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We're on Facebook

You're never too old to embrace technology, even after 122 years, so we're delighted to announce we now have our own Facebook page.

Yes, you can now follow DAMHA at: www.facebook.com/DurhamAgedMineworkersHomesAssociation/ or just search for us when you are on Facebook.

The initial idea for creating the page is just to provide another presence online for us to share updates about our work and stories about our residents, so please like our page to ensure you see these updates.

Getting technical



We are delighted to welcome Stephen Hetherington and Gary Rowley to DAMHA as our two new Technical Inspectors.

Stephen and Gary will become very familiar to you as they make the initial visit to your homes to assess whether any work needs to be done in the future.

The pair are both very experienced technical inspectors, having previously served their time as a plasterer (Stephen) and plumber/heating engineer (Gary).

Remembering the fallen

Children at a local primary school joined with DAMHA in paying their own tribute to soldiers who died fighting for their country, including those from the region's mining community.

As part of the ongoing link we have with Cestria Primary School (see page 15), children in year 2 made poppies which we displayed on railings at our head office in Chester-le-Street.

The children had been learning about why people wear poppies, in the run up to Remembrance Day on 11th November.



DAMHA Operations Manager Helen Sinden, who asked the school to make the poppies, said: "The poppies made by the children were lovely and a very fitting way to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in wars."

"Many miners died fighting in the First and Second World War so for an organisation which provides affordable homes in coalfield communities, we couldn't think of a better way to pay our respects."

Cestria Year 2 Teacher Jayne Behenna said: "We value the links we make in the local community and the one we have established with DAMHA is particularly strong. The children enjoyed learning about why we wear poppies and were delighted when we told them that they were going to be displayed outside DAMHA's office."



Geordie is a 'Diamond' neighbour

Congratulations to Geordie Tilley on winning our 2019 good neighbour of the year competition.

The 71-year-old who lives at Ramsey Terrace, Delves Lane, Consett, was nominated by many of his neighbours.

Marion Haytack said: "He is always looking out for me and when I am away, he checks my house to make sure everything is ok."

Jean and Colin Bell said: "Geordie is a very helpful friendly neighbour and is always helping people in our street."

Lucy Rogan whose aunt lives at Ramsey Terrace, said: "Whether it is digging residents out when it snows or helping to fix boilers or fire, nothing is a bother for him. He really is a diamond."

A modest Geordie received a trophy, plaque and payment of £150 at DAMHA's end of the year residents' forum.

He said: "I am over the moon to win, but I don't think I do anything special."

"Luckily, my health is still good so if I can help people with a few jobs, or just make sure they are ok, then that's good enough for me."

Paul Mullis, DAMHA Chief Executive, said: "We never cease to be amazed at the lengths people will go to help their neighbours and in Geordie, they certainly broke the mould."

"It's clear that having Geordie in their lives benefits so many people and he is thoroughly deserving of this year's award"

Second prize, and receiving a plaque and £100 was Annette Richardson, from Gilesgate Moor, and third prize, and receiving a plaque and £75, went to Tom Heeley, from Witton Gilbert.



Blue Badge Changes

The blue badge disabled parking scheme has undergone its biggest shake-up since it was introduced in 1970, with a host of changes introduced from 30th August 2019. But what exactly is changing?

The idea is that people with less obvious health conditions, such as complex mental health disorders, will have the same right to park in disabled bays as those with physical disabilities.

A Blue Badge costs up to £10 in England and £20 in Scotland. It's free in Wales.

To apply, you'll need a recent digital photo showing your head and shoulders. You'll also need a photo or scan of your:

- proof of identity (such as a passport or driving licence)
- proof of address (less than 12 months old)
- proof of benefits (if you get any)

You'll also need to know:

- your National Insurance number (if you have one)
- the details of your current Blue Badge (if you're reapplying)

You can find more information about the Blue Badge scheme at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge>

90th birthdays

No fewer than 16 residents have celebrated their 90th birthday since the last edition of The Banner.

August brought the first 3 birthdays of this edition. Mrs Rita Willis, of Flemming Field, on the 4th; followed by Mrs Elizabeth Scott, of Easington, on the 23rd and Mr Robert Wallace of Stanley, on the 24th.

September brought a further 4 birthdays starting with Mrs Mary Potts, of Kelloe, on the 8th; Mrs Joyce Richardson, of Shiney Row, was next on the 17th; followed by Mrs Doris Shanks, of Framwellgate Moor, on the 19th; and Mr Robert Beany, of Horden, on the 29th.

October was celebrated by a further 5 residents. First was Mr Terence McGuigan, of Gateshead, on the 9th; then Mrs Jean Bradbury, of South Shields, celebrated on the 16th; closely followed by Mrs Mildred Turner, of Murton, on the 19th.



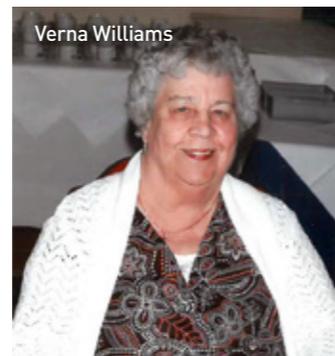
Joyce Richardson

The final two birthdays of the month belonged to Mr Norman Carney, of South Shields, on the 23rd; and Mr Joseph Petterson, of Southwick, on the 26th.

The sole November birthday belonged to Mrs Edith Turner, of Ferryhill, on the 20th.

December brought the final 3 birthdays of 2019. Mrs Margaret Smith, of Ryton, on 8th December; followed by Mr Ronald Ramshaw, of Rowlands Gill, on the 11th; and Mrs Verna Williams, of Horden, on 23rd.

Congratulations to one and all!



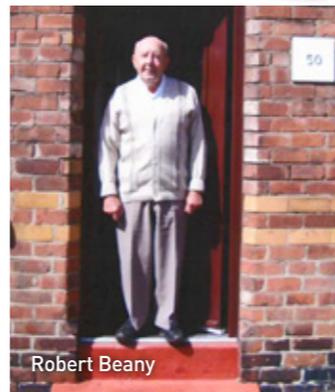
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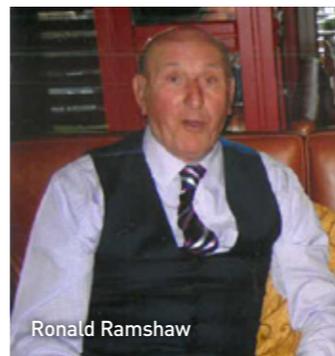
Norman Carney



Robert Wallace



Robert Beany



Ronald Ramshaw



Rita Willis

Happy anniversary

We would like to congratulate John and Freda Marley (first picture below), from Philadelphia, who recently celebrated their Diamond (60 years) wedding anniversary and David and Maureen James (second picture), from South Shields, on their recent Golden (50 years) wedding anniversary. We would also like to congratulate Wesley and Jane Taylor, of Silksworth, who celebrated their Platinum (70 years) wedding anniversary on 18th December 2019.



Keeping you moving in Winter

The Association is not responsible for clearing snow or ice from paths, yards or roads at your scheme.

If you have a salt bin that needs re-filling please contact your local authority, contact details are listed below

Durham County Highways and Street Scene

Tel: 03000 261000 or report it online at : www.durham.gov.uk/saltbins

South Tyneside Customer Contact Centre

Tel: 0191 4277000 or email: customerhelp@southtyneside.gov.uk

Sunderland City & Neighbourhood

Tel: 0191 5205550 or email: enquiries@sunderland.gov.uk

Gateshead Highways Agency

Tel: 0300 1235000 or email: customerservices@gateshead.gov.uk



By Royal Appointment



Residents at Bulmer House in South Shields had a memorable Christmas party, which included entertainment from a teenager who has performed in front of the Queen.

