

NEWSLETTER

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Editor's Desk

Hello Residents, Families and Friends!

Thank you to all who have recently completed a questionnaire regarding your feedback of Drumconner! We will be holding a Relatives and Friends meeting at the Home on Thursday 14th of March at 19:00.

At the meeting, we will discuss the feedback given and how we are looking to improve in the future. We will also have cheese, biscuits and wine to encourage as many of you to attend as possible! Please email ournemouth@drumconner.co.uk to confirm your attendance if possible.

We have recently implemented a 'Raise a Concern' form that staff are using in order to document verbal complaints or concerns. If you would like to raise a concern, please alert the clinical team, who will attempt to address your concerns there and then, or escalate to management if needed.

For Red Nose Day this year, we will be holding an event at the home! Details will be finalised this week, and we will let you know how we are fundraising for the occasion!

We hope you all have a wonderful March!

Hannah Guyan

March Trivia

March is called 'Hlyd monath' by Anglo-Saxons, which implies 'Rugged Month' or 'Stormy Month!'

Zodiac signs: **Pisces & Aires**
Birthstone: **Bloodstone**
Flower: **Daffodil**

Quote of the Day

Say something positive, and you'll see something positive.

Jim Thompson.



Month in Review



Digni-tea Event!

We held our first Digni-tea event at Drumconner in aid of Dignity Action Month! We were serenaded by Damion Quinn and we also had delicious sandwiches and cakes made by the kitchen for the occasion! Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the event!



Month in Review



Watching Musicals on the Big Screen!



Tai Chi!



Board Games!



Pancake Day!



Bingo!



Hannah Speaking at Staff Wellbeing Conference!

Upcoming Events

G Fitness – with Simon

1st March 10:30

Singer – Steve Shappelle

6th March 13:30

Singer – Steve Linn

13th March 13:30

Tea @ Abbeyfield

14th March 13:30

Friends and Relatives Meeting

14th March 19:00

Red Nose Day

15th March 13:30

Residents Meeting

21st March 13:30

Singer - Paul Hammond

22nd March 13:30

Flower Arranging

26th March 10:30



Special Days

1st St David's Day

3rd World Wildlife Day

5th St Piran's Day

7th World Book Day

8th International Women's Day

10th Mother's Day

11th Ramadan Begins

15th Red Nose Day

17th St Patrick's Day

20th International Day of Happiness

29th Good Friday

31st Easter Sunday

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

March Birthdays

In March, we celebrate birthdays with:

Amanda B
Patricia W



March 2, 1904 – Theodore Seuss Geisel, “Dr. Seuss”

March 6, 1475 – Michelangelo, Renaissance painter

March 9, 1934 – Yuri Gagarin, Russian astronaut,
first man in space

March 9, 1943 – Bobby Fischer, World Chess
champion

March 14, 1879 – Albert Einstein, physicist

March 22, 1923 – Marcel Marceau, French mime

March 24, 1874 – Harry Houdini, magician

March 25, 1947 – Elton John, English singer,
songwriter, musician

March 30, 1853 – Vincent van Gogh, Dutch painter

March 31, 1934 – Shirley Jones, actress, singer

Pisces (Feb 19 – March 20)

Pisces are compassionate, artistic and wise! They are known to like music, romance and are spiritual!

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Aries are known to be loyal, smart and impulsive! Aries are also the first sign in the zodiac!

March in History: Telephones

On the 10th of March 1876, the first phone call was made by Alexander Graham Bell to his assistant, Mr. Watson.

WOW!

A Poem to Share

Springtime's Joy

Everywhere we look spring has come alive;
Periwinkle, daffodils, hastas growing on the hill.
Many flowers blooming and bees are zooming.
Cause spring has sprung, while all nature sings, bringing forth its young.

There's no doubt that God has put love into springtime;
Springtime is like a new beginning that has come alive.
Just like the hope that has grown within my heart;
Just like the sunshine of His Word can cause much faith to thrive.

When we grow in grace, we grow to be like Him.
When we grow into Jesus, into his power and his might.
The more seeds we sow, the more in Him we'll grow;
Growing forth in his goodness and mercy within his light.

Marvelous are the blooms of springtime's joy;
Just like the joy of Jesus blessing our hearts as we pray.
The joy of Jesus shines when we praise him.
The joy of the Lord is our strength, as we trust each day.

Susan Y Nikitenko
April 16th, 2016

Noticeboard



NEW RESIDENTS

A very warm welcome to:

- Sonia
- Keith

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!

- Inna
- Fathima

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.

Derry M

Anne C

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.

We also have forms for staff to complete called 'Raise a Concern' form. These are for when verbal complaints are raised, so we can ensure that we answer and review all complaints appropriately. Please ask for one to be completed if needed.

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 bournemouth@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 – Angie (Registered Nurse) has won staff member of the month! Angie was voted for by her colleagues and residents earned a £100 bonus! Well done Angie!

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



Does February like March?

No but April May

When do monkeys fall from the sky?

During Ape-ril showers!

What month is the shortest?

May because it only has three letters!

What did summer say to spring?

Help, I'm going to fall!

Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?

Because they just finished a long 31-day long March!

Which spring month can't ever make a decision?

MAYbe

What is Spring's favourite appetizer?

A bloomin' onion!

What month always asks questions and permission?

May!

In Focus - Daniel Preston

I was born on the 19th of August 1986 at Boscombe Hospital in Bournemouth. The hospital has now sadly been torn down. I lived in Christchurch for the first few years of my life before moving and settling down in Hamworthy Park, where I attended Herbert Carter School in Poole. My favourite lessons were anything to do with sport. I played football and cricket and I think I was really good at both. On leaving school I tried numerous jobs, but found I enjoyed labouring on building sites the most, until for health reasons I was unable to continue working. That didn't mean I sat around doing nothing along with a friend to help me we



travelled to Spain and enjoyed the culture including the food and drink, another time we went to Paris and of course we had to go up The Eiffel Tower. Music and concerts were a great part of my life, my favourite artist/DJ being Calvin Harris. I am a massive football fan; I follow the "Gunners" to those who don't know they are the Arsenal team. Watching England and other matches on TV bring me

great joy, and I have never lost my love of Cricket. I have a huge DVD collection to watch, plus have fun playing on my play station. I am looking forward to the summertime for the trips to the pubs with the other gentlemen from here. I used to live at Shaftsbury Court in Bournemouth, which is assisted living, before moving to Drumconner, where I get on with everyone from the residents to all the staff.

