



# WARDSIDE HOUSE GAZETTE

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**New Residents:** In August, we welcomed Mrs Patricia Pettifer, from Dunning, as a permanent resident and we hope, Patricia, that you are settling well and gradually getting to know the staff and your fellow residents.

**Birthdays:** Congratulations and best wishes to Bruce Campbell who celebrated a birthday last month – and we wish Bruce many happy returns of the day.

**Good wishes** go to Catherine Stevens who was in hospital for a few days and we hope Catherine that, as a result, you are feeling much better.

**Staffing:** Rosalyn Ward has started as a Domestic Assistant to replace Tamara McKay who left to take up studies at college. On 5th October half of the staff will receive Red Cross - First Aid training and the other half on 3rd November. Linda Clunie completed the SVQ Level 2, Diane Henny has started SVQ Level 2 and Felicity Fife is in the process of SVQ Level 3. (SVQ denotes Scottish Vocational Qualification).

**The outing to Dobbies Garden Centre** last month was very successful and much enjoyed by those who were able to travel. Apart from the plants, real and artificial, it was amazing the huge stock and variety of goods that were on show. All very tempting but the highlight was the tea – it was sumptuous. Many thanks are due to Margaret MacGregor for organising the outing and to staff members Marie Scott, Anne Prime, Caroline Burns and Linda Clunie including the bus driver, for their help in looking after our safety both at the centre and getting in and out of the bus. Do not be surprised if another visit during the Christmas season is proposed.

**Craft Class:** The latest activity was making fish. Yes, fish! It took three sessions to make three of an unknown species but it was all very good fun. The results of their labours were on view in the Reception Hall where you may already have seen them.

**The Quiz Night** is, as always, much enjoyed by those who attend regularly. Susie keeps the subjects varied so that answers need some brain searching and often result in some really funny answers. However that is the aim -- to keep the mind active.

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### **Special Events in October.**

Church Service by Rev. Andrew Barton on Friday at 11.00 am on Friday 28th October.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal.

**Blythswood Shoebox Appeal:** The members of the Craft Class are once again participating in this appeal and would welcome donations. The focus this year is on individual boxes which would be suitable for a baby, a woman or a man. Donations can be placed in the appropriate boxes located in the Reception Hall.

The closing date for donations is Monday 24th October and here is a list of items mostly required.

**Toiletries;** Soap/Shampoo (max 250ml), Face Cloth/ Moist Wipes, Deodorant, Moisturising Cream, Comb/Brush, Sanitary Products, Shaving Foam/ Razors, Toothbrush and Toothpaste. (no Talcum Powder)

**Clothes:** Underwear, Socks/Tights, Hats/Scarves, Gloves, T-Shirts, Pyjamas, Jumpers, Shirts Etc.

**Sweets:** 'Best Before' date—March 2012 ( no chocolate or any other food and no loose sweets, lollies, or undated bags of sweets).

**Stationery:** Pens, Pencils, Sharpeners, Notepads, Colouring Books, Rulers, Rubbers, Small Toys (e.g. Small Car, Doll or Cuddly Toy).

**Miscellaneous:** New Make-up, Sewing Equipment, Household Candles, Screwdrivers, Pliers, Kitchen Utensils.

Your help in this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.

**In conclusion:** Here is an amusing story which appeared in the summer/autumn issue of the local Episcopal Church magazine which some may not have had the opportunity to read.

### **An Italian's secret to a long marriage.**

At St Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Canada, they hold weekly husbands' marriage seminars. Last week the priest asked Guiseppi, who earlier had mentioned that he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to spend a few moments sharing with the others the secret of how he had kept married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppi replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all, I took her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'

The priest responded, “Giuseppi, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here. Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary.

Giuseppi proudly replied, ‘ I gonna go and fetch her.’

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