We had outside caterers who brought a three course Christmas dinner for 29 residents, friends and family and entertainment from a local 15-year-old singer and ukulele player called James Bassett.

He first played here when he was about eight and a lot of residents remembered his performance and so were very much looking forward to him coming back. Since he last played at Bulmer, James played in front of the Queen at the Royal Albert Hall, so he really did appear by Royal Appointment.

We would also like to highlight the kind gesture of Paul, a grandson of one of our residents, Dorothy Smith, who volunteered to make a Christmas dinner and bring it to Bulmer House for six residents who were home for Christmas. Paul and his dad, also called Paul, set up the lounge and acted as waiters, and everyone had a lovely day.



Fore!

Our annual golf day raised a fantastic £690 for our social welfare fund, which our residents can apply to pay for activities such as coach days out, Christmas lunches and social afternoons.

Staged in memory of former DAMHA Chief Executive Gordon Gray, a keen golfer who died in 2017, this year's event saw eight teams of four players teeing off at Beamish Golf Club.

There was a cash prize and trophy for the team which scored the highest points using the Stableford system. This was won by South Shields-based Premier Property Repairs Ltd.

There were also team runner-up prizes and individual prizes for the longest drive on a par 5 and nearest the pin on a par 3.

After each team had played, participants sat down for a two-course meal.

Paul Mullis, DAMHA Chief Executive said: "We're delighted to have raised so much money for our residents' social welfare

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fund, which will enable them to enjoy activities and social events.

"We would like to thank all the teams who took part and gave so generously on the day, as well as those who donated prizes.

"Our thanks also go to Beamish Golf Club for once again putting on such a great event.

"Gordon used to love taking part in our golf day so it's fitting that we now stage it in his memory and that it continues to go from strength to strength."

Anyone interested in taking part in the 2020 DAMHA golf day can contact Helen Sinden on 0191 3895824 or email hsinden@damha.org.uk

Una Mack with Keith Vayro



Mining for history

Possessions belonging to a former mines rescue worker are now on display in a popular County Durham mining museum.

Last year, DAMHA was proud to have been presented with a ceremonial helmet that Harry Vayro was given when he became a mines rescue worker in Crook in 1952.

The helmet was given to us by Harry's son Keith, who also had other memorabilia passed down from his dad, who died in 2012, including medals and badges. Keith's mother-in-law, Una Mack, serves on the DAMHA board.

After discussions with Keith and Una, we decided that rather than having the helmet at our head office and the rest of Harry's possessions in Keith's home in Crook it would be more fitting to donate everything to the Durham Mining Museum at Spennymoor Town Hall.



That means everyone can now see a real slice of mining history, as well as all the other wonderful things on display in the museum.

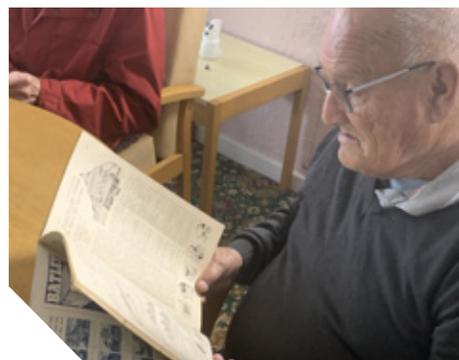
Keith said: "I am pleased that my father's possessions can now be viewed by anyone who visits the museum.

"It's a fitting place for them and it means his memory lives on at the museum."

The Durham Mining Museum is open to the public Monday to Thursday from noon until 4pm and Friday and Saturday from 10am until 2pm. Admission is free, but donations are always gratefully received.

The museum, which also features a mock mine, is entirely staffed by volunteers, so please visit and support it if you can.

<http://www.dmm.org.uk/>



Laying the foundations

A few years ago, we revealed that our aged miners' homes in Marsden Road in South Shields were to be replicated as part of a new 1950s town planned by Beamish Museum.

We are delighted to report that the foundations for the homes are now set up to be laid in early 2020 as the town begins to take shape at the 'Living Museum of the North'.

In October, Michelle Kindleysides, Head of Health and Wellbeing at Beamish, and Connor Emerson, the Museum's Engagement Development Officer, visited our Bulmer House sheltered housing scheme in South Shields to update residents on this exciting project.

They told residents that a 1950s welfare hall and community centre had already opened at Beamish and outlined the work which would be going on until the new 1950s town is complete in 2022. This includes:

- John's Café – copied from a café ran by an Italian family in Wingate, this will include wood panel booths and a jukebox playing songs from the 50s.
- Fish and chip shop – using a 1950s gas-fired range from Middleton St George, near Darlington, this will serve authentic fish and chips to visitors.
- 33 Bishops Close Street, Bishop Auckland – the home of artist Norman Cornish is to be replicated, displaying his work.

- Cinema – a 1950s cinema in Ryhope is being dismantled and put back together, brick-by-brick to play movies from the era.
- Red Houses Estate, Sunderland – 2 council homes from this part of Sunderland are to be replicated to show the modern semi-detached homes built by local authorities in the 1950s.
- Police Houses – Two traditional police houses copied from buildings in Heworth are to be built to demonstrate the community policing of the 50s.
- Bowling green and pavilion – A pavilion copied from the one at Billingham Bowls Club is to be built, alongside a full-size bowling green, which visitors will be able to play on.
- Spainsfield Farm, Weardale – this farm abandoned in the 1950s has already been dismantled and is currently being rebuilt brick-by-brick at Beamish to demonstrate upland farming from the time.

Below: Michelle Kindleysides and Connor Emerson speak to residents at Bulmer House.



From our perspective, the most exciting bit of all in the 1950s village will be the building of four aged miners' homes which mirror the ones at Marsden Road. Two of the bungalows will be presented as domestic properties and two others will be used for Michelle's Health and Wellbeing sessions, which are particularly aimed at people living with dementia, recovering from a stroke, or those with mental health issues.

As part of the visit, Michelle brought architects' plans for the aged miners' homes, as well as magazines from the 1950s so our residents could advise, using their own experiences, of how the homes could be furnished.

We are hoping to be able to take some of our residents to Beamish this year to view the progress on the 1950s town and we will, of course, continue to keep you updated via The Banner.

In the latest of a series of articles looking at the interesting lives of our residents, we speak to Muriel Crawford and discover why she's still a Sunderland season ticket holder at the age of 93 and find out why Ernie Waterer is known as 'The Sheriff' by his neighbours.

The Sheriff's in town!

Sheila and Ernie Waterer say moving into their DAMHA home was "better than winning the lottery."

And that was even before they started putting their personal own stamp on their bungalow in Hetton-le-Hole!

With our approval, the work they have done on their home includes fitting a new bathroom, complete with walk-in shower, installing a new kitchen and a new fireplace.

The couple say: "Prior to moving here we had a three-bedroom family home, but with our children having grown up and

moved out, we wanted to downsize whilst remaining in the area close to our family.

"Moving to our DAMHA home was better than winning the lottery and we have enjoyed making our own improvements to the home and putting our own stamp on it."

Sheila and Ernie, who have four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, met each other on a blind date and have now been married for 52 years.

Ernie loves watching sport on TV, so Sheila uses this as an excuse to go and watch her own programmes in their bedroom.

They also enjoy going for trips out on the bus, often going as far afield as Berwick and Redcar.

Ernie is the Residents' Representative for the area, as well as being a member of our Residents' Scrutiny Panel.

He goes above and beyond in his Residents' Representative role, making sure he puts everyone's bins out each week, and he's always on hand for a chat and to help out when he can.

He adds: "They call me the Sheriff of the Street; now I just need the badge to go with the title!"



