

JANUARY 2021 ISSUE

Mini Link



Whilst we are all locked down once again, we thought it might be nice to message you all now rather than wait for the next edition of The Link.

The quizzes that we sent to tenants from March until September have been reinstated and will be issued weekly whilst we remain in lockdown, if you have not received a copy, but would like one, please let your House Manager, Premises Officer or Elaine Beveridge know and we will arrange for you to receive a weekly copy.

We have not had the start to 2021 that we had all hoped for, we must hold fast and continue to follow all the guidelines in order to stay safe.

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Norma Goodman – 100 Years Young!

Norma Goodman lives at Westdene and on 3rd January celebrated her 100th Birthday. Covid 19 meant that the big celebration with family and friends was not possible, although they will make up for that when we are all in a safer place.

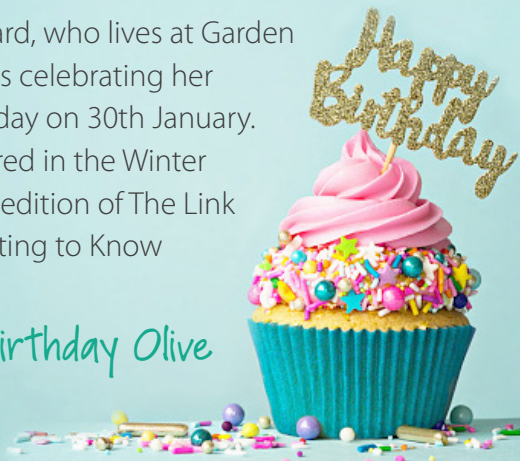
Norma's eldest Daughter, Sheila Bennett, has written down some of Norma's family history which you can read on the opposite page. Sheila also said about her Mum:

“ Every time we see her, she tells us how happy she is there and how well looked after she is. We are thankful that we were able to find such a caring place for our Mum to live. ”

Happy Birthday

To Olive Ward, who lives at Garden Court, she is celebrating her 101st Birthday on 30th January. Olive featured in the Winter 2020/2021 edition of The Link on our 'Getting to Know You' page.

Happy Birthday Olive



Vaccinations

Some of you will have received your vaccination by now and must feel very relieved. There may be some tenants who are nervous or unsure about whether to have the vaccine. If you are feeling unsure please talk to your House Manager or Elaine Beveridge, they will be able to put you in touch with a fellow tenant who has received the vaccine who could explain the process and how they felt afterwards and hopefully put your mind at rest.

1981 – 2021

Celebrating 40 years of caring

Eldon has now reached 40 years our Ruby Anniversary. As promised in the Winter 2020/2021 issue of The Link, we will be celebrating this milestone but recognise each scheme will have its own special way of marking this event.

We need to hear your ideas about how you want to celebrate. If it is safe and possible do you want a party, additional planting or garden furniture, something for the communal lounge, or something else? Whatever you want we need to hear your ideas because it is your home and your ideas which matter, but we need to start planning now.

If you have any suggestions please share these with

your House Manager or Elaine Beveridge who will, in turn, be liaising with me.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone when it is safe, thank you for adhering to all the COVID-19 safety rules this helps neighbours, your Eldon team and yourself to stay safe.

Tony Molloy, Chief Executive

Norma Goodman

Norma Irene Rose Bevan was born on 3rd January 1921 in Guildford, Surrey. Her mother was Clarissa, and her father was Arthur.

Arthur's parents worked as Lady's Maid and Groom in Buckingham Palace and when they married Queen Victoria gave them a silver salver as a wedding gift. This prized possession was treasured by Arthur's father and his 8 children, sadly Arthur's mother had died in childbirth.

Arthur joined the army at the beginning of World War I and was immediately given his uniform. He was the first local man to be married in uniform in Guildford, the whole town turned out to see the wedding and cheer.

