

NEWSLETTER

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Editor's Desk



Hello Residents, Families and Friends!

As we approach the festive season, we have lots of exciting activities going on in the home!

We have a 'Tiffany's at Christmas' theme this year for our Residents and Relatives Christmas Party! This will be on Friday 15th of December and starts at 11:30. If you would like to attend, please email bourne-mouth@drumconner.co.uk in order to book your place! It would be lovely to see you!

We also have our Relatives meeting booked for the 12th of December at 19:00 via Teams. Amanda will be sending out a link for you, but if you have not received it and would like to attend, please email bourne-mouth@drumconner.co.uk

We hope you all have a wonderful December!

Hannah Guyan

December Trivia

December contains the shortest days of the year, making it the darkest month on the calendar!

Zodiac signs: **Sagittarius & Capricorn**

Birthstone: **Tanzanite**

Flower: **Holly**

Quote of the Day

Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your good health has vanished.

Og Mandino

Month in Review



Bingo!

Our residents love playing bingo, especially for prizes! Bingo is played on a weekly basis and is a firm favourite at the home!

Remembrance Day!

Our residents were able to join in with our Remembrance Service at the home and join in with a Remembrance High Tea in the dining room.



Month in Review



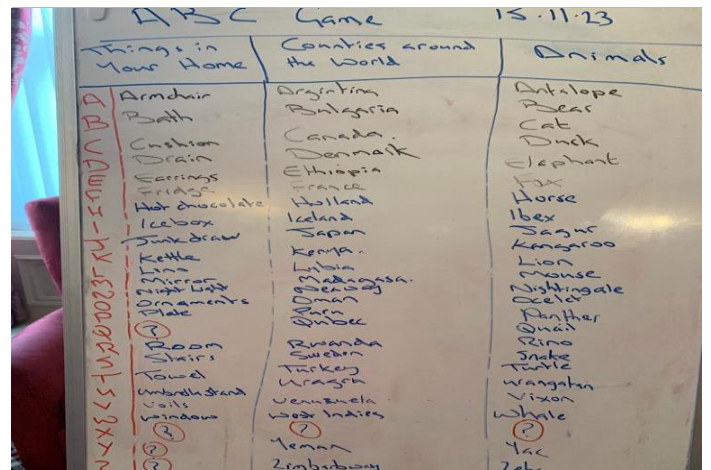
Collection for Waggy Tails Dorset!



Steve Shappelle - Singer!



100th Birthday Celebrations!



Word Games!



Steve Linn - Singer!



Flower Arranging!

Upcoming Events

Singer – Phil Cowen

5th December 13:30

Singer - Paul Hammond

7th December 13:30

G Fitness – with Simon

8th December 10:30

Flower Arranging

12th December 10:30

Residents Christmas Party!

15th December 11:30

Singer – Nick Sellars

18th December 11:00

G Fitness – with Simon

22nd December 10:30

Residents Meeting

28th December 13:30



Special Days

- 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5th International Volunteers Day
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 11th International Mountain Day
- 14th Monkey Day
- 18th International Migrants Day
- 21st Shortest Day
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Boxing Day
- 31st New Years Eve

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

December Birthdays

In December, we celebrate birthdays with:

Bob B
Kate H
James LW
Sylvia L



December 1, 1935 – Woody Allen, Actor, director, comedian
December 3, 1895 – Anna Freud, psychoanalyst, daughter of Sigmund Freud
December 5, 1901 – Walt Disney, animator, entertainment, filmmaker
December 10, 1946 – Gloria Loring, actress, singer
December 12, 1915 – Frank Sinatra, actor, singer, actor
December 13, 1925 – Dick Van Dyke, actor, comedian
December 14, 1503 – Nostradamus, astrologer
December 19, 1790 – Sir William Parry, Arctic explorer
December 22, 1949 – Maurice Gibb, singer, musician, member of the “Bee Gees”,
December 25, 1642 – Sir Isaac Newton, scientist, mathematician
December 30, 1865 – Rudyard Kipling, writer
December 31, 1948 – Donna Summer, singer

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Are known to be loyal and kind to those around them but also direct and honest!

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 20)

Capricorns have their feet firmly on the ground and are matter of fact. They are also humorous and affectionate!

WOW!

December in History: Celebrations

While many Christians and non-Christians alike celebrate Christmas, other cultures mark this time of year with their own holiday traditions. Kwanzaa, celebrated by African Americans, is a way to connect with African culture and historical heritage. Hanukkah, celebrated by the Jewish population, is known as The Festival of Lights!

