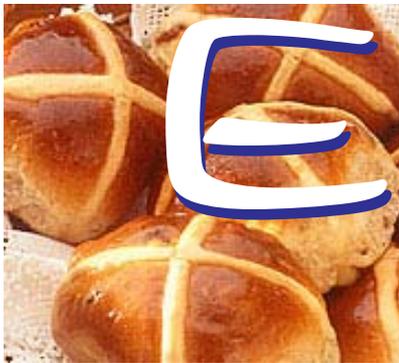




# BERRYSTEAD FAMILY NEWS

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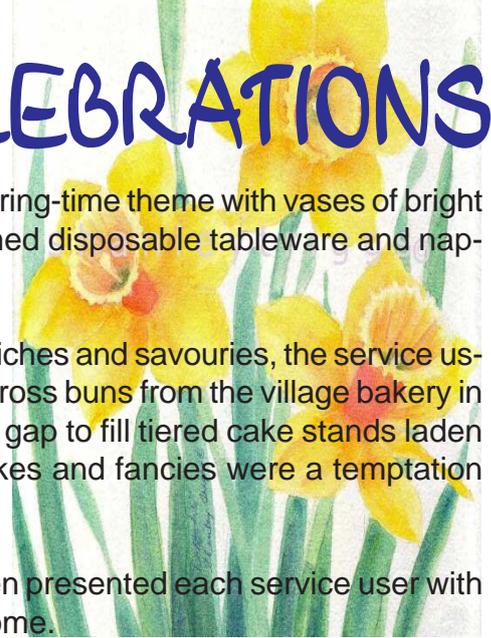
Service users enjoyed freshly baked hot cross buns from the Village Bakery in Syston.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The tables were set up with a spring-time theme with vases of bright yellow daffodils and Easter themed disposable tableware and napkins.

After enjoying freshly cut sandwiches and savouries, the service users were treated to buttered hot cross buns from the village bakery in Syston. For those that still had a gap to fill tiered cake stands laden with a selection of chocolate cakes and fancies were a temptation difficult to resist.

Activities leader Julie Hilton then presented each service user with an Easter egg on behalf of the home.



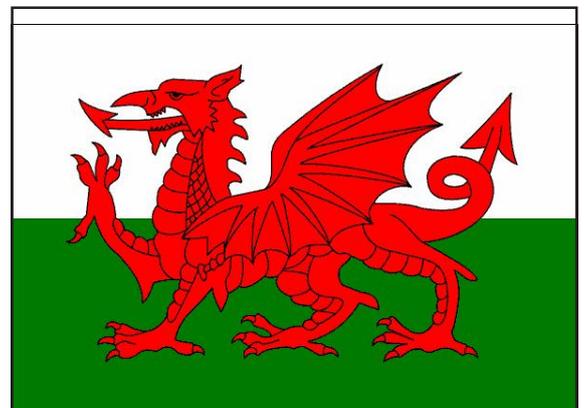
On Good Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007 the service users of Berrystead were invited to a themed Easter tea-time.

## ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

It has now become a tradition at Berrystead to celebrate the Saint's Days. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Welsh flag was flying for St David, the patron saint of Wales.

Tea-time was themed to the occasion. The tables were set up each with a vase of Daffodils, a Welsh flag and laminated placemats that depicted the Welsh emblems of daffodils and leeks. A CD of a Welsh male voice choir completed the ambience.

March 1<sup>st</sup> was also the birthday of service user Annie Allen. To bring in the birthday element to the occasion, everyone was treated to a fresh cream cake.



Service users Molly Kelly and Laura Greasley with activities leader Julie Hilton.



## AFTERNOON CONCERTS AT BERRYSTEAD

### SINATRA AND FRIENDS

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March Berrystead welcomed back SG Productions for a performance billed as Sinatra and Friends. Two very talented singer and dancers didn't disappoint the service users with their programme of songs and dance routines together with their many costume changes. The finale of some of Frank Sinatra's memorable songs was excellent and many of the service users commented that if they could have stood up the entertainers would have deserved a standing ovation.



Service users Stanley Moore and Howard Dowle

### TIMELESS

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, a group called 'Timeless' came to entertain the service users. All trained singers with operatic and musical theatre backgrounds, the service users enjoyed a more cultured afternoon of entertainment.



Marjorie Newby received a 'happy birthday' in four part-harmony from 'Timeless'

### LOUIS

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May '07, Louis Arissol returned to Berrystead to entertain the service users with his brand of music. Louis performs easy listening songs of artists such as Nat King Cole and Louis Armstrong. His rendition of the Louis Armstrong classic 'What a wonderful world' brought a tear to many an eye and a unanimous request for him to sing it again! Louis accompanies himself by playing an electric guitar.



Louis with service user Ron Hopkinson

## Easter Raffle



### Winning Tickets

The Easter raffle raised a total of £ 145.00 in aid of the Berrystead Patient's Comfort Club.

Yellow 205	Stanley Moore	Bottle of Wine
Pink 310	Sue	Box of Chocolates
Yellow 384	Shamine	Cuddly Bunny
Yellow 16	Dorothy Brigstock	Box of Chocolates
Pink 389	Tom Montagne	Thorntons Egg
Pink 491	Mandy Pateman	Bottle of Bailey's
Pink 366	Florence Jones	Box of Chocolates
Pink 343	Antony Greasley	Bottle Tia Maria
Yellow 159	Margaret McCoombe	Cuddly Toy
Yellow 287	Brenda Stone	Cuddly Toy

The day was special for two of the service users present at the concert. It was Marjorie Newby's birthday and Paul and Florence Jone's wedding anniversary. Timeless performed a special song for each of them and happily posed for photographs as a special memento of the occasion.

## GATE'S TEA ROOMS

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March '07, a group of service users went to Gate's Tea Rooms at Cold Overton near Oakham.

Service users enjoyed a scenic countryside ride through the Leicestershire villages of Queniborough, Twyford, Burrough-on-the-hill and Somerby.

Situated in a garden centre, the tea rooms are a conversion of an old cattle shed. Pretty décor and pine table and chairs made for a relaxing atmosphere. Tea, jam and cream scones and toasted tea-cakes were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



*Afternoon tea at Gate's tea rooms*

## PUB LUNCH AT FLYING CHILDERS



On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March '07, a group of male service users went for a pub lunch at the 'Flying Childers' at Kirby Bellars near Melton Mowbray.

Staff at the Pub always welcome groups of service users from Berrystead. Comfortable surroundings and an extensive menu to choose from leads to an enjoyable dining experience for the service users.

*Flying Childers at Kirby Bellars*

## Frankie & Benny's

NEW YORK ITALIAN RESTAURANT & BAR

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April '07 a group of service users went to the New York Italian Restaurant Bar Frankie and Benny's.

We were made to feel very welcome by the friendly waiters. Service user Laura Greasley, still fluent in Italian decided to order her meal in Italian. The waiter politely smiled and in broken English replied that he was Polish and had no understanding of what she was saying. Over the meal Laura and the waiter built up a rapport with the former attempting to teach the latter some useful Italian phrases.



*Service user Laura Greasley ordered her meal in Italian*

The restaurant had a lovely atmosphere and a feature is that they play a certain style of music in the background, 'The Classic Years'. The CD features such artists as Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Dinah Washington and Tony Bennett much to the enjoyment of all of the service users.

To finish their meal, the service users decided to order cocktails from the bar. The most popular one chosen was named 'P.S. I Love You'; not an easy one to order from the waiter. The cocktail is a combination of Baileys, Amaretto rum and cream which is shaken and poured over ice.

# Pyjama Day

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April '07, the Staff of Berrystead were invited to come to work for the day in their pyjamas. The fund raising venture was well supported by staff who each paid a £1 for the privilege of dressing down for the day. All monies raised were in aid of the Berrystead Patient's Comfort Club.

The occasion brought much fun and laughter not only for the staff taking part but especially for the service users and their relatives visiting on the day.

Visitors to the home were bemused when confronted by Manager Gail Duggan opening the door in her dressing gown with her hair in curlers under a hair net.

After work some of the staff went to the 'Midland Railway' pub where the landlady and regulars gave generously to what they said was a very good cause.

A total of £72.50 was made.



*The pyjama day was well supported by the staff of Berrystead!*

## Fish and Chips Luncheon – Return to Berrystead

Now that the new activities conservatory has been completed, the well loved fish and chip luncheons have returned as part of the activities programme.

Each of the activity groups has the chance to have a traditional fish and chip luncheon once a month. The normal Berrystead meal option is always available if a service user does not want to participate.

The conservatory is set up along the lines of the famous Harry Ramsden's fish and chip emporium in Yorkshire all but for the chandeliers. We have the carpeted floor, the red gingham tablecloths and napkins, the placemats and all the trimmings that go with fish and chips – pickled onions, eggs and gherkins.

Activities leader Julie Hilton orders the fish and chips from 'Todays Catch' in Syston. In addition, service users are treated to Vienetta ice-cream and an ice cold shandy.



*Far right: Service users enjoying a fish and chip luncheon*

# WE HAVE A NEW VICAR

**Berrystead welcomes** the new Vicar of St Michael's and All Angel's Church, Thurmaston, the Reverend Javid Iqbal.

Javid is married and his wife's name is Mussarat. They have two children, Sophie aged nine and Joshua, aged six.

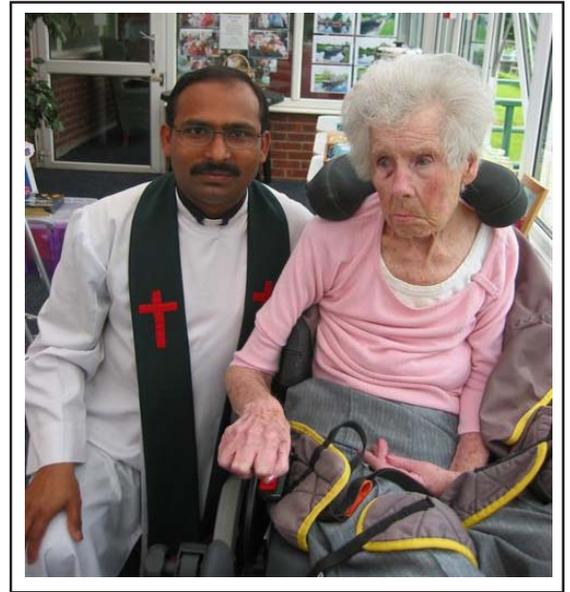
It is more than twenty years since a Vicar has been appointed to the parish of Thurmaston. Javid was born in Lahore, Pakistan on October 27<sup>th</sup> 1971 into a Christian family. He committed his life to Christ in October 1988 and in 1989 became a full time worker amongst young people for three years. Then followed two year's training in St Thomas' Theological College in Karachi.

In 1994, Javid came to St John's College, Nottingham for three years as part of his ordination training. On his return to Pakistan, he was ordained Deacon in 1997 and then ordained priest in 1999. He had charge of two parishes and also worked in the Department of Mission and Evangelism in the diocese of Raiwind.

During this time Javid had married his wife Mussarat and were blessed with two children. The family came to Leicester in June 2000. A group of Punjabi, Urdu and Hindi speaking Asian Christians from the Indian sub-continent formed an ecumenical fellowship and asked Javid to lead them. After having served two years as Assistant Priest at St Denys' Church, Evington Javid applied for the post of Vicar at Thurmaston.

Javid is a fine cricketer, having taken four wickets for nineteen runs in the Imams V Clergy cricket match at Grace Road.

Javid will lead the monthly multifaith communion services alternatively with Father Robin Martin at Berrystead.



*The new Vicar of Thurmaston, Javid Iqbal with service user Margaret Smith.*

## LENNOX CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND



**Staff, relatives** and service users joined in a competition to name the 'cuddly toy'. Each guess cost £1.00 with all monies made going to help support children with cancer. A total of £40 was made. Many thanks to all who supported this fund raising venture. Care staff Tracey Sleath won the cuddly toy.