



AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

"ROLL OUT THOSE LAZY, HAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER"

WHO SANG THAT SONG? Well, can you believe that it is August already? By next month, we will start to notice the evenings start to draw in.

August is St Dominics month. By that, I mean Saint Dominic who was born 8th August 1170 and died 6th August 1221, aged just 51.

Quite a handsome chap, don't you think? His feast day is the 8th August and he is celebrated with great pomp and devotion in Malta.

So, what has been happening at St Dominics over the last month? Well, we were entertained by Saul Watts, Michelle and Justine and 3's Company.

'Tea' featured twice, firstly Tea @ 3 when we raised just short of £230 for the wonderful Farleigh Hospice. We had the lovely Tessa Collit singing for us in the conservatory that afternoon. Some of our residents were treated to a Tea Party trip at a school in Coggeshall. More reports to follow.



St Dominics' Strawberry Fayre



We are coming up to our biggest event of the year. Yes, it is our summer fete which this year is themed 'St Dominics' Strawberry Fayre' and this is where we appeal for your help please. We raise funds via this event each year to enable us to continue to give our residents the best entertainments and outings that they deserve.



So, what can you do to help us? Well, we still need lots of new items for our Tombola stall please, so if you have been given a Christmas or Birthday present that you cannot use, please bring it in to us. We are always grateful for goods that we are given for our fete. We also need good quality books, toys, costume jewellery and bric-a-brac. Just a reminder, our fete is on Saturday 12th August, and starts at 2.00pm. The theme this year is anything pink or red and strawberry related.

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Trip to Honeywood School

Gladys, Barbara, Sylvia, Jean W, Helga and Dorrie went in the minibus to Honeywood School to be entertained by the talented children who put on a musical presentation.

There was a choir and solo singers, as well as a drummer and a guitarist performing. Our residents were served with a cream tea and sandwiches before returning home.

Many thanks to Honeywood School for a lovely afternoon.

Decorating the Lounge and Conservatory



So, all the decorations to the Lounge, Dining Room and Conservatory have been completed. The rooms are looking so much brighter now. The new square tables are proving to be very popular and we are going to continue to rearrange them. This is getting larger groups together and conversations are flowing.

Outings to put your name down for



We are looking forward to visiting Cressing Temple Barns on Monday 21st August. We will also be visiting the Coggeshall Flower Festival on Tuesday 29th August, so don't forget to put your name down for these wonderful outings.

Farleigh Hospice Tea Party

We had a very successful Tea Party to raise funds for the marvellous Farleigh Hospice. Singer Tessa Collit sang a medley of popular songs as we enjoyed delicious cakes baked and iced by Letisha. You will be on Bake Off if you aren't careful, Letisha! Our Kitchen staff baked lovely fresh scones and Tiptree Jam Factory supplied tiny jars of strawberry jam and Roddas supplied pots of clotted cream. We would like to thank you all for your support, as Farleigh Hospice provide a wonderful service to the community. We raised £229.70 to help them continue their fantastic work.

Spiders Galore!

Margaret was quite simply fearless when tackling the fete bric-a-brac, books, DVD's and donations and what was in storage for activities in general within our garages. Her less fearless assistant, Ellie, was heard to be shrieking at the sight of a spider or seven! However, Ellie kept busy retrieving the items for use within the home. Margaret has had a good sort out and we thank her for her hard work and bravery!

We would also like to thank Beverley and Jane for sorting through the bric-a-brac left over from the St Mary's Church Fete and washing, packing it up and even delivering it to our door. It made Margaret's job so much easier as she did not have to riffle through these donations. Thank you so much for taking the time to help St Dominics and our offer of a free cream tea stands for both of you on the afternoon of our fete, we hope to see you there!

Trip to Perrywoods

Residents and staff enjoyed a trip to Perrywoods Nursery in Tiptree. Dennis, Ralph, Joyce M, Jean W, Madge and Gladys enjoyed looking at the plants and the shop. Jean bought herself some liquorice and Gladys bought some smellies for herself. Lunch was Fish and Chips and they enjoyed Afternoon Tea with cake before returning home.

This month we meet Dennis Howard

Dennis was born and brought up in Hackney, East London. He had a younger sister, Muriel. They lived with their mother Alice and Great Aunt Jessie. Jessie had been a missionary in Palestine.

Dennis studied for his City and Guilds Qualification in Electrical Engineering during the evenings after work at a local college. After qualifying, he moved to Malvern, Worcestershire, where he worked at the Radar Research Establishment and continued to do so throughout WW2.

Dennis met Mary Kathleen who was born in Malvern and was a Women's Land Army girl. They married in March 1948 and celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary in 2013. They started life living in a single decker bus that Dennis bought at an Auction and converted it into living accommodation. Mary made all the curtains, cushion covers and apparently it looked very much like the one in the photograph! A local farmer they knew gave them permission to park the bus on his land in return for helping out at his fruit farm during the weekends and at harvest time.



As a hobby, Dennis trained at Malvern College in Silver and Gold work and made various items of jewellery. He was also a member of the local Rifle Club and won several competitions. He was even a Radio 'Ham', having worked over 100 stations worldwide and is also a dab hand at Morse Code! Dot dot dot, dash dash, dot dot dot - or something like that.

Dennis and Mary Kathleen had 2 daughters, Mary and Jane and he has 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild. After various moves with his work, living in Surrey, London and Woodford Green, they eventually settled in Tiptree. They both loved the outdoors and on retirement, travelled around the UK in their camper van. Mary, after a long illness, passed away in 2015, aged 92. Dennis continued to live alone at home until he was 98. He is soon to have his 100th Birthday and no doubt the Queen will be writing to congratulate him!



Meghan got MARRIED!



It was not a conventional wedding, not even a building in sight for the ceremony. The bride looked stunning in glittering gold and lilac, the dress matched her beautiful hair. She held bright yellow Chrysanthemums in one hand and her new husband's hand in the other. Meghan was a carer at St Dominics and Sam, her new husband, also worked here so some of you may remember them both. We wish them a very happy married life together.

A really Bonnie Baby has arrived! We must say "Welcome to the World, baby Bonnie!". It is wonderful to be able to tell you that our carer, Aisha, has safely given birth to her first child, a beautiful bonny baby girl, appropriately name Bonnie. I am sure it won't be long before we all get to meet her when Aisha visits St Dominics.



Dates for your diary

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| Thursday 3rd August | 2.30 - 3.30pm | Holy Communion/Service with Simon |
| Monday 7th August | 2.30 - 3.30pm | Twilight Owls |
| | (What is the most common Owl in the UK? A T Towel!) | |
| Saturday 12th August | 2.00 - 4.30pm | St Dominics Strawberry Fayre |
| Thursday 17th August | 2.30 - 3.30pm | Tania Honey |
| Friday 18th August | 2.30 - 3.30pm | Kiddley Divey |
| Monday 21st August | 2.00 - 4.00pm | Crossing Temple Barns |
| Tuesday 29th August | 2.00 - 4.00pm | Coggeshall Flower Festival |

Birthdays in August

Friday 25th August

Alan de Wyche



This months' Quiz

Below are pictures of famous people whose birthdays are in August.



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Charlottes Funnies!

Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?

Answer: I'm bacon!

Q: What do you call six weeks of rain in Scotland?

Answer: Summer!

Q: How do you prevent a Summer cold?

Answer: Catch it in the Winter!

Q: What do you call a French man in sandals?

Answer: Phillipe Phloppe.

What's coming up in September?

We have a choir coming to sing for us on the 6th September at 6.30 in the main lounge. Not to be missed!

And a very special event is coming up too - our very own Sports Day! Are you up for trying the Triple Jump or the Shot Putt? We might find something a little less daunting for you but it is sure to be fun with staff and residents all competing together.