A Poem to Share



In The Snow

*Winter time has come,
Let's go and have some fun,
In the snow we can play
The whole frosty day.*

*In the snow we can sleigh,
We can ski, we can play with snowballs,
In the snow we can skate,
We can run, we can ride a snowboard.*

*Winter time has come!
We are ready for some fun!*

Noticeboard



NEW RESIDENTS

A very warm welcome to:

- Margaret

We hope that you enjoy your time at Drumconner!

NEW STAFF

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

- Sasha

IN MEMORIAM

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

- Audrey W
- Geoff B
- Ricky C
- Paul R

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

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 by the lift near 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?

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 bourneborough@drumconner.co.uk

Thank you!

Noticeboard



LIBRARY SERVICE

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 takes requests if you have anything in mind!

THANK YOU

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

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

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

As voted for by residents, relatives and staff – Ana M (Day Health Care Assistant) has been voted as Staff Member of the Month by your colleagues! Congratulations Ana!

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

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 older 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 businessman boarded an international flight and found a fancy young woman seated next to him wearing a large diamond ring. During the flight, he asked her about the ring. “It is the Klopman diamond, but it comes with a terrible curse,” she said. “What’s the curse,” he asked. She replied, “Mr. Klopman.”

A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in care homes and hospitals. He visited one care home in Dorset and brought along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs at patients’ bedsides, he said farewell and, “I hope you get better.” One elderly gentleman replied, “I hope you get better, too.”

Why aren’t koalas actual bears?

They don’t meet the koalafications!

Spotlight – Marie Coombes

Marie Louise Coombes 12/7/36 Born Middlesex hospital London. Jim and Elsie, her Mum and Dad, met in London. Elsie was a nanny when she was single but gave up work to care for Marie. Jim, her dad, was an engineer but gave up work in the 60's when he became ill. Both were single siblings, as is Marie, so Marie has no immediate family. Marie was born with cerebral palsy and spent much of her childhood in the Middlesex Hospital where she had many operations to try to straighten her spine. Marie's mum became interested in the teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses when Marie was 4 years old, mum took her to the local kingdom hall where she made a very good friend of Sally, they remained close friends until Sally's death. Marie decided she wanted to be baptised as a Jehovah's Witness, so she did so at Ruislip London, at the annual convention when she was 15 years old. When Marie left school, she did a typing course and passed all the exams with good marks. Unfortunately, because of her disabilities Marie could not find employment. However, Marie did all the typing for the Congregation. Marie learned to love arts and crafts at a day centre. One of the paintings is on her bedroom wall of an evening seascape in Cornwall. Marie was also accomplished at embroidery; She did several and gave them as gifts to her friends. Marie Learned to drive a car in her 20s. Her first car was a 3-wheel trike. There was no stopping Marie getting out and about now, she found



her freedom. In time she acquired an adapted car. She would drive all of the South Country even to Lands End Cornwall. And she loved taking her friends out for the day to the countryside, especially to the New Forest. Gail is her adopted niece. They met in 1986 when Gail moved from South Wales to Poole. When they discovered that they had a mutual friend that once lived in Hampshire and moved to Wales, Marie was close friends with Rose' parents and stayed there often. Marie and Gail became good friends and consider each other as 'family.' Marie would often take Gail and her children out for day trips to the New Forest. Marie loved to go see the horses, we would take a picnic and enjoy spending time together. Gail soon became her carer and contact for times that Marie needed extra help, or was unwell. She lived quite independently in her flat with a little garden with help from community care to do her meals until she was 80 and needed full-time care. Marie enjoys living at Drumconner. Gail says it's her posh live-in hotel. Both Gail and Marie would not want her to live anywhere else.

In Focus - The Shrine of the 3 Kings



One of the most evocative tales in the Bible is that of the journey made by the three wise men to Bethlehem. The Shrine of the Three Kings is a reliquary said to contain their bones. It is a large gilded and decorated triple sarcophagus placed above the high altar of Cologne Cathedral.

It is considered the high point of Mosan Art and the largest reliquary of the Middle Ages. According to legend, the “relics of the Magi” were originally situated at Constantinople but brought to Milan in an oxcart by Eustorgius I, to whom they were entrusted by Emperor Constantine in 314.

Eight centuries later, in 1164, the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa took the relics of the Magi and give them to the Archbishop of Cologne, Rainald of Dassel.

The Shrine is shaped like a basilica with two sarcophagi stand next to each other, with the third sarcophagus resting on their roof ridges.

It is approximately 43 inches wide, 60 inches high, and 87 inches long. The decoration of the structure is rich with filigree and enamel and is covered with over 1000 jewels and beads. The basic structure is made of wood, with gold and silver overlay.

The shrine was finally opened in 1864 and was found to contain the bones of Philip I, Archbishop of Cologne, along with some coins belonging to him.

Today, the Shrine rises above the medieval high altar, making this area the main focus of the Cologne Gothic Cathedral, which was built as a stone reliquary for this precious shrine.