

WELCOME TO HILL HOUSE

FEBRUARY

NEWSLETTER



In House News

Update on the lifting of restriction on the wearing of face masks in Hill House.

Unfortunately, we have had to reinstate the wearing of masks due to the increasing risk from the community of Flu, Covid and Gastric Viruses to protect the vulnerability of our residents, their families and staff members.

As it is Valentine's Day this month, we thought we would share this romantic local story with you all.



The Coffin House is an unusual property situated in Brixham, which was built from a love story dating back to the 1600s. In fact, the building is so unusual that it is the only one in the world shaped like a coffin. The Grade II listed house dates to circa 1736 and stands on the corner of King Street and is just a few metres away from the harbour. Formerly known as Ye Olde Coffin House, the building has a rather romantic past as it is said to be built due to an argument between a father and daughter, who wanted to get married to someone that her father disapproved of. During the dispute between the two, the father wasn't keen on the son-in-law and told his daughter his thoughts before she married. He said to her "I would rather see my daughter in a coffin than wed to you" however the husband-to-be took this to heart and went off and constructed the house in the shape of a coffin. The father was so impressed with his son-in-law's actions that he allowed his daughter to marry.

The global customs of Valentine's Day are so unique that some of them will definitely make you chuckle

Jack Valentine on its sleigh

Valentine's Day in England is celebrated like everywhere else. Couples exchange chocolates, flowers, and love tokens but people in Norfolk gave a twist to this occasion by coming up with the 'Jack Valentine' tradition, also known as Old Father Valentine or Old Mother Valentine. The tradition is like Santa Claus on Christmas. Parents and loved ones sneak into the children's rooms and leave small gifts and treats for them. Couples also do the same for their lovers.



Everybody gets chocolates!

On the occasion of Valentine's Day, the Japanese believe that nobody should feel left-out; so everybody gets chocolates. Also in Japan, it's women who give chocolates to men, and the type of chocolate signifies the relationship. Honmei-Choco are special chocolates prepared for lovers, boyfriends and spouses. Giri- choco or obligation chocolates are given to bosses, close colleagues and loved ones.



Count your roses

For a Chinese man to show his love, the most important thing that counts is the number of roses he presents to his lover on Valentine's Day. If it's one rose then it indicates 'my only love', if it's eleven it says, 'you are my favourite', 99 is for 'promising you an everlasting love'

and 108 roses is when men want to propose their lovers to marry them. So if you are in China, the number of roses you give your girlfriend on Valentine's Day can say a lot.



Guess the name?

Denmark and Norway both have quirky but sweet ways of celebrating Valentine's Day. In this tradition, a man sends his woman a 'Gaekkebrev' or funny little romantic poems or rhymes in an anonymous love note. If the woman guesses her secret admirer correctly, she wins an Easter egg on the Easter Day but if she loses, she owes an Easter egg to the admirer.



Drawing for love

France is one of the most iconic places to celebrate love and romance. Strangely it also has one of the weirdest Valentine's Day practices ever. The tradition is called 'un Loterie d'amour' or 'drawing for love'. Single men and women of different ages gather in houses facing each other and take turns to call the opposite sex from the window till they find their pair. If a man is not satisfied with the woman, they leave her for the other men.



'Lupercalia'

Along with exchanging gifts, flowers and chocolates with their lovers, women in South Africa also put their hearts on their shirts. