

Riverdale Newsletter

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Residents Section

Thank You!

We are grateful to all those who performed for our residents and supported us over the Christmas period. Our Xmas Market raised 700 euro. We thank you one and all.

Welcome



Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Mary Mc Donagh and Fionnuala Graydon to Riverdale. We hope you'll both be very happy here.



Life Story Books

Our residents enjoy adding to their books. Any old photographs or memorabilia are always welcome.

Kit Gets Ears Pierced at Corbally Beauty Centre



It's never too late!

Kit enjoyed an afternoon at the beauty salon with Marion on 13th Jan. They journeyed on to the hairdressers and completed their afternoon with a cappuccino.

St.Vincent de Paul

Ray donated 100 euro from the Residents Fund to his favourite charity on 9th Jan.



The Love Quiz held on 13th February was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Teeny's Tigers went head to head with Catherine's Killer Team. Great fun was had by all.



PJ on 18th Feb who celebrated his 90th birthday in style!

Frances Flynn on 19th Feb.

Marie Moore on 26th Feb.

We hope to celebrate Mary Mc. Donagh's on 23rd March and Nora Murphy's on 25th March.

Residents Meeting

Scheduled for 6th March. Thank you to Tony Coonerty for agreeing to attend as our non staff member.

Irish Therapy Dogs



Are booked to visit Riverdale during this coming year.

In the meantime, Margaret gives "Paddy" a very warm welcome!

Dearlly Departed.



Mickie Monaghan passed away peacefully on 29th Dec '16 with his family by his side. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Betty enjoying afternoon activities with Kirsty and Annie.



Birthdays celebrated included: Ita Bedford had a big 90th birthday party on 10th Jan.



Tess O' Gormon passed away peacefully on 4th Jan with her beloved niece Bernadette by her side. We

extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends

Mary Naughton on 24th Jan.

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

Staff Section.



Congrats Jenny who celebrated her big birthday on 4th Jan.



We were all very sad to say goodbye to Mary Hourigan who retired on 1st. March after 27 years in Riverdale. Mary's calm presence and sense of humour will be remembered. She was hard working, committed, resourceful and gave heartfelt service to all in her care. We will truly miss her. We wish her every happiness in the future.



It's A Girl
Congrats to Noelle & Colin on the birth of their beautiful baby girl named Clodagh who was born on 8th Feb and weighed in at 6 lbs 8 ozs. Enjoy your little bundle of joy.



Mary, Maura and Elsie enjoying Mary's retirement party.

Thank you Mary!

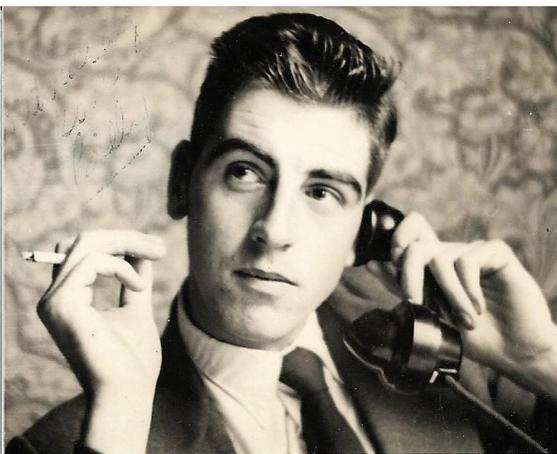


Steve, Guess Who? Aileen and Jenny.

Trip Down Memory Lane Nell Lawlor

Nell Toomey was born on 13th Nov 1931 in Dublin. She was the eldest in her family and was called after her beloved mother. She had three brothers and two sisters. Her Dad was involved in the 1916 Rising.

Nell's sister Brid was very special in her life. She remembers family trips to the seaside in summertime in Dad's car. Brid hated the water, the boys invariably pushed her into the sea. She finally got a penny from Dad when she learned to swim like her brothers and sisters. Nell enjoyed school and had a very special friend Therese. She won a scholarship to study English but was unable to accept it. She worked in the bank for a time. Nell met Billy Lawlor, they fell in love and were married in Dublin in 1957.



Billy worked in the ESB, he was frequently promoted which necessitated the family moving to different locations around Ireland. Nell's favourite place to live was Greystones in Co. Wicklow.

They went on to have four wonderful children Mary, Therese, Tina and John. Nell loved to be creative she liked to "glam up" food and enjoyed cooking/baking for her family. She loved gardening and enjoyed all kinds of art and crafts and sewing. Nell loved to bring the children to visit her mother in Durrow Co. Laois and they spent many happy times there.



Nell loved to write stories, and enjoyed much success. Her book "**A Midsummer Night**" was short listed for the Hennessey Award with the Irish Times. She also had stories accepted by the BBC World Service and magazines such as Women's Way and Women's Weekly.



She lost her dear husband in 2013. Nell moved to Riverdale last year. Her children/grandchildren visit her regularly. She remains disciplined and continues to read, write and paint. She has a lovely happy disposition, a great sense of fun and is a joy to have in our midst.