



Works to attract funding to improve the lifestyle and general well being of our new residents.

The official hand over for Stage One of Howard Solomon Residential Estate shall occur mid August and shortly thereafter we shall transfer 65 residents from our old facility to the new. All stakeholders are very excited about this event and I am sure you will hear more about the wonderful lifestyle opportunities and services provided to our residents. The commissioning of our new Howard Solomon buildings will allow greater services to be provided to our residents and we envisage a range of health and well being services to be offered to our external residents and membership with other services being introduced to our metropolitan villages.

In the meantime operational requirements must be achieved and I refer to the re-accreditation of our 3 resident funded villages and Howard Solomon Residential Estate, not to mention the end of the financial year responsibilities and annual reporting.

Our June report brings with it a time for celebration as many of the project developments undertaken by Freemasons WA near completion. I have reported earlier regarding the acquisition of Scottish Masonic Homes and can proudly advise that FWA now owns and operates the village. SMH consists of 79 homes or units and is situated behind our Lawley Park and Roy Collins Village, adjacent to Alexander Drive Menora. We look forward to utilizing our accredited Growth Provider Status through the Department of Housing &

The "Secret Garden" becomes "Garden of Remembrance"

On Wednesday 29th April approximately fifty Corinthian Court and Keith Simpson village residents gathered at the garden at the rear of Studio 26 for a short dedication service conducted by Canon Richard Pengelley (son-in-law of the garden's creator, Ron Patching).

Family representatives of ten residents who have passed away during the past seven years placed flowers on the seat which bears plaques with the names of the deceased. The seat also has an inscription which reads - REST IN PEACEAND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THIS GARDEN.

Following the short service residents enjoyed morning tea in the Club Lounge, provided by Freemasons WA.



Easter Treat for Corinthian Court and Keith Simpson Villages

When our residents celebrate Easter they really do it in style! Forty five residents from Corinthian Court and Keith Simpson Villages, keen for a good day out, were picked up by a bus on Friday the 3rd of April and whisked away to lunch.

The destination for the fine food, fun and frivolities was the Pavilion Restaurant at the Joondalup TAFE Education Centre and Training Facilities. The Pavilion served up a three course meal which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. It was declared a top day out and left no doubt in anyone's mind that the best food always tastes even better when enjoyed in good company.

Pictured is resident Phyllis McLernon well and truly ready for her appointment with good food, good friends and good times.



St Patrick's Day Happy Hour at Ashlar Glen and Dianella

The 17th of March is a great day for the Irish and for that matter, everyone who enjoys a celebration with good company in fine style.

Ashlar Glen and Dianella villages mark this special day every year with a Happy Hour and this year attracted 40 residents to the function. Also of particular note at this year's party was a very special guest in the personage of the most handsome and charming Leprechaun anyone can ever recall meeting. His name is Declan Reilly who is very nearly five whole years of age. Declan was the personal guest of his grandparents Glenn and Mavis Coughlan who were very proud to be accompanied by their own personal Leprechaun.

Needless to say, together Declan, Glenn and Mavis won the prize for the best dressed family, but with Declan on side how could they possibly lose, with or without the luck of the Irish!?



The Joy of Singing echoes through the halls of Lawley Park

Meg Mitchell of Freemasons WA Lawley Park is an accomplished pianist and musicologist who had a desire to share her knowledge and passion with the residents of the Lawley Park Village. Meg was of course well aware that participation is the key (if you will pardon the pun) to derive the ultimate satisfaction from music.

Meg then decided that a singing group at the Lawley Park Village would bring both the joy of music and entertainment to the residents and so the message for interested persons was sent out. The response was overwhelming from a good mixture of men and women. The Lawley Park Singers were born and now every Thursday between twenty and thirty residents meet at the village hall to give up their voices in joyful song.

Meg says that the quality of the individual voice is not an important criterion for membership of the group. It's all about enthusiasm, enjoyment and sheer unadulterated fun! As all singers know, when large numbers of voices are blended with a degree of skill, the combined sound can produce wonderful rich harmonies and a fullness that is otherwise not possible to replicate.

Meg has since been lucky enough to enlist the assistance of friends and fellow musicians Barbara Colreavy (violinist) and Beryl O'Connor (soprano and conductor) to join the Village Singers. The contributions from these wonderful musicians brings a further dimension to this group who have now melded into a "happy family" united in the love of music.

This is a wonderful story of community spirit and participation and we give our sincere congratulations and encouragement to Meg and everyone who is involved.



Bad taste Friday for Ashlar Glen and Dianella

Fun and laughter was the principle ingredient of the highly successful "Bad taste dress" dinner party held on Friday 3rd April at Ashlar Glen and Dianella Villages.

It would be reasonable to say that most of the laughter was caused by the outrageous costumes worn by many of the party goers. However, it also has to be said that king and queen of bad taste fashion were undoubtedly Norm and Naomi Ennis who entered the room to gales of uncontrolled laughter. There is also a special mention for Margaret Canham, who at ninety nine years young is a regular attendee at many of the Village social functions, for her extraordinary hat!

Whilst there can be no doubt that the average standard of dress was in absolute bad taste we are happy to report that the same cannot be said about

the food. Soup, meat pie and potato followed by fruit salad and ice cream was served to sixty nine hungry residents and greatly enjoyed by all.

The entertainment was provided by Perth's own squeezebox maestro and troubadour extraordinaire, Peter Harries.

The Social Events Committee wish to thank the residents for their support of this function which has been described as "one of the happiest" social functions ever held at Ashlar Glen and Dianella Villages. We are reliably informed that there could be a follow up event in the future and we are sure that the residents would in turn like to thank the committee for all their hard work and dedication.



Norm and Naomi Ennis



Margaret Canham



Bill and Grace Schultz

Dawn Service at Kingsley

Every ANZAC day the residents of the Corinthian Court and Keith Simpson Villages combine to honor all the Australian heroes of past actions fought by our boys and girls of the armed forces and support services.

They stood in silence at daybreak to give thanks for those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and for those who were mercifully returned to us.

After the solemn ceremony the veterans together with friends enjoyed a traditional Australian breakfast and no doubt, judging by some of the medals on display, some ripping yarns and memories from the past.

To all the veterans in the Freemasons WA Villages we hope you all had a wonderful day and offer our Heartfelt thanks for all the privileges of freedom and peace we enjoy today.



A Flag of Pride and Sorrow

Many will remember the wonderful yet sorrowful account of Lawley Park resident David Story's discovery of his uncle's remains on the Belgian battlefields of World War One. The discovery was made by a keen amateur archeologist and resident of a village bordering the site of the terrible Passchendaele battle as the result of earth works for the construction of a new highway.

As history tells us the Battle of Passchendaele claimed so many of Australia's sons and many of them lay to this day in unknown and unmarked graves in the green damp fields of Belgium. Through a remarkable series of modern scientific DNA tests, one set of bones were identified as David's uncle. David then traveled to Belgium to attend the funeral where his uncle's remains were finally laid to rest in peace for ever.

Many months later at the rising of the sun a world away on ANZAC day, the residents of Lawley Park Village are joined by visitors from other Freemasons



WA Villages. They have gathered together to honor all the fallen ANZAC sons of all the wars and conflicts in which our young nation has been involved. Their faces are grave and their hearts are full as they salute the Australian flag and although every flag of our wonderful country is a special thing this particular one is even more so. For fluttering in the crisp spring breeze on this day is the flag that covered the coffin of the brave digger who was identified as the long lost uncle of David Story.

This flag carried home from Passchendaele was a tread of reality which poignantly tied the peace we now enjoy to the terrible carnage of Passchendaele all those who have defended us since.

The residents of Lawley Park Village and those who attended the ceremony as guests are truly appreciative of the efforts of Laurie Gibson and the staff at Lawley Park in setting up the event it was a special and important job very well done.



Celebration time at Corinthian Court

A Beautiful cake for a beautiful lady formed the centre piece of the 95th birthday celebration for resident Enid Snaith. Seventy guests including fellow residents, family and friends gathered in the Village Club Lounge, many bringing with them heaped plates of tasty treats to add to the ample party fare.

Ron Elphick, Residents Committee Chairman, gave a delightful description of Enid's life and the respect she has earned from her fellow residents for her natural elegance, generosity and friendliness. At the conclusion of Ron's speech the assembled party goes drank a bumper toast and Enid sincerely thanked everyone who had helped to make her party such a success.



Residents Ron and Avonwen Elphick celebrated the very impressive total of 60 years of wedded bliss! Ron and Avonwen have been residents of Corinthian Court for 7 years with Ron serving as Chairman of the Resident's Committee for the majority of that time. Family, friends and special guests from all over the country gathered in the Village Club Lounge to celebrate the special and wonderful occasion.

As a further recognition of the high importance of the event, cards expressing congratulations and good wishes were received from Queen Elizabeth 11, The Governor General, Prime Minister, our State Governor and the Premier.