From Sunderland to Italy

Most people when they get to their 90s are starting to take life a bit easier – but Muriel Crawford is not your average person!

After all, aged 93, she is still a season ticket holder at Sunderland Football Club, was recently interviewed on television and only gave up being a parish councillor a few years ago!

It's fair to say that Muriel, who lives in a bungalow at our Gray Court leasehold scheme in Easington, has led a colourful and active life.

This is one of the reasons why she was asked to appear on Tyne Tees in 2018 to discuss her wartime memories.

Muriel says: "They wanted to know what it was like being a child in the Second World War. I was 12 when the war broke out and living in Easington with my parents and my brothers and sisters.

"My dad and brothers worked in the mines and my mum ran a little grocery shop.

"Everything changed when war broke out though. I remember the first time the air raid sirens went, my mum closed the shop so we could all go to the communal shelter and she never re-opened the shop again, even after the war finished.

"She was so focused on protecting her children that the shop just became unimportant to her.

"Easington was bombed a few times as the Germans targeted the east coast but thankfully it never got hit as badly as places like Sunderland and Hartlepool.

"I do remember one time where a German pilot had parachuted into the sea when his plane was shot down and there were people shouting to let him drown, but my mum pointed out that he was someone's son and that he should be helped.

"That perfectly summed my mum up."



One of the ways Muriel's mum was able to protect her was to send her to rural North Yorkshire, where she lived/worked at Swinton Hall in Masham. During the War, part of it was used by Harrogate Ladies College and Muriel used to do housework and serve food.

She adds: "I was at Swinton Hall from 13 to 17 and whilst I still get

butterflies when I think how nervous I was when I went away from my family at such a young age, I loved it there and I have even been back a few times now it is a hotel."

After the war, Muriel returned to Easington and eventually met a man called Robert who would become her husband.

She recalls: "We went to school together, but I was four years younger than him, but even then, I remember saying to my friends that I liked him.

"Then, years later I saw him in a dance hall, and we arranged to meet but he stood me up. Luckily for him, and me, I gave him a second chance and we fell in love and were married when I was 20."

Muriel and Robert went on to have five children, but Robert tragically died from

cancer aged just 56, so he never got to see his five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Muriel remembers: "Robert fought in Italy during the War and one of the battles he was involved in was the battle of Monte Cassino.

"After the war, when it used to thunder and lightning here, he would sometimes throw himself under the bed, obviously still traumatised by what he had seen in battle.

"He always said he would like to go back to Italy and I used to joke that the only way that would happen was if he went to the local ice cream parlour which was ran by a Italian family.



"Then, just one week after he died, my friend won a holiday to Italy at the bingo and she took me and when I got there, I realised it was where Robert had been. That was very emotional, but I think it was fate that took me there."

Being a nonagenarian certainly hasn't slowed Muriel down. She was a parish councillor up until a few years ago and is still a season ticket holder at Sunderland.

She said: "I never really liked football but got into it later in life and I have now been a season ticket holder for over 25 years.

"I no longer go to every game, especially the midweek ones in winter when it's really cold, but I still enjoy going, even if we are not doing too well at the moment!"

Reunited

A search on social media has resulted in a DAMHA resident being reunited with the daughter she gave up for adoption 46 years ago.

Due to personal circumstances at the time, Diane Turner, who lives in one of our homes in Easington, had to reluctantly have her baby daughter adopted.

That daughter, Debbie Seaton, was lovingly brought up by another couple, but knew from an early age that she was adopted.

Debbie, 46, always wondered who her birth mother was but had very little information to go on, other than she knew Diane's surname was Garnham (Diane later changed her name to Turner when she was married) and that Diane possibly had older children.

Unfortunately, when she made initial enquiries with an adoption agency in Durham, she was told records from that time had been destroyed in a fire.

However, with the later introduction of social media, Debbie now had another avenue in which to search for Diane.

Debbie's daughter, Courtney, made the breakthrough when whilst searching on Facebook, she came across a man called Steven Perry (Diane's brother), who was friends with a Christopher Garnham. She later discovered that Christopher was her brother.

This then led to Debbie seeing a picture of Diane.

Debbie says: "I showed my daughter and she said I was the double of Diane and that she had to be my mother."

When Diane, 65, discovered that Debbie had tracked her down, she was delighted, and the pair were reunited for the first time in 46 years early in 2019.



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Diane said: "Personal circumstances at the time meant I had to reluctantly give Debbie up for adoption, but I never stopped thinking about her over the years. Meeting her for the first time was nerve-racking but I am thrilled to bits that we have been reunited."

Debbie adds: "I live in Gateshead so ironically, for the last ten years that Diane has been living in Easington, we have only been 20 miles from each other.

"I never felt any resentment towards Diane for putting me up for adoption and I understand the reasons she had to. My adoptive parents are lovely, and they have always been very open with me, so I see it as gaining another parent."

Debbie and Diane being reunited has also extended both families, with brothers and sisters getting to know each other, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Diane adds: "We're still getting to know each other, but I see and speak to Debbie regularly and I couldn't be happier."

Christmas is a time for... giving

Each year, DAMHA hands out £25 of gift vouchers to any of our residents who become, or who were already 90 in that year.

This year, we provided 125 vouchers. The Almshouse Association gives £15 and we added £10, so in total £3,125 was handed out.

Receiving his first voucher, having just turned 90 in October, was Norman Carney (pictured opposite with Paul Mullis), who lives in one of our aged miners' homes in Marsden Road, South Shields.

He said: "It's a lovely gesture. I have always liked Marks and Sparks, so I am looking forward to buying something in time for Christmas.

Paul Mullis, Chief Executive of DAMHA, said: "We are pleased to have been able to continue this long-standing tradition of buying a small gift as our way of saying thank you to some of our oldest residents at Christmas."



Our performance

These tables outline our performance over the last six months. A green shaded box indicated we met our target, amber means we were close to target and red means we failed to meet our target.

30th June 2019 to 30th September 2019

Service Area	Target	Result
Arrears	0.75%	0.44%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		
Satisfaction with repairs	90%	90.8%
Repair Appointments kept where made	100%	99.9%
LETTINGS		
Satisfaction with lettings service	92%	93%
Re-let times (days)	26	38
Complaints resolved at 1st stage	80%	100%
TELEPHONE CALLS		
% answered within 7 seconds	96%	97%
% of calls dealt with at first point of contact	65%	67%
Percentage of letters responded to within 5 working days	95%	94.9%

Resident Scrutiny Panel

There were no changes to our resident Scrutiny Panel at the recent meeting held in November 2019. Carter Johnson was re-appointed as Chair for the forthcoming year, and Derek Bland was re-appointed as Vice-Chair

The panel is currently full, but you are a DAMHA resident and are interested in joining the panel in the future, please contact Helen Sinden on 0191 3881111.

You're a STAR

Every three years, all housing associations are required to undertake, as part of their regulatory requirements, a confidential tenant satisfaction survey.

Known as a STAR (Survey of Tenants and Residents) survey, it is aimed at gauging residents' opinions in a range of different areas, including the quality of services they receive from their landlord, the quality of their home, whether they receive value for money and the responsiveness of their repairs and maintenance service.

We undertook our latest survey recently and as you will see from the results below (which we have illustrated using graphics), they make for very positive reading. We are ranked 1st in five of the six key indicators when compared with similar sized housing associations in the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside region.

One area we are particularly pleased about is the huge jump we have made when it comes to listening to the views of our residents.

We would like to thank everyone who took time to complete and return the survey.



LISTENING & ACTING UPON RESIDENT VIEWS

2019 – **87.3%**

2018 – 78.7%
Ranking - 1st



SERVICE

2019 – **93.9%**

2018 – 94.5%
Ranking - 3rd

REPAIRS

2019 – **95.8%**

2018 – 92.8%
Ranking - 1st



VALUE FOR MONEY

2019 – **95.4%**

2018 – 92.5%
Ranking - 1st



QUALITY OF HOME

2019 – **96.5%**

2018 – 95.7%
Ranking - 1st



NEIGHBOURHOOD

2019 – **97.2%**

2018 – 97.3%
Ranking - 1st



Residents' forum

Our residents' forum is always one of the highlights of the year and this one was no exception.

It got off to its usual great start thanks to the now customary singing performance from children at Cestria Primary School. The children began by singing some songs from their Christmas nativity play, before singing some class carols, which had our residents joining in.

They then presented residents with homemade Christmas cards, along with a small present, in the form of a chocolate, which were very well received!

We then had a presentation from Invisible Creations, a new social business start-up which make products which don't define people by age. They showed some examples, including stainless steel grab rails which are more aesthetically pleasing than the current plastic ones.

Invisible Creations have started to work with housing associations, and we are in discussions with them about how they could possibly help DAMHA residents in 2020.

The Forum then heard from our Technical Manager David Graham, who invited residents to speak to him about any future scheme work which we could include as part of our planned maintenance programme.

After the good neighbour of the year presentation, we held our popular Christmas draw and everyone then enjoyed a buffet lunch.

There were 31 prizes in total and we would like to thank everyone who donated gifts or bought tickets. They are listed below. If you need to check any others, please call our office.



	Prize	Ticket No.	Sold By	Sold To
1st	£100	1178	Bulmer House	James Hanson
2nd	£75	3245	Alma Gardner	Kilty no. 12
3rd	£50	4870	Cathy Jones	Bradshaw no. 18
4th	Costco Hamper	7330	Rutherford House	May no. 29
5th	2 Bottles Prosecco	5480	S McIntyre	Donnelly no. 5
6th	£20 ASDA Voucher	6935	J Roache	ANN NO. 16
7th	£25 M & S Voucher	8080	K Stanworth	Stanworth
8th	Rington's Box Hamper	9910	S Lewis	Ray Lewis 16 Cherry Tree
9th	£25 Sainsbury's Voucher	10385	A Tate	Kerry 34 Salmon Street
10th	£20 Morrisons Voucher	8590	G Tilley	L Harrop 31 Roseberry Tce
11th	M & S Sweet Treats	185	G Alderson	Middleton no. 13
12th	£10 Argos Voucher	2145	U Mack	Una
13th	2 Bottles Prosecco	2800	W frostwick	Bill F
14th	£20 Tesco Voucher	4110	D James	A Jackson
15th	M & S Wooden Wine Box	6245	C Moore	Simpson no. 11

Recipe Corner

Stilton and walnut scones (provided by Susan Lewis)



Ingredients:

- 100g Stilton cheese
(I used stilton with cranberries but you can use any)
 - 175g self-raising flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon of dried mustard
 - A handful of chopped walnuts
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 25g butter
 - 1 egg
 - 2 tablespoons of buttermilk
- For the top:
- A little milk for brushing
 - A slice of Stilton cheese or grated cheddar

Method:

Pre-heat oven time 220 gas mark 7

Sieve the flour, salt and mustard together.

Rub in the butter.

Add the crumbled Stilton.

Add the chopped walnuts.

Mix 1 egg with 2 tablespoons of buttermilk and add to the dry ingredients.

Mix gently with a knife not overworking the mixture, then form into a smooth soft dough.

Roll out the mix to about 2.5 cm thick.

Cut out the scones (about 6 depending on what cutter size you use)

Place a slice of Stilton or cheddar on top of the scones.

Place them on a greased baking tray and bake for about 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown. Cool on a rack, serve warm with lashings of butter.

(This is quite a sweet tasting scone, for a stronger tasting scone use blue veined cheese).



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