After the war the family lived in Guildford and three children were born there, Ronald, followed by Norma and then Gordon. The family moved to Erith, Kent where Norma attended the Grammar school, and where later Norma met her husband to be, Douglas Edward Compiegne Goodman. They were married just as World War II was beginning.

Douglas had ambitions to be an opera singer, but war was declared and he signed up and was sent by the Army for training in Yorkshire. He then spent most of the war abroad with the Desert Rats, under Field Marshal Montgomery. Norma only saw him briefly when he was sent back for medical treatment, and on the rare occasion he was given leave.

Their first daughter, Sheila, was born in 1941, followed by Zelda - known as Janice in 1942. Two further daughters Brenda and Heather followed, then in 1951 their first son Nicholas was born, and

their sixth child another boy Quentin was born in 1961.

Norma was an amazing needlewoman using her skills to make her daughters' clothes. While they were young she made them beautiful identical dresses which caused people to stare and admire four little girls all dressed the same. Norma became interested in the Guiding movement and became a Brown Owl for a local Brownie pack.

After the war Douglas became a semi-professional singer and Norma used to help him practice for his concerts by singing the female parts of duets. Douglas worked for John Lewis for many years as their Credit Manager. The family later moved

to St. Albans, they bought a small cabin cruiser boat and had happy times on the nearby canals. When Douglas retired early, they sold their St. Albans house and bought a haberdashery shop in Abbots Langley which they ran together and lived above the shop.

They finally retired, sold the shop and bought a cottage in Broadstairs. For the first few years Norma sometimes worked part time at an antique shop, which she enjoyed. Douglas died in early 2000 while they were living in Broadstairs and Norma continued living there alone until 2010 when using the stairs became a problem. After much research, the family decided it would be better for Norma to move to Westdene which was near to three of her daughters and where she would be cared for.



Staying Safe & Keeping In Touch

The entire staff team at Eldon Housing are doing all they can to keep you safe. We feel it is important to remind you what you can do to keep yourself and your neighbours safe.

- 🏠 Remain in your flat do not leave unless it is absolutely necessary
- 🏠 If you are walking around the building, visiting the laundry, or returning from exercise or shopping trips please wear a mask until you are safely inside your flat
- 🏠 Use the hand sanitiser when you enter the scheme and wash your hands when you are back in your flat
- 🏠 Restrict visitors to your support 'bubble' and care professionals only – they should all wear a mask when walking through the scheme and carers must wear them when they are attending to you – at Joan Nightingale House, Lindsay Court and Westdene we are currently not permitting any visitors in order to protect our most vulnerable tenants.
- 🏠 Should there be a Coronavirus outbreak at your scheme stricter restrictions regarding visitors will be implemented in order to keep everyone safe and we will ensure that we keep everyone affected informed
- 🏠 The communal lounges, dining rooms and guest rooms are all currently closed
- 🏠 If you feel unwell pull the emergency cord to alert an on-site member of staff or if you live in Bardsley, Claremont or Garden Courts or Marten House telephone 111 for advice
- 🏠 If you feel low and need to talk to someone you can telephone
- 🏠 The NHS Volunteer Responder service has been set up to provide support with shopping, collecting prescriptions or just having a friendly chat – you can call 0800 196 3646 8.00am-8.00pm to check if you are eligible for their support services. Elaine Beveridge can make this call for you if you wish.
- 🏠 The servicing of all essential equipment (such as lifts and boilers) are continuing with all other maintenance work being completed in emergencies only in order to limit the number of people entering our schemes
- 🏠 If you have any maintenance concerns tell a member of staff or telephone the Help Desk on 0800 434 6298 which is manned 24hrs a day

We continue to monitor all guidance from Public Health England/Government and will implement everything necessary at our schemes in order to keep our tenants and staff safe. This means that additional restrictions may be put in place at short notice, but we can assure you that these will always be in your best interests and they will be lifted as soon as it is safe to do so.

Stay safe and stay well.

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