

Birthdays



We send happy birthday wishes to all our residents who had their birthday in October and those who will have a birthday in November and December.

These birthday people are:

Peter Bowyer	15th October
Edward Fortune	17th October
Frank Dore	13th November
Maisie Khan	22nd November
Avis Beckford	1st December
Joanna Duligall	7th December
Ruby Hyde Gomez	8th December
Eileen Aldridge	23rd December



We wish you all a happy birthday and hope you liked the birthday flowers and enjoyed the cake made especially for you by Chef Mo.

LETTER FROM PATRICIA POWER

Well autumn is here and the trees are looking really lovely, soon the Barrington garden will be full of leaves and it will look like a pretty brown carpet. Mick the Handyman is having his annual battle with the squirrels, he puts the bulbs in and they pull them out and replant them elsewhere.

This year saw two of the home's longest servicing members of staff retire, Sister Peggy and Sister Scotts. What a wealth of experience and care they gave to the residents during their working years. We miss them and wish them both happy days doing whatever they like.

The Lodge is now getting ready for Christmas. Dot will be doing the tree and decorations and Tracey and the staff will be getting ready for the party and the raffle. They know how to 'DO' Christmas at Barrington. Please do not forget to buy your raffle tickets, the lucky numbers will be drawn on Christmas Eve. We are also asking for gifts to be donated as prizes for the raffle, so if you have something to offer please speak to Tracey or Ann on reception. Chef Mo is now planning the menus for Christmas and the party, which will be top class as usual.

Finally I wish all our readers a happy Christmas and a bright, health 2008. Please do not forget any unwanted Christmas gifts are always welcome for the Bring and Buy at the garden party in the summer!

Patricia Power.

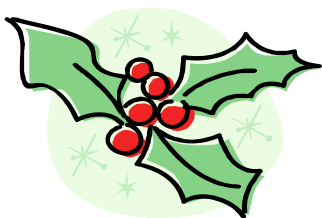
CHRISTMAS PARTY



Just a reminder that the residents' Christmas Party will be on Sunday 9th December. We will be having our usual delicious buffet and the entertainment will be provided by the DJ Vic. The party commences at 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing our residents with their families enjoying the festivities.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now on sale. They can be purchased from Tracey, Ann on reception or ask



any member of staff. The lucky tickets will be drawn on Christmas Eve, and the main prize will be a Hamper sponsored by LRH-homes. so please buy some tickets as all proceeds go to the Residents Amenity Fund to help pay for their entertainment and outings.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 16th November @ 2.00pm
The Entertainer Nathan Rhodes

Friday 23rd November @ 2.00pm
The Entertainer Steve Robbins

Saturday 24th November @ 4.00pm
St. Marks prayers

Thursday 6th December @ 2.00pm
Chemist Shop - Opportunity of purchase gifts

Friday 14th December @ 1.00pm
Trip to Polehill Garden Centre

Monday 17th December @ 3.30pm
Mozart Players in the lounge

Friday 21st December @ 3.30pm
Trip to see London Christmas Lights

Monday 24th December @ 3.00pm
Christmas Raffle drawn

Christmas Day

@ **11.00 am** Sherry and opening of presents.

@ **12.30 pm** Christmas Dinner

Thursday 27th December @ 3.30pm
Entertainment from Steve Robbins

If any family member wishes to have Christmas dinner with their resident, would they please inform Ann on reception on Friday by 14th December so that Chef will know how people to cater for.

CHEF MAUREEN'S TRIP TO MEMPHIS

This year was the 30th Anniversary of Elvis Presley's death and I went to Memphis to take part in the vigil around the grave. The fans of Elvis stood for 7 hours in the heat of 93°. Wreaths had been sent from all around the world for a man loved by the world, a real king of rock and roll. I had been to Memphis a few times before, but this was special, everywhere was crowded with people, the shops, restaurants, hotels and his mansion.

You had to be there just to soak up the atmosphere.

Later I went to a concert which was attended by all of his family. I had seen this concert in London, but it was overwhelming to see it in his home town. Every seat was sold out and they had Elvis singing the song 'Old Shep' with his daughter. All the money from the concert was going to the people of New Orleans, many of whom still have no homes after the storm of 2 years ago. New Orleans was a fantastic place before the storm and we went for a visit there. We finished our trip with a visit to Studio B in Nashville where Elvis recorded 13 Number One hits with his band. We were able to sit at his piano and our group made a CD which was not too bad. It was a fantastic and exhilarating experience.

This whole trip was a dream come true, such a wonderful celebration for a man who was loved by so many and who died on August 16th 1977. There is a message for us all because Elvis was truly loved and he had something very special to give to us all.

CHEF MO

THE PETER PAN SWIMMING RACE



The Peter Pan Cup was founded by J.M. Barrie the author of Peter Pan, and first held in 1864. Competitors

plunge into the icy cold waters of the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park on Christmas morning and race for 100 yards, usually cheered on by a crowd of faithful and amused onlookers who are warmly wrapped up against the cold! The winner is presented with the Cup.

(Please note: I am not recommending this activity to anyone!)

THE STAR

By

Jane Taylor

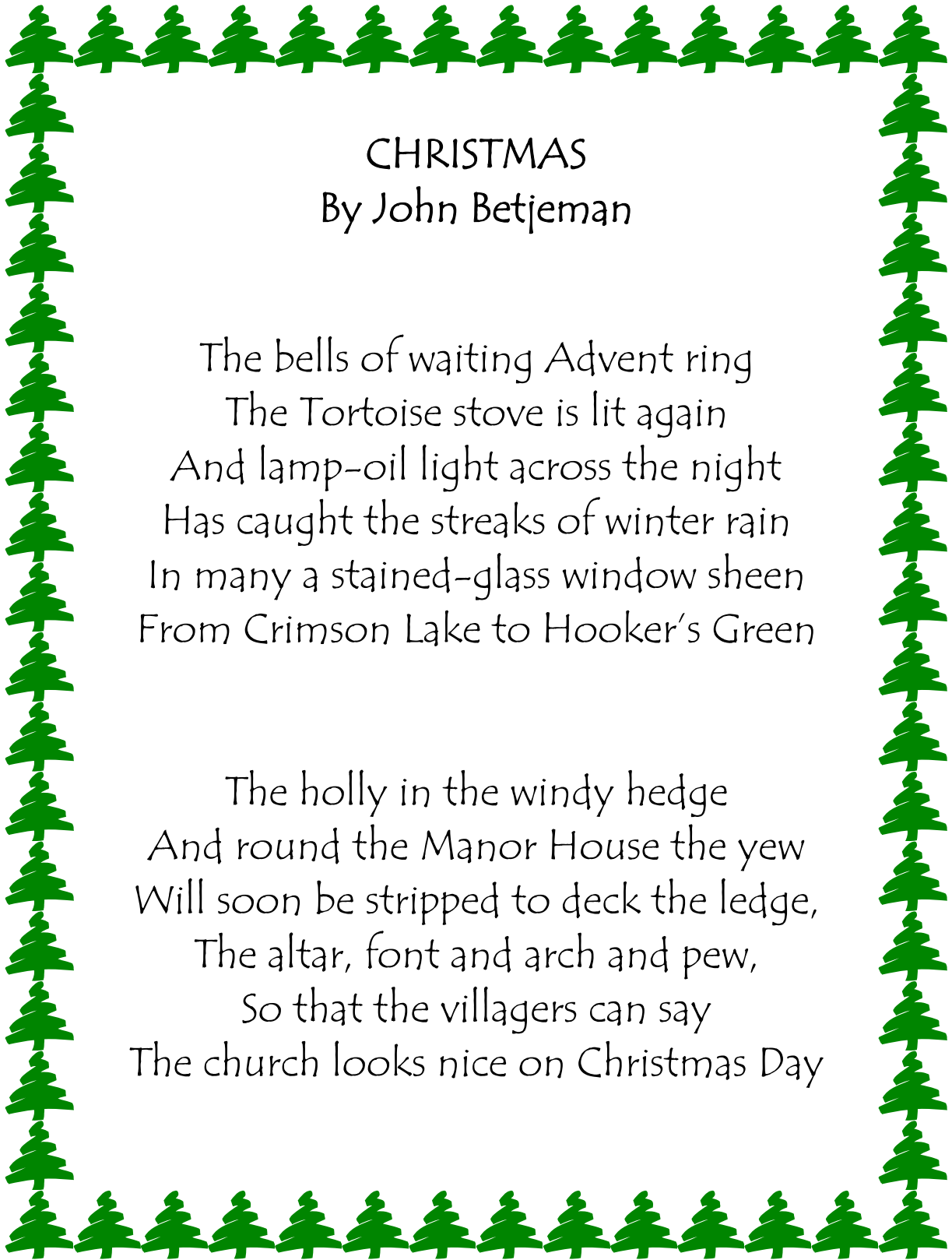


Twinkle Twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle all the night.

Then the traveller in the dark,
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
He could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so.

In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often through my curtains
peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.
As your bright and tiny spark,
Lights the traveller in the dark
Thought I know not what you are,
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star.



CHRISTMAS
By John Betjeman

The bells of waiting Advent ring
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hooker's Green

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
The church looks nice on Christmas Day

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