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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON OUR CARE HOMES

Following the recent events from February, here's the latest updates regarding status of our care homes in England:

- *Footherley Hall*: Open to visits and volunteers as usual.
- *St Augustine's*: Recently opened back to visits and volunteers as usual.
- *St Teresa's*: Expected to open back to visits and volunteers on March 7th. Please, await confirmation from the centre via email or phone.

Please, make sure to book your visit in advance by calling the Care Home.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have started a fundraising campaign to build a water well at our **Mental Health Day Centre** in Dompouse, Ghana.

Employees, Sisters, and students with mental conditions attending the centre daily need **urgent access to clean, drinkable water**.

Make a donation today, here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-construction-of-water-well-for-600-people>



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We are regularly posting **content and news** on our [Facebook](#) and [Linkedin](#) pages
- Follow us to stay updated!

Help us spread Sisters Hospitallers' mission and work by following us on social media and liking our posts. Every little help counts to make a difference!



ADDLESTONE

To celebrate the month of Love, residents at St Augustine's have been designed and colouring their own masterpieces to decorate the house for the theme. As you can see, Love is in the air in Addlestone (and on the walls!).



There's also been a milestone birthday celebration at St Augustine's Care Home. Margaret, one of our residents, has passed the 100th mark, celebrating her 101st birthday this month - you can imagine what a huge party they had to celebrate such great occasion!!



FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE'S (FOSA)

After some weeks of lockdown, St Augustine's has recently reopened its doors to volunteers and visitors. Everyone is really happy with the good news, including our dear Friends of St Augustine's, who have now come back to assist residents with their arts and crafts and bring some entertaining activities for them all to enjoy together!



Nina, one of our volunteers from FOSA, has been spending time with our residents, doing arts and crafts with them and reading the Rosary. As the rest of our volunteers and visitors, she's glad to be back at St Augustine's... And we are over the moon to have you all at home again!



MORE ABOUT FOSA?

You can read more about Friends of St Augustine's, what they are and what they do, following the link: <https://www.sistershospitallers.org/friends-of-st-augustines/>

LONDON

February 2nd was Consecrated Life Day, which our Sisters at St Teresa's celebrated both within the community at the centre and at the Oratory Church in Kensington, also taking part in the Candle Mass event, celebrated that day too. Furthermore, some of the Sisters continued celebrating this special date attending Westminster Cathedral, invited by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.



Simone and Sam, two of our volunteers at St Teresa's, delighted our residents with their musical talent, playing the violin and piano for them. The lounge got fuller as they were playing, and our residents (and staff) really enjoyed the pieces played by our dear volunteers. Already looking forward to the next one!



Another special date during this February was Sr Lourdes, our Provincial Superior's feast day this past 11th, coinciding with the World Day of the Sick.

On behalf of all the team in the Province of England, she received plants and flowers as a gift - as she really has green fingers!

Happy feast day from all of us, Sr Lourdes!

SHENSTONE

Once again, our “Ladies that Lunch” and “Gentlemen’s club” was a great success. Some of our female residents on one side, and male residents on the other, enjoyed a delicious meal together with a glass of wine or beer while they chatted. They all had such a great time!



Ann Winchurch celebrated her 60th Birthday on 8th February! At lunchtime we surprised Ann by inviting her and the Laundry team to the dining room, where she was presented with cards and gifts from the Sisters and staff.

Wishing Ann many congratulations, and we hope she enjoyed every minute of her 60th Birthday with lots of love from everyone in Shenstone!

For World Day of the Sick, residents, staff and Sisters gathered in the lounge for a celebration. This year’s theme was “*Be merciful as your Father is merciful*”. For the occasion, they read from the message of Pope Francis, which is specially meaningful to our Sisters, as they are dedicated to the works of mercy. Lastly, they read the gospel of Mc.6-53-56 and prayed ‘Our Father’ together.



NEW EMPLOYEES ALERT!

This month, Fotherley Hall has given a warm welcome to Kim Pucci, Anna Cooke, and Amy Phillips (all Care Assistants), and Nicola Watkins (Laundry Assistant).

