Basketball Player, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1959  
Madonna, Singer, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1958  
Robert De Niro, Actor, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1943  
Patrick Swayze, Actor, 18<sup>th</sup> August 1952  
Bill Clinton, 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the US, 19<sup>th</sup> August 1946  
Sean Connery, Actor, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1930  
Michael Jackson, Singer, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1958

## **Leo (July 22 -August 21)**

Lovable Leos are famously known for their exuberance, loyalty and self-confidence.

## **Virgo (Aug 22 – Sep 22)**

Virgos are logical, practical, and systematic in their approach to life. They are perfectionists at heart.

**WOW!**

### **August in History: Pluto Downgraded**

The redefinition of Pluto as a "dwarf planet" in 2006 by the International Astronomical Union prompted scientific discussions, reshaped our understanding of the solar system, and sparked renewed curiosity about celestial objects.

# A Poem to Share

## *Hope is the thing with feathers*

*By Emily Dickinson*

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

"Hope is the thing with feathers" by Emily Dickinson beautifully personifies hope as a bird that resides in the soul and uplifts the spirit. The poem suggests that hope is a constant companion, singing its tune regardless of the circumstances. It conveys the resilience of hope, even in the face of adversity, and emphasizes that hope requires nothing in return.

# Noticeboard



## NEW RESIDENTS

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A very warm welcome to:

**Tina C**

**Carol C**

We hope that you enjoy your time here!

## NEW STAFF

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A warm welcome also goes to the people who joined our team in the past few months! We hope that you enjoy your time here!

- Michelle C
- Ana M
- Omolara O
- Fumni L
- Gabriel B

## IN MEMORIAM

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To the families and friends of our late residents—may you be comforted by the knowledge that your loved ones are at peace.

**Edna H**

## 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 the Recreation Room. 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 at [ournemouth@drumconner.co.uk](mailto:ournemouth@drumconner.co.uk)

Thank you!



# Noticeboard



## LIBRARY SERVICE

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The library service now come and attend the Home on a monthly basis! Please come to the quiet lounge or discuss with Tracy if you would like to see the selection! The library also take requests if you have anything in mind!

## 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 so very much 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 with Sarah, 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.

## STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

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As voted for by residents, relatives and staff – Vida (carer) has been voted as Staff Member of the Month due to Vida always smiling! Congratulations Vida!

## 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



## The Celebrity

One day a famous old Celebrity went to a Nursing Home to see all of his friends again and see how everyone was doing.

When he got there, he was immediately greeted by everyone because they recognised him instantly.

He said 'Hi' to all of his friends warmly but then noticed one man didn't say anything to him, or even give him a glance.

This was puzzling. Didn't the man know who he was? Surely, he'd seen some of his movies or his TV show! He finally decided to talk to the man.

The Celebrity went up to the old man and stood in front of him, asking: 'Do you know who I am?'

The old man looked at him and quickly said: 'No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you.'

## Missing

I've hunted near, I've hunted far,  
I even looked inside my car,

I've lost my glasses, I'm in need,  
To have them now so I can read.

I loudly swear, and I curse,  
Did I leave them in my purse?

Are they behind the sofa or under the bed?  
OH! there they are - on my head!

By Anne Scott

# Spotlight – Roger Cropley

Roger was born on the 28th of July 1939 Norwich Norfolk. Roger was one of six children to Rachel and Charles. Roger's mother passed away when he was about three. His father died soon after his eldest sister Dinky (Carol) adopted him. They remained very close until she died aged 41. Roger enlisted into the Royal Navy and went to sea. Roger would go on to a posting on Malta where he would meet Emmanuela (Lily). Lily lived on the Mediterranean island of Malta and grew up there and was part of a large Roman Catholic family. At age 17 Lily was going to work at the Phoenicia hotel as a chambermaid. Lily Was on a bus with her friend going to work. At the bus exchange her friend noticed a photograph of a very handsome sailor from the British navy in the photographer's window. The picture was of course Roger who would eventually become her husband one year later. Lily and Roger were married in Malta and a number of months after their marriage they conceived their first child, Josie. They lived on Malta for the first year and lived with Lily's mother and



father who accepted and loved Roger very much. Roger loved the situation as Roger was orphaned very young. Roger and Lily sailed back to England on the Fort Duquesne with their baby Josie in 1962. They first moved to Portsmouth where Roger was posted in the Navy. They travelled back and forth between Portsmouth and Norwich Rogers original birthplace. Roger was posted to Plymouth, Devonport with the Navy this was in the late 60s. They bought their first house in Clarence Place. Fiona was born during this time their middle daughter. Roger was demobbed from the Navy in the early 1970s and got work dredging in Sweden with Lily's brother's Dominic and Victor. Some years later their son Dominic was born. Their family was now complete they continue to live and remain in Plymouth. Roger worked for Plymouth city council parks and highways as a foreman. Roger did some very important and large projects in Plymouth. He was responsible for installing new types of safety barriers on the Parkway 838 bypass right through Plymouth to the Cornwall borders Tamar Bridge. He won many awards for installation of children's parks also. Roger was forced to retire at age 60 in 1999 following a hot air balloon crash on his 60th birthday. Once the dust settled and Roger was feeling well enough, they decided they would move back to Malta to enjoy their retirement in the Sun. They had six lovely years there together. As they got older Dominic their son suggested they came back to England so he could keep his eye on them. This was when they moved to Worthing. Dominic's husband's family lived in Worthing, and this is how we were introduced to the area. Roger and Lily moved to rotary lodge and had 5 fun years there. In March 2020 Adrian and Dominic mid pandemic decided to realise their dream of moving to Bournemouth. Roger and Lily were invited to come and live in Bournemouth with them. In May 2021 Roger and Lily celebrated having been married for 60 years. Unfortunately, that week, Lily passed away very suddenly. Roger then moved to Drumconner, and he is very happy here.

# Word Search

## CAT BREEDS



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Ragdoll  
Bengal  
Bombay  
Siberian  
Tonkinese

Russian Blue  
Himalayan  
Toyger  
Maine Coon  
Bobtail

Sphynx  
Birman  
Manx  
Snowshoe  
Persian