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Riverdale Newsletter

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Residents Section

A big welcome to Nell Lawlor, Doris Nolan, Kit Ryan and Frances Flynn who joined us recently. We hope you'll be very happy with us in Riverdale.



Residents Meeting.

At our residents meeting on 19th Sept, it was agreed to renew our interest in the library. Nell combined with Sarah have written a few books/short stories. This raises the bar in terms of literary achievement. We hope to read stories from these books in due course. Please save your used stamps for us over the Xmas period.

Positive Ageing Week

We celebrated the week with a "Riverdale's Got Style Competition" on 30th Sept. A mystery judge was in attendance who presented the awards to the deserving competitors.



The Hen Party on 12th Oct. Residents and staff accompanied by Frank gave Aelish a wonderful send off prior to her wedding day!

Halloween Quiz held on 31st Oct. A little bit of rivalry between the teams added to the occasion. Teeny's Witches drew for 1st place with Killer Catheine's Team. Congrats to all.

Trip to Hunt Museum



Nell, Mgt, Sheila and staff really enjoyed a cultural afternoon viewing selected pieces of art at the museum on 28th November.

The Four Generations



Maura Kennedy with her daughter Julie, granddaughter Erica and great granddaughter Sadhbh.

Birthday Greetings.



Maura celebrated her birthday on 8thth Sept, Ray on 16th Sept.

Margaret/Betty on 26th Sept. Anna on the 28th Sept. Nancy on 9th Oct, Doris on 14th.Oct.

Nell celebrated hers on 13th Nov.



Tess celebrated her 96th birthday in style on the 20th November. We look forward to Teeny's close to Xmas on 23rd Dec.

Congrats to one and all.

Remembrance Mass



Held in Riverdale at 7pm on 16th Nov. We remembered and prayed for all our residents who

passed away in the last year. Family members joined in this celebration of the lives of their loved ones. It was a truly heartfelt evening.

We would like to thank Father O'Carroll who celebrated Mass and Tracy who directed the Voices of Riverdale Choir who sang beautifully throughout the Mass.



Dearly Departed

Mary Fitzgerald passed away peacefully on 26th Sept.

Ann Devereux passed away peacefully in Riverdale amidst her loving family on 1st Oct.

Phyllis passed away peacefully in Riverdale on 10th Nov.

We extend our deepest condolences to their beloved families and friends



Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Staff Section.

Workshops/Education.

Go For Life Workshops attended by Kitty/Marion on 4th and 18th October.



Both are now trained and are enjoying leading Physical Activity Programmes in Riverdale.



**Fairytale
Wedding
Party
Visit
To
Riverdale.
On 21st
October.**



Congratulations to Aelish and Podge who were married on 21st October. The happy couple with Sam and Abigail visited Riverdale on their wedding day which delighted staff and residents alike. We wish them every joy and happiness in their future lives together.



We wish to express our gratitude to all those who supported our Activities Programme over the past year. Your contribution is greatly valued.

Dates For Your Diary.



4th Dec. at 6pm
Meelick Choir

8th Dec. at 3pm.
Christmas Market.

11th Dec. at 2pm.
Christmas with
Santa, Nativity Play.

12th Dec. 3pm Clonlara Women's
Group and 6pm Clonlara Beavers.

14th Dec Voices of Riverdale
Christmas Choir Performance at 7pm.

15th Dec. Staff Night Out at Strand
Hotel in Limerick.

19th Dec 3pm Christmas Quiz Spot
Prizes etc.

20th Dec. at 6pm. Resident's Outing
to Stritch's Pub in Clonlara.

24th Dec. Mass with Parteen Choir.



**Wishing you all a Peaceful
and Joyous Christmas and
Every Good Wish for the
New Year.**

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Memory Lane. PJ/Bernie Galvin.

PJ was the fourth of ten children. He had a happy childhood growing up on a farm in Erinagh Clonlara Co. Clare. His father Thomas worked in the ESB. PJ attended Sexton St, Secondary School and went on to study Building Construction in Technical College in Limerick. PJ loved fishing on the Shannon with his good friend Eddie.



The biggest salmon he ever caught was in excess of 22 lbs. He enjoyed chasing wildlife and shooting rabbits, grouse and pheasants. He loved to fix things and recalls making a wheel for a donkey's cart in

exchange for a good sound bicycle. He worked as a carpenter/joiner in the earlier part of his career. He moved to Ballyshannon to build a power station on the river Erne. He recalls meeting Bernie across a crowded room.



Love quickly blossomed and they married in Donegal in

1950. They moved from there to Kildare and eventually settled in Clonlara/Limerick.



Many wonderful family holidays were spent with the children Maureen, Bernadette, Deirdre and

Dermot in Bernie's beloved Donegal. PJ and Bernie also enjoyed socialising, attending dinner dances etc. PJ worked as Superintendent with Limerick Corporation for many years. He remained very active in his community, in the GAA, Game Protection and Shannon Anglers. Following retirement, PJ and Bernie travelled widely to countries including Spain, Cyprus and the Holy Land.

Since moving to Riverdale PJ and Bernie continue to enjoy quality time with their children, ten grandchildren and nine great grandkids. PJ likes to



sing, play the mouth organ and reminiscence while Bernie

enjoys baking and a game of cards.

On 6th August 2015 they marked their **65th Wedding Anniversary** with their family and friends in Riverdale. A great evening of celebration was had by all. They remain a truly remarkable couple.