Welcome to the team at Shenstone!



FRIENDS OF FOOTHERLEY HALL (FOFH)

An Introduction to the Friends of Fotherley Hall Committee

The Friends of Fotherley Committee is active again after a long lay-off during the height of the Covid epidemic. We are currently a small group, but are actively seeking to attract new Members, (both to the Friends and to the Committee). Most of us have had a relative resident in Fotherley at some stage. Some of us also volunteer there.

The main focus of the Committee is on fund-raising to enable us to provide entertainments, trips out and presents for the residents (we buy a birthday and Christmas present for each resident every year). If funds allow, we can also fund special items of equipment.

Our most recent expenditure was to fund a live chicken-hatching experience for residents this Easter. Hopefully you will see photos of this in the next Newsletter!

Sadly, we have been unable to plan our big Summer Fete over the last two years due to Covid, but we are hoping to be able to organise a smaller scale event later this year. Watch this space!

To find out more about the work of the Committee or how to join the Friends of Fotherley, please contact:

- **Bernadette Johnson** (Chair) bernadettejohnson4@hotmail.co.uk
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DOMPOASE

Our centre in Dompouse also celebrated the World Day of the Sick last 11th of February.

On this day, they raise awareness by encouraging commitment and compassion to the sick and also seeing the face of Christ in them.

At Dompouse, Sisters and staff at the centre observed this day by visiting patients at the various wards in the hospital. The visit was to show to the sick love, compassionate and hospitality.

Patients visited were given various items and were prayed for.



FUNDRAISING FOR DOMPOASE

At Sisters Hospitallers, we have started a fund-raising campaign to **build a water well** at our **Mental Health Day Centre in Dompouse, Ghana**. **More than 600 users** of the centre, including employees, sisters, and students with mental conditions attending the centre daily, **need urgent access to clean and drinkable water**.

You can read more about the project here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-construction-of-water-well-for-600-people>



MONROVIA

Thanks to Aita Menni's Project Leader, Mikel, the team at the centre received two boxes filled with uniforms for all categories of staff - as a response to a request made by the team recently.

Big thank you to Aita Menni's team for supporting our centre with their great generosity throughout the years with Benedict Menni Health Centre.



This month, the centre received a honoring recognition from a Humanitarian Health Organization, led by Dr. Mosoka P. Fallah, in appreciation for the hard work and services rendered to one of our residents. In the picture, some of the staff at the centre's Mental Health Unit, let by Dr. Benjamin Harris, who received the award on behalf of the facility.

Big congratulations to you all!

Constructions for a Vocational Centre started this month, with an initiation ceremony led by Sr Winnie, the local Superior, to receive the Contractor of the Tenancy Group as they both signed the agreement. The project is expected to be completed in the next 8 weeks, with the local team's supervision. Looking forward to a successful completion!



Patients at the centre also joined the celebration for of love on St Valentine's Day this month.

Following the theme, staff at Benedict Menni Health Centre organised a celebration where patients were taught ways to show compassion to one another.

Residents wore red clothes with a red ribbon pin for the occassion.



FOSO

Phase 11 of the maternity project at St Francis Xavier Hospital begun with a signed contract between the hospital and ASI company. The team, together with the Hospital management, visited the site and, with this, the project was officially handed over to the contractor.



Staff at St Francis Xavier Hospital joined the celebrations for the World Day of the Sick, organising a general cleaning exercise. Everyone who took part in the activity was treated afterward to a sumptuous meal. Lastly, a Church service was also held for the occasion.



The Annual Performance Management Workshop was held on the 18th of February with the staff at St Francis Xavier Hospital. The workshop was facilitated by Mr Tossian Kojo Amoaku, the HR Manager. Moreover, induction services were also given to new entrants and medical interns.



As part of the efforts to ensure proper handling of oxygen cylinders and flow meters, the hospital orderlies were trained on the month of February. This is to address the frequent breakdown of flow meters in the facility, and to better manage the resources.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WORK ANNIVERSARY

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