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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW WEBSITE SOON



Yes, you read it right... **We are launching a new website very soon!**

More content, pictures and a much clearer view of what Sisters Hospitallers is and what we do at our centres in England, Liberia and Ghana.

We will announce it on our LinkedIn and Facebook pages, so **stay tuned** to be the first one to know!

140 ANNIVERSARY

May is also an important and special date for us at Sisters Hospitallers.

More specifically, this **May 31st marks the 140 anniversary of our foundation as Sisters Hospitallers!**

A date that we are all looking forward to celebrating with our community.

Following COVID guidelines, all the events and celebrations will be done online -

ST BENITO MENNI'S DAY

As you all know, this past **April 24th** was the day of our founder, St Benito Menni. Every year, we get together to **celebrate him and his legacy**, which we still continue nowadays with our work all around the world.

To celebrate, we joined the other Provinces online to talk about mental health, our work in Africa and what the future holds for Sisters Hospitallers - all under the hashtag **#ADoseOfHope**.

We want to thank our communities in Dompouse, Monrovia, Foso and England for their great work living and spreading hospitality to people in need. **We've made this short video for all of you ([see here](#)).**



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We are regularly posting **content and news** on our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages - go 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!



NEWS PER CENTRE

ADDLESTONE

This month has certainly been full of birthday parties at St Augustine's care home.

5 Sisters celebrated their birthday at home together with 6 residents - they've been partying all month long!

A special birthday party was celebrated for Bernice, one of our dear residents, as she was turning 103 years old! They all celebrated her with music, dances, wine and cake.



Bernices 103rd Birthday Party



And in the middle of all the birthday celebrations, Easter arrived.

They kick-started the festive with an Easter bonnet's competition, and everyone got hands-on to create their own fashionable one.

They all looked awesome in them!



Following Easter traditions, our lovely staff at St Augustine's prepared an egg hunt for all the residents to have a fun and enjoyable feast! Despite the weather, they could all enjoy their time outdoors looking for the hidden Easter eggs. It was heart-warming to see how excited they all were about it.



LONDON

For Easter they year, our residents at St Teresa's had a lovely surprise... The students at the Service Roman Catholic Primary School wrote personalised Easter cards for each of them. They were so happy reading the cards altogether!

Special thanks to Our Lady of Dolours Servite Church for including us in this great initiative.



They also celebrated a very special birthday at the centre this month: our dear resident Nan just turned 103!

To celebrate, they prepared a delicious cake and sang her happy birthday altogether.

Moreover, the rest of the residents, with Christina's help, prepared a birthday card with their best wishes for her.

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In preparation for St Benito Menni's Day, Sr Isabel and Sr Tomasa gave a presentation about our founder's life, Sisters Hospitallers' values and the parabol of the Good Samaritan. Many residents and staff joined to hear more about the story of our Congregation from the passionate speakers.



**NEW EMPLOYEE UPDATE:** This month, we have welcome 4 new employees to St Teresa's team! They are: Christina, new Activities Coordinator; Isma, Senior Central Administrator; Mariah, new Administrator; and Asma, Senior Care. We are all very glad to have you on board!



# SHENSTONE

Footherley Hall also joined the Easter celebration with a bonnets' workshop and the residents' happy faces say it all!

We would also like to thank our Friends of Footherley for sending us chocolate eggs, Bingo prizes, birthday gifts... Your kind and lovely gestures are highly appreciated by all staff members and residents here at Footherley.



The Mental Health Foundation reached out to us to take part in their Mental Health Awareness Week, from 10th to 16th of May.

This year's theme is Nature, and they wanted to know our residents' and carers' experience with our extensive gardens at the centre.

So we interviewed Iris, George and Rosie, and our Carer Janet. We'll post more about it on social media!



## NEW EMPLOYEE UPDATE:

We have also welcomed three new staff members to Footherley Hall's team.

They are: Fionula, Night Care Assistant; Samantha, Senior Night Care Assistant, and Nicola, Day Care Assistant.

We are glad to have you at Sisters Hospitallers!



## DOMPOASE

Great news from Dompouse: Staff and Sisters at the centre have got the COVID-19 vaccine! This brings the so much needed dose of hope to ensure their safety against the virus at work.



In preparation for St Benito Menni's Day, the Superiors at Dompouse organised a workshop on the core values of Sisters Hospitallers and our founder's legacy, that was given by Joy. Fr. Alfons (on the right). To the left, Sisters from Dompouse during the celebration of our founder's day at the Hospital.



The children at the Day Care Centre also celebrated our founder's day with nice and tasty cake baked for the occasion.

Julia, in the picture to the left, entered the postulancy this past Saturday, April 24th, sharing the day with St Benito Menni.



# MONROVIA

AstraZeneca vaccines have also arrived at Liberia, where more than 96,000 inhabitants have already received their first dose. The staff members and Sisters at the Mental Rehabilitation Centre were invited to get vaccinated for their own safety at work. In the pictures, part of the team with their vaccination cards.



Maria Josefa Recio Unit has recently welcomed 20 professionals from the Carter Centre, as they are enrolled in a six-month course on Mental Health. Nurses, Midwives and Physician Assistants will be using the facilities at the centre for the next 2 weeks, while they expand their medical skills.

This is part of the ongoing collaboration between the centre and the Ministry of Health, that aims to increase mental health workforce in Liberia.



Recreational therapy has been proved to improve the wellbeing of people living with mental disorders. At the centre, they use it to improve social interactions connected to triggered thoughts and feelings. This month's activity was sag race (on the left)! Moreover, the centre also promotes selfcare among the residents, by assisting them and promoting help between them (on the right, braiding each other's hair).



# FOSSO

The vaccines have also arrived at Fosso for staff members and Sisters at St Francis Xavier Hospital!



More good news! St Francis Xavier Hospital has been selected to be part of a 'Covid-19 Testing Programme' by the Christian Health Association of Ghana, to help stop the spread in rural areas in Fosso. They have received the necessary equipment and training to carry out PCR test at the centre.



*Gilbert Owusu Amoako, Biomedical Scientist at the centre*



Nyankomase Ahenkro CYO, together with Rev. Fr. George Andoh, visited the Hospital on Easter Monday and made a huge donation to the centre!

He brought essentials like nappies and toiletries, drinks and food for the Hospital to share with the patients at the centre.



# St Benito Menni's Day Celebrations



Mass with Rev. Fr. Henry (Dompoase)



St Teresa's Care Home's Chapel with Fr. Roy (London)



Sr Ángela at Fotherley Hall's Chapel (Shenstone)



St Teresa's Feast Day (London)



Mental Rehabilitation Centre (Monrovia)



St Augustine's care home (Addlestone)



Sr Georgina with HR Manager, Mr Kojo Amoako, with a Nursing Officer and an Artisan (Fosso)

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