

WELCOME





We extend a warm welcome to five new residents who have come to live with us in Acacia Lodge. They are; **Evelyn Kinnard Bridget May, Betty Norcott, Rowland Cornish** and **Alex Fletcher**. We hope that you have all settled into your new home and have got to know some of our other residents.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



We send belated happy birthday wishes to two September babies and they are:

 **Florence Banister ~ 3rd September**
 **Edna Clare ~ 16th September.**

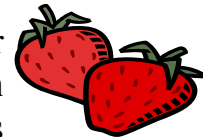
We trust that you both had a happy birthday.



We have no birthdays in October but in November **Kathleen Paris** will celebrate her birthday on the **26th**. We all look forward to wishing her a happy birthday and having a slice of birthday cake made by our chef!

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY AND STRAWBERRY TEA

In July we held our **Annual Garden Party** which was well attended by family members and friends of our residents. The weather was very kind to us and we all had a very pleasant afternoon sitting in the garden. The buffet was very well received by everyone and we say thank you to **Chef Paul** and his kitchen staff. We were entertained by **Brian** whom we have booked on several occasions in the past as he is very popular with our residents. He played his guitar and sung songs for us all to enjoy. Many people joined in to sing lots of the old favourites!



The sale of raffle tickets and 'guess the name of the doll' raised over **£100.00** for the Residents Amenity Fund. The doll's name was Benjamin and it was won by **Lilieth**, one of our care assistants. The first prize of a picnic hamper was won by **Mrs Monica Hirst** one of our residents. Congratulations to all our lucky prize winners and thank you all for supporting our **Residents Amenity Fund**.

RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY



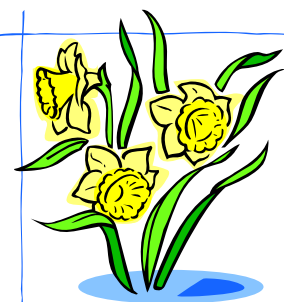
The party for our residents and their families will be held on **Sunday 10th December**. It will commence at 4pm with a Christmas Buffet followed by entertainment. Please watch the notice board for information on our Christmas activities.



We will be having a **Christmas Raffle** and tickets will be on sale from the middle of November. We will be pleased to receive donations for prizes for our raffle; such as festive things to eat, bulbs in bowls etc. All monies raised goes into the **Residents Amenity Fund** to pay for their entertainment and outings.

BULBS FOR CHRISTMAS

Now is the time to think about planting your Hyacinths in bowls for Christmas, this should ideally be done by the end of September or beginning of October. Prepared hyacinths or even miniature daffodils should be purchased and planted in bowls of bulb fibre, well watered and then placed in a cool dark place for about six weeks. When they have grown to about 1" above the soil they can be brought out into the light and placed on a draught free window ledge. Do not let

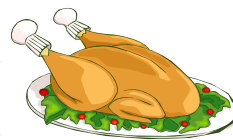


the soil become too dry. By Christmas you should be able to see the buds just starting to appear and a bowl of these flowers will make



CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Christmas Day all our residents are served an excellent Christmas Dinner. It is our practice in Acacia Lodge to say to any family member of our resident who may be on their own, that they are welcome to join their resident for Christmas Dinner. However, our Chef must have some idea as to how many to cater for on Christmas Day. Therefore at the beginning of December on the hall table, there will be a notice for anyone who wishes to join us for Christmas Dinner to add their name on the list for our Chef.



AUTUMN BY T.E. HULME

A touch of cold in the autumn night
I walked abroad,
And saw the ruddy moon lean over a
hedge
Like a red-faced farmer.
I did not stop to speak, but nodded,
And round about were the wistful stars
With white faces like town children.



BONUS BALL

We will be starting our weekly 'Bonus Ball' in November. You can pick your lucky number and if this number is the 'bonus ball' for the national lottery on Saturday night, then you will win half of the pot. The other half goes into the **amenity fund**. If the 'bonus ball' number has not been picked, then there will be a roll over to the next week. If you are interested in taking part, then please speak to Gay.



🎵 ENTERTAINMENT 🎵

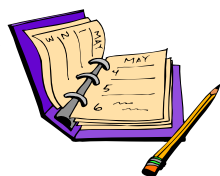
Charles Humphries will be coming to entertain on the **26th October**. He is a comedian who also sings. We then have **Stephen Robbins** on **9th November** who will be along to entertain our residents. He is very popular and makes regular visits. If any family member would like to sit in the lounge with our residents and enjoy the entertainment, then you are always welcome. The full



Christmas programme will be displayed on the Notice board in the hall in early December.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that the next Friends Meeting will be held on **Friday 17th November** commencing at 6pm. All family members of our residents are invited to attend.



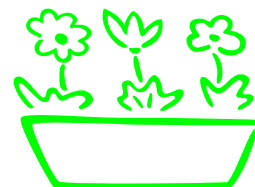
Our meetings are informal and usually last for about one hour. We discuss any topics that may affect residents lives. We will of course be discussing our arrangements for Christmas. Please come and support us, we are always looking for new ideas!

BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Every year there is a competition all over Britain to see which city, town or village has the best floral displays The Champion of Champions was Aberdeen in the City Category, and Brightlingsea, Essex in the Town section.



However the results of this year's London in Bloom competition has just been announced. Judges toured the borough looking at our parks, woods and gardens. **Croydon won two awards** for exceptionally high standards in our parks of the floral displays, such as Park Hill Park and our efforts to protect the environment.



Croydon was given a silver medal in the Large City Category and the Biodiversity Award for the work to manage the wildflower and woodland in **Happy Valley Coulsdon**.



STATELY AS A GALLEON
Joyce Genfell

My neighbour, Mrs Fanshaw, is portly-plump and gay,
She must be over sixty-seven, if she is a day.
You might have thought her life was dull,
It's one long whirl instead.
I asked her all about it, and this is what she said:

I've joined an Olde Thyme Dance Club, the trouble is that there
Are too many ladies over, and no gentlemen to spare.
It seems a shame, it's not the same,
But still it has to be,
Some ladies have to dance together,
One of them is me.

Stately as a galleon, I sail across the floor,
Doing the Military Two-step, as in the days of yore.
I dance with Mrs Tiverton, she's light on her feet, in spite
Of turning the scale at fourteen stone, and being of medium height.
So gay the band,
So giddy the sight,
Full evening dress is a must,
But the zest goes out of a beautiful waltz
When you dance it bust to bust.

So stately as a galleon, I sail across the floor,
Doing the dear old Lancers, as in the days of yore.
I'm led by Mrs Tiverton, she swings me round and round
And though she manoeuvres me wonderfully well
I never get off the ground.
So gay the band
So giddy the sight,
I try not to get depressed.
And it's done me a power of good to explode
And get this lot off my chest.

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