

WELCOME



We extend a warm Acacia welcome to Mrs Joan Henley who came to live with us at the beginning of May. We hope that you have settled into your new home and have come to know some of our other residents and of course our staff, all of whom are here to help you.

ACACIA BIRTHDAYS

We send birthday congratulations to Mrs Monica Hirst and Mrs Doreen Whyte both of whom had their birthdays in May. We hope that both ladies had a happy day.



In June and July we have six birthdays to celebrate and must especially mention Mrs Eunice Cross who will be 100 years old in July. Our birthday girls are:

Elsie Jackman	3 rd June
Joan Henley	14 th June
Margaret Watson	17 th June
May Martin	17 th June
June Franklin	24 th June
Eunice Cross	12 July
Kathleen Milmo	24 th July

We wish you all a very happy birthday with lots of flowers and a special cake.

EASTER RAFFLE



The first prize in our Easter Raffle was won by Barbara Dyke one of our senior care assistants, and Florence Banister and Hilda Neilson two of our residents, won the second and third prizes. We raised £79.00 for the Residents Amenity Fund to help pay for their entertainment and outings. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

STRAWBERRY TEA



Our strawberry tea/garden party will take place on **Sunday 16th**

July commencing at 3pm. We have asked Brian Short to provide the entertainment as he is always very popular. We will also be having our summer raffle and the first prize will be a food hamper. Tickets cost £1.00 and can be obtained from Gay our Activities Officer. We will also be holding a quiz and to take part you will need a sheet containing the questions. They will be available on the day at .50 pence each. The winner will receive a prize. All monies raised will go to the Residents Amenity Fund.

Our Chef and kitchen staff will be preparing a buffet for all our residents and their guests. All family members and friends of our residents are welcome to attend.

THE OLD PALACE, CROYDON



The Old Palace, which stands near to Croydon Parish Church, is most famous as a home to generations of Archbishops of Canterbury. The building is recorded in the Domes Day survey of 1086 and shows a manor (not a palace) in 'Croindene' on which was sited a church, mill, meadow, housing and woodland. The total value of the estate was £27.(Yes twenty-seven pounds)!

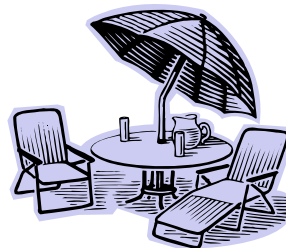
The Old Palace was used as a stop-off point on the way between London and Canterbury and around 1270 permission was granted for a market to be held on Wednesdays and this was the start of what is now Surrey Street market. Several kings and queens are known to have visited the palace including: Henry V11, Henry V111, Elizabeth 1, Mary Tudor and more recently our own HM The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The last archbishops to stay at the Old Palace did so during the 1750s, but in the 1800s with the advent of the Industrial Revolution, Croydon began to change from a quiet country town to a busy industrial centre and so the archbishops sold the property and moved to the more tranquil surroundings of Addington Palace, which is now a hotel and is off Gravel Hill. . The 7th Duke of Newcastle bought the Old Palace in 1887 and gave it to an Anglican order of nuns to use as a school and the school for girls was opened. The building is still used as a girls' school but the Sisters gave up the running of the school in 1974.

During the school holidays the Old Palace is opened to the public and you can see: The Banqueting Hall, the Great Chamber, Dining room built in the 15th century, the chapel and Queen Elizabeth's Room. This is known as the Best Bedroom and would have been used by all honoured guests of the archbishops. It will be opened this year in July and then again in October.

SUMMER IS COMING!

Now summer is here, (hopefully!) the green fingered among us are out in force digging, weeding and planting and complaining of aching muscles where we did not know we had muscle. The garden centres are busier than supermarkets with folk fighting over the last tray of Bizzie Lizzies and stocking up on canes, compost and clematis. Most gardens are beginning to take shape, the bedding plants are blooming as the soft rain freshens up the grass and overhanging shrubs. The hanging baskets with their trailing foliage of Verbena, Petunias and Begonias all require daily attention for watering and general feeding, but the glory of the flowers make it all worth it. We look forward to balmy summer evenings resting on the lounge with the delicate perfumes from the Jasmine and freshly mown lawns, while ice clinks in the glasses of our long cool drinks. **Ah bliss, tranquillity, ah summer!**



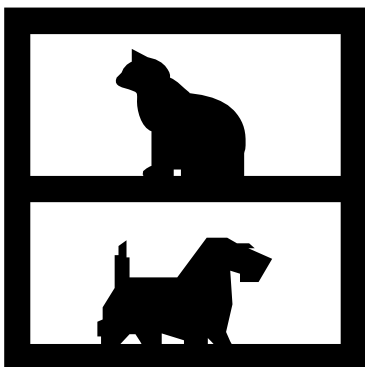
BATTERSEA DOGS & CATS HOME



Battersea was the first dogs' home in the country. Mrs Mary Tealby founded 'The Temporary Home for Lost and Staving Dogs' in a stable yard in Holloway in 1860. The home was moved to the present site in Battersea in 1871 and renamed 'The Dogs Home' Battersea.



The first priority of the home is to find every dog or cat a loving home. However some of the animals have problems that have to be sorted out and they have a specialist rehabilitation department to provide extra help or training. Battersea has a 'stray' contract working with the London Councils and the Metropolitan Police. The Battersea vans go out to collect stray dogs from police stations within the M25 and beyond. The home was one of the first animal shelters to introduce computer software to ensure the perfect match between animals and potential owners. Battersea now microchips every animal they re-home. This is to help reduce the high numbers of animals that were clearly lost rather than abandoned and to encourage responsible ownership.



They also have a Lost Dogs and Cats Line which is a special service for owners that have lost their pet or have found a dog or cat in Greater London and beyond. This service is open seven days a week. Battersea believe they are the first dog and cat charity to take in a pig and an albino snake and to repair a kestrel's wing. Their staff have met a wide range of creatures and witnessed the strangest of requests to help various creatures in distress.



One of the dogs from Battersea was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross. Airedale Jack saved a whole battalion when he carried a vital message through a raging battle during the First World War. Jack kept going even though his jaw and paw were smashed by pieces of shrapnel, but died when he got to his destination. Battersea suffered a direct hit in a World War Two air raid in September 1940. A bomb fell by the main gates and in spite of this the Home continued as usual. An extremely efficient fire fighting team helped extinguish dozens of subsequent incendiary bombs.





SPRING GOLD

By Jean Dorrington

How bright the flowers of Spring time shine
The Crocus gold and Celandine
And see the saucy Dandelion
In lawns and everywhere recline.
So gold and bright they greet each day.

Yellow Pansies, Polyanthus,
Jasmine, Cowslip, Freesias.
At every turn they smile at us
From flower beds or among the grass
How could we fail to bid them welcome.

The Gorse bush glows in countryside,
Primroses in hedgerows hide,
While Buttercups flower far and wide
To tell us all it's Easter-tide
With joy we welcome every one

They're followed soon by other hues,
White, magenta, pink and blues
Multicoloured wall flowers too,
And trees burst into blossom new
But I'll still praise the Spring time gold
That cheers us after winter's cold.

**(Jean Dorrington was a resident of
Barrington Lodge and she wrote this
Poem some years ago. Sadley Jean
Died in April of this year)**

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