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Summerville Healthcare - Mission Project

At the last residents and family meeting a suggestion was made to start a knitting corner in the Nursing Home. The seed was sown and before long a knitting company was set up. Our Project was to knit "Easter Chicks", have them filled with Easter eggs and sell them for the missions.

Group one; The knitting group got to work and before long the needles were clicking most of the day, not only with the group but with families, friends and all who came to visit them.

Group two; These patterns had to be stitched together, their heads puffed up and eyes and beaks to be created. This needed professional assistance. We nominated Nora, for this dedicated job whose personal skills in creativity proved very satisfactory.

Group 3; The chicks then had to be 'egged', counted and made presentable for marketing (EU Law). Only free (sponsored) eggs were used. We displayed our arrangement of multi-coloured chicks, yellow, gold, white, pink and red & white (for the Sligo Rovers Fans).

Group 4; Finance Committee. We had to decide on a price. €3 each or 2 for €5 – no VAT as we were working for the missions, not for the government. Our target was €300. We also sold homemade chocolate chip cookies donated by Summerville kitchen staff.

We were sold out at the end of our Easter party on Holy Thursday afternoon. We had a little misadventure – some of the unfinished chicks disappeared – was it a fox? We feared that HIQA would hear this or worse still – that Health and Safety would close down our company. The good news is that the chicks were found safe and well in someone's pocket.

Last but no means least – To Mary Gilmartin and all the dedicated staff who believed we could do it. To Eamon Cunningham who sponsored our eggs. To all the families and friends who made generous donations.

Our total collected was **€572** for the Aposlotate workers mission fund.

We had great fun knitting, stitching, counting, selling and eating.

We are now taking a break and will have another project in the pipe line.

- ***by Sister Madeline Morris***

DID YOU KNOW??

- 11% of people are left handed.
- 85% of plant life is found in the Ocean.
- A cat spends 66% of its life asleep.
- A one minute kiss burns 26 calories.
- The average person will spend 25 years asleep.
- French Fries are originally from Belgium.
- Everyday is a holiday somewhere in the world!
- Pearls melt in vinegar.
- There is no butter in buttermilk.
- Only female mosquitoes bite
- An egg contains every vitamin except Vitamin C.
- Your foot and your forearm are the same length.
- An electric toothbrush was invented in 1939.
- The oldest known vegetable is the Pea.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

A GOLFER'S WISDOM



A young man was just about to start a round of golf when an elderly gentleman walked over to ask if he could join him. Despite misgivings that the older player might slow him down, the younger one agreed.

To his surprise and delight, the old man was a quick player. He only ever hit his drives about 150 yards but he was no slouch along the fairways.

Eventually they reached the tenth hole, where the younger player hooked his drive into a plantation, leaving himself with a tall pine tree standing between his ball and the green. Seeing his opponent's predicament, the old man volunteered, 'when I was your age, I used to hit the ball right over that tree to the green.'

Without stopping to think, so eager was he to show off his skills, the young man took an almighty swing at the ball and then watched in horror as it thudded into the tree trunk and rebounded twenty yards behind him.

The old man remained silent for a few seconds before remarking: 'Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall.'

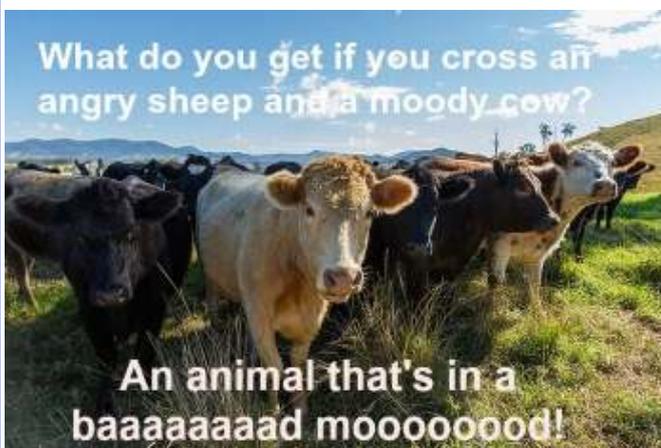


BREAKING THE HABIT

Two senior citizens were discussing their respective husbands over a cup of tea. One said, 'I wish I could get Alf to stop biting his nails. It's such a revolting habit.'

Her friend said, 'My Leonard used to do the same. But I managed to cure him of the habit.'

'Oh, do tell me. What's your secret?'
'I hid his teeth!'



Joy.

Joy is a blend of laughter and tears.

It consists of having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart aglow with warmth
for all one's companions on the road of life.

It is looking for happiness that comes in small packages,
knowing that big packages are few and far between.

It is making the most of the present,
enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life.

And it can coexist with pain.

Joy is the flag we fly when Christ,

The Prince of Peace,

has taken up residence in our hearts.

- Fr. Leo Henry.



Nursing Homes Week
29th May - 5th June 2017

Join hundreds of nursing homes across Ireland in celebrating Nursing Home Life!

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NHI Week

May 29th—June 5th

Each year Summerville Nursing Home celebrates Nursing Homes Ireland Week.

A schedule for events are posted around the Nursing Home. All family & friends are welcome to join in on activities each day.

We will finish off the week with June Bank holiday music with *Vinny Middleton*.





Summerville Dining Experience

We would like to invite any family members to come for lunch on a day that suits you, **between 12.30pm—2pm.**

This is to provide feedback on the Summerville dining experience.

Please let Sherin, Director of Nursing, know if you are interested.



BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Richard Young	3rd May
May McGowan	25th May
Elizabeth Finnerty	2nd June
Padraig McNulty	10th June
Mary McDermott	27th June
Marion Collery	1st July
Veronica Tierney	7th July



Summer Gardening

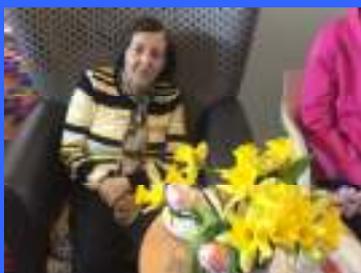
Our vegetable patch is up and running again this year. We would like to encourage family & friends to help out with this annual project. Residents have put together some lovely flower boxes displayed around the house.

During NHI week there will be flower arranging on Wednesday

10 QUESTIONS

- 1.) Which film actor is Shirley McLaine's brother?
- 2.) Which alcohol spirit is made from cacti?
- 3.) Which gentle water creature gives its name to a Florida river?
- 4.) What is a Wessex Saddleback?
- 5.) What nationality was the famous spy Mata Hari - Dutch, Austrian, French?
- 6.) Which game can be 'lawn' or 'crown green'?
- 7.) Which 2 continents battle it out for the Ryder Cup?
- 8.) Through which organ do fish get oxygen?
- 9.) What type of creature is a 'clouded yellow'?
- 10.) Where would you wear an epaulette?





New Residents information Board

We have introduced a new information board which is located outside the Oratory. This board is full of useful information for both residents and family members. We have updated minutes of each residents meeting, contact information for services, Summerville Healthcare Statement of purpose, HIQA inspection reports and much more. We are always open to suggestions of any information you feel needs to be displayed. *Please let Sarah know!*



