

## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2020**

**Here we are again, times flying by, I must  
have blinked, and January has disappeared!  
Wish I knew where the time goes.**

**The weather over Christmas and the first few  
weeks in January were very mild and very  
wet. Although it was miserable for us, it was  
nothing compared to the raging bush fires in  
Australia, and as this is only the beginning of  
the bush fire season, it's the worst one they  
have experienced this early. They have weeks  
of it to go, the fires have devastated houses,  
forests and wildlife, and then in total contrast  
the torrential rain and hail, the size of golf  
balls, on the other side of the Country causing  
floods. New Zealand has had its fair share of  
adverse conditions, in early December the  
volcano on White Island erupted, spewing  
steam and ash high into the sky. The 'up' side  
to the eruption is the increase tourism.  
Tourists are seeking out the thrills of  
witnessing an active volcano.  
Far too exciting for me!**

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## I LOVE TO LIVE

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I haven't done.

I hope, dear Lord, you will let me live until I'm 81.

But then, If I haven't finished all I want to do,

Would you please let me stay a while until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so much I want to see.

Do you think you could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast: there is more in store,

I'd very much like to live until I'm 84.

And if by then. I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till 85!

More planes will be in the air, so I'd really like to stick,

And see what happens to the world when I'm 86

I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask, (and it must be nice in  
heaven)

But I'd really like to stay until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes will be late,

But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.

I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time

So, I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89 .... maybe.

Just one more thing I'd like to say. Dear Lord. I thank you  
kindly,

But if it's okay with you, I'd love to live past 90!

*If you have any favourite poems or jokes that you would like  
to share with us, to be included in the newsletter, please let  
me know.*

**Jim wrote: -**

**My name is James Clare, but I prefer to be called Jim. I'm a widower.**

**I was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1927 (Valentine's Day).  
I've got a good sense of humour and like to laugh. My first job was a Shipping Office Messenger. My greatest achievement is having a happy family. When I was younger, I used to enjoy walking. On thing I've yet to achieve is winning the Lottery.**

**Rich or Happy - Happy  
Savoury or Sweet - Both  
Chips or Jacket potato - Chips  
Sink or Swim - Swim  
Early bird or Night owl - Early Bird  
Jelly or Ice cream - Ice Cream  
Naughty or Nice - Both  
Boys or Girls - Both  
Cats or Dogs - Dogs  
Plane or Boat - Plane  
TV or Radio - TV  
Angry or Sad - Neither  
Mad or Sensible - Sensible  
Singing or Dancing - Dancing**

## **PAUL GARDINER – Our Handyman**

**When and where were you born?** *Farnborough Hospital  
(Kent) 26.03.1962*

**What was your first job?** *Post room at The Daily Telegraph  
Fleet Street London*

**What is your greatest achievement?** *Winning the Scottish &  
Newcastle Brewery Open in 2002. Over 64 players at Reigate  
Hills Golf Club*

**What are your hobbies?** *HA HA HA, hobbies, that means  
time off! Golf, Airs shows and music*

**One thing I've yet to achieve.** *To become a millionaire*

**Relationship status?** *Single, but open to offers*

**Anything else you would like to say about yourself?** *Kind,  
helpful, compassionate, great personality, great driver! Not  
great dancer or singer*

**Past nicknames?** *Gardiloo, Grubes, Harry*

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 Singing or Dancing - Both I wish I could!

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**On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February we will be having a Music Quiz.**  
**There will be a buffet and refreshments available. Come and**  
**test your music knowledge! Starts at 6pm**

**Daily activities are shown on the white notice boards outside**  
**of the lift.**

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Painting with Tracy – 11am**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sacred Heart Art Works – 11am**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Bella Beauty Nails – 2.30pm**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Armchair Exercises – 11.15am**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Painting with Tracy – 11am**  
**Peer Dell sings – 3pm**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Music Quiz Night – 6pm**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Communion – 10.30am**  
**Ukulele Group - 3pm**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Painting with Tracy – 11am**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Stephen Almy Talks – 11am**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Painting with Tracy – 11am**