

# 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. We thank you one and all.

### **Welcome**

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed Mary Kerins to Riverdale.

### **Life Story Books**



Josie, Carrienne and Doris enjoy adding pictures to their books. Old photos/memorabilia are always welcome!



Ray donated 100 euro from the Residents Fund to St Vincent de Paul on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### **Memories in a Suitcase**



The Hunt Museum outreach programme visited Riverdale on three Mondays 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and 5<sup>th</sup> March. This was a most enlivening and memorable experience for our residents living with dementia and their families. They laughed, sang and reminisced about old money, artwork and religious items from the four Memory Suitcases.

## Riverdale Art Exhibition



Eileen and Ray viewing the various paintings from the exhibition.

## Birthday Greetings



Ita  
Bedford  
on 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jan.

PJ on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Frances Flynn and Catherine Hickey on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We hope to celebrate Mary Mc. Donagh's on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Congrats to one and all.

## Thank You for Survey Report.

To all resident's families who completed this questionnaire. Your feedback was most informative and will guide our care into the future.

## Residents Meeting



Scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to thank Bernadette for her commitment to

attend these meetings as our non-staff member.

## Dearlly Departed.



### Catherine

Brennan passed away peacefully on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. We extend our deepest condolences to her family.



Kit Ryan also passed away peacefully on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends

Jean Newenham passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends.



Mary Naughton passed away peacefully on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb with her loving family by her side. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and

friends.

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

## Staff Section.

### Ongoing Workshops/Education.

- Nurses meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- Elder Abuse Trainings held in Feb/Mar.

### 21<sup>st</sup>. Birthday Greetings to Jane!



Kitty, Mary and Noelle celebrate Jane's special day on 20<sup>th</sup> January.



To our very dedicated night nurses Frances and Maureen who leave Riverdale this month. Thank you both for your professionalism and heartfelt service to all in your care. We wish you every happiness in your future. We will miss you!



To Emma, Sarah and Lisa who have recently joined the Riverdale staff.

### HIQA Inspection.

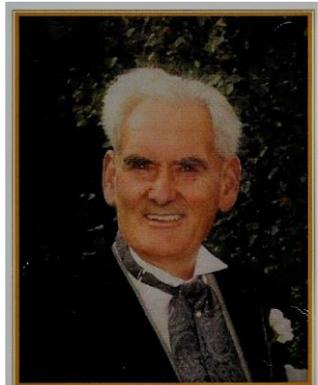
Riverdale House was deemed fully compliant with an unannounced HIQA inspection on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to one and all.

## Snowstorm/Beast from the East



We wish to sincerely thank Jenny, Chris, Jomol, Carrieanne, Ciara, Kitty, Caroline, Ella, Katie and Ann for keeping the show on the road during the recent blizzard. Your contribution is greatly valued.

### Farewell Dearest Peadar.



Peadar Keane, founder of Riverdale House, passed away peacefully on 10<sup>th</sup> February with his beloved family by his side. We extend our deepest condolences to Peggy, Mary, Steve and all his close knit family and many wonderful friends.

Peadar we thank you for all the years we had with you and for every memory of love and joy you brought into our lives. Your parting leaves a void which we will endeavour to fill with remembered joy.

## Down Memory Lane: Mary McDonagh

Mary was born to Patrick and Ellen Russell in 1934 in Limerick city.



Ellen, Mary the eldest, had three younger sisters Eileen, and the twins Nuala and Teresa.

Her beloved grandfather John Reeves lived with them also. Her Dad worked as a baker. Mary attended St. John's primary and St Mary's secondary school in Limerick. She was excellent at spellings. Mary had a wonderful home life with loving parents, sisters and Grandad John.

Mary's home was filled with love, kindness and a strong Catholic faith. Her best friend Teresa Colopy and herself had lots of fun smoking fags up the jail boreen and being terrified they'd get caught.

Following school Mary went to England and worked as a housekeeper for her uncle Father Patrick Reeves P.P. She enjoyed this time and eventually returned home to Limerick.

She subsequently met and fell in love with Eamonn Mc Donagh from Co. Mayo and they were married in St. John's Cathedral on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1960.



Eamonn worked as a Garda in Limerick. They went on to have four

beautiful children Caroline, Michael, Elaine and Clare. They remember their Mum as an outstanding housekeeper, her cleaning and polishing skills were exemplary.

When the children were older Mary returned to work in Telecom Eireann. She loved her job and made many dear friends during her time there.



Mary/Caroline on the set of Corrie.



Mary as a classy lady on the catwalk.

Her husband, children and siblings love her very much and visit her daily in Riverdale. They recall happy family bygone days. They laugh, pray and cry {a little sometimes} as they travel together down memory lane.