

Riverdale Newsletter

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Residents Section.

A Big Welcome

To Nora Foley and Nora Vaughan who joined us in Riverdale recently.



Positive Ageing Week.

Clare Senior Hurling Team



Visited Riverdale on 27th Sept. The residents especially PJ and Phillis knew the player's families and reminisced about Clare hurling

over the years.

Classy Ladies on the Catwalk



Our fashion show took place on 28th September. The ladies looked extremely stylish in glamorous costumes, hats and accessories. Thank you to Mary H for being our esteemed judge and to

Bernie who helped make it a very classy afternoon.

Birthday Greetings



Ray celebrated his birthday on 16th September.

Margaret and Betty on 26th Sept.

Anna on the 28th Sept. Nancy on the 9th and Doris on 14th October. Kate on the 5th and Nell on the 13th November. Congrats to one and all.



Nancy got her special birthday wish on the 9th Oct and took a trip to the Pub in Clonlara. She reminisced with Mike Stritch and other locals. They recalled her own bygone days as a publican. A wonderful evening was had by all.

Best Friends



Nell and Mary enjoying themselves.

Remembrance Mass

Held in Riverdale at 7pm on 20th November. We fondly remembered and prayed for all our residents who passed away over 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.

Busy Bees. The residents are working flat out with Helen assembling all manner of craft items and Kaye is busy helping to make 3 D Xmas Cards. We look forward to displaying our wonderful wares at the **Xmas Market. Don't miss it!**

Residents Meeting. Our next meeting will be held on 11th Dec at 1.30pm in the day room.

Dearlly Departed Marie Moore



passed away peacefully in Riverdale amidst her loving family on 19th Sept. We extend our

deepest condolences to her beloved family and friends.



Kathleen Nash

passed away peacefully in Riverdale amidst her loving family on 17th October. We extend our deepest

condolences to her beloved family.



Teeny Coonerty

passed away peacefully in Riverdale amidst her

loving family on 27th October. We extend our deepest condolences to Tony, Rose and her beloved family.



Teresa Mc.

Loughlin passed away peacefully in Riverdale on 3rd.

November amidst her loving family.

We extend our deepest

condolences to her beloved family.

Staff Section.

Ongoing Workshops/Education.

- .Nurses Meeting on 23rd October.

Farewell Chris, Linda also Nurse Aileen {Scotty}



Thank you all most sincerely for your heartfelt service to all in your care. We will truly miss you. We wish you every happiness in the future.



A Big Welcome goes out to Care Assistant Ella, Nurses Anne and Chris also our new Cook Kathie.

We hope you'll all enjoy your time with us in Riverdale.



We wish to express our gratitude to all our staff and volunteers who have sent in pictures for newsletters and have helped and supported us in offering such a varied Activities Programme over the past year. Your contribution is greatly valued.



- Sat Dec 9th. 2pm. Christmas Market.
- Mon Dec. 11th 6pm. Clonlara Beavers.
- Thur Dec. 14th 7pm Meelich Choir.
- Fri Dec 15th Staff Night Out.
- Sat Dec 17th 2pm Santa's Visit.
- Mon Dec 18th 3pm Christmas Bingo
- Wed Dec 20th 7pm Riverdale Choir
- Fri Dec 22nd 3pm Christmas Quiz

Down Memory Lane Josie Geraghty

Josie Cummins was born and raised in Killaloe. She was an only child and in her own words was "spoiled rotten." Her Dad worked on the canal transporting goods up and down the Shannon. She attended school in Killaloe and recalls her Holy Communion Day. Following her schooling she worked assembling boxes in the Benson Box factory. Then she moved to the convent where she worked in catering for ten years.



She subsequently met and fell in love with Paddy Geraghty and they were married in Killaloe in 1965.

She recalls her long white wedding dress and wore a lovely bow on her hair. Paddy worked as a lorry driver and he travelled around the mid-west. Their daughter Mary was born in 1966 and Majella in 1973. Josie combined child rearing with voluntary community activities. She worked as a sacrosanct in St. Flannan's church. She became



adept at managing an awkward priest, she was strong willed and well able to take charge. In 2012 she was honoured by the Pope with a special

Benemerenti Medal for over thirty years of service to the church.

Mary remembers her Mum's kindness and thoughtfulness over the years. She loved baking especially at Xmas.



She also adored animals especially her two dogs Jewel and Sheila. She was a committed member of ISPCA and travelled round the country to all manner of dog shows, often winning prizes. The kids and herself really enjoyed this.

Unfortunately Josie lost her beloved husband at the age of fifty four. This was a very difficult time for Josie and the girls.

In time the girls got married and Josie adored and frequently spoiled her grandchildren - Aine, Ashling, Padraic. Grainne and Siofra.



Josie has settled into life in Riverdale. She loves her family visiting. She is a genuine, kind, loving person and we are privileged to have

her in our midst.