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### Welcome to our APRIL ISSUE 2025 monthly newsletter



# HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

#### THE MEANING OF EASTER

#### Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday before Easter Day.

On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the **Passover meal** with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine. Christians refer to this meal as the **Last Supper**.

Many Christians remember the Last Supper by sharing bread and wine together in a church service called Holy Communion, Eucharist or Mass. It is a reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life for mankind

#### Good Friday

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates the execution of Jesus by **crucifixion**.

Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. During special Good Friday services Christians remember Jesus's suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.

In some countries, there are special Good Friday processions, or re-enactments of the Crucifixion.

#### Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday marks Jesus's **resurrection**. After Jesus was crucified on the Friday his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance.

On Sunday **Mary Magdalene** and some of Jesus's disciples visited the tomb. They found the stone had been moved and that Jesus's body had gone. Jesus was seen later that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the resurrection.

#### Easter eggs

An egg is a symbol of new life. For Christians, Easter eggs are used as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus.

Christians believe that, through his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and sin. This offers people the promise of eternal life if they follow his teachings.

Nowadays, most Easter eggs are made from chocolate and covered in coloured foil. Traditionally though, chicken eggs would be hard boiled and then decorated by hand. Traditional Easter egg hunts remain popular with both Christian and non-Christian children.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

- On 27<sup>th</sup> March we treated everyone to fish & chips from Taffs in town everyone utterly enjoyed them!
- On Mothering Sunday we treated all our ladies with a present to say a BIG Thank You for all they have done and continue to do.
- We had our Church Service on 6<sup>th</sup> April with René Chitty
- Our staff member, Carol Hill, who not only reached her 25 years service, she also retired at the end of March. We wish Carol all the best for her future health & happiness in her retirement.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> April we had entertainment from Steve Valentine who sang all the old favourites – everyone was up and dancing.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> April we had Emily from Mini Concerts entertain us for an Easter Parade concert.
- On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April we had Sandra from the Market Stall selling her variety of goods
- Our resident Jim, has taken on the role of chief bird feeder at Castle House, he is now in charge of looking after our feathered friends that visit, checking their food daily in the four new feeders – very spoilt!
- Shelbie had an extra visitor to the office purrfect!!!
- A VERY BIG THANK YOU to John & Jenny Barnett for their most generous donation towards the staff fund, which was in memory of Colin Clark

PLEASE CHECK OUT ALL OUR LATEST VIDEOS AND PHOTOS VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE Back in 2024, we had a lovely gentleman called Colin Clark to whom we had the privilege of looking after until March 2025 when he sadly passed away. Previously to this we also looked after Colin's wife Mary until she passed away in 2021, so we know all the family really well.

In memory of Colin, the family donated £100.00 towards the staff fund – so to John & Jenny, a very BIG THANK YOU!



### In memory of Colin

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Out for <b>7</b> Coffee Music & Games, Quiz In the lounge Movie & Treats	8 Making Bird Feeders Planting Sunflowers Chair Exercises with Andrew	Easter 9 Arts & Crafts 1.1 Winston Churchill Day Quiz with Hayley	Hairdresser & <b>10</b> Pamper Day 1.1 Chair Exercises & Ball Fun With Naz	Out for 11 Coffee Music & Games, Quiz In the lounge Bingo with Naz	12	13
Out for 14 Coffee Sames, Quiz Games, Quiz In the lounge Movie & Treat	Easter 15 Arts & Crafts Chair Exercises with Andrew	Music & Games Ball fun Making Chessy Rabbit bites	Hairdresser & <b>17</b> Pamper day Music & Games in the Lounge	Good 18 Friday <sup>18</sup> Out For Coffee Bingo with Naz	19	Easter 20 Sunday
Out for 21 Coffee 21 Music & Games, Quiz In the lounge 1.1	Planting 22 sunflower's In the garden Chair Exercises with Andrew	23 Shakespeare' s Birthday & St George's Day & Games, Quiz	24 Hairdresser & Pamper Day 1.1 Chair Exercises with Naz	Out For Coffee 1.1 Quiz, Games and Bingo in Lounge	26	27
Out for 28 Coffee Music & Games, Quiz In the lounge Great Poetry Reading Day With Hayley	1.1 29 Chair Exercises with Andrew International Dance Day With Naz	Music & <b>30</b> Games, Quiz In the Iounge International Jazz Day In the Iounge with Naz	P	CASTLE	HOUSE Control	

### Carol's 25 years award

### and her retirement send off





Steve Valentine entertaining us

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Emily from Mini Concerts



Shelbie pretending to be busy .....

Here kitty kitty!





Jim making sure everything is ok for our feathered friends - you can just make out the black bird near the stand saying 'hello' as well





## To our resident

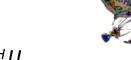
## VERA





# To our staff Ellie-May





*HAPPY* 18<sup>™</sup>!!

Answers to last months teaser puzzles:

Answer 1) Grapes turns into ORANGE. If you add 8 letters to G it becomes O, R and A stay the same, P minus 2 letters is N etc

Answer 2) The other 2 numbers that go together were 4 and 5 as they share the same first letter 'F'

## To test your little grey cells this month!!

(answers in next months newsletter)

Question 1) What house number and street is represented below:-

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Question 2) What four words replaces the ?

Shatter the frozen water = Break the ice You cant assess a novel by its dust jacket = You cant judge a book by its cover <u>Illustrious intellects imagine identically = ?</u>

Dennis, lets see if you can get both this month!!!

Once again, a big



to all the staff for keeping everyone safe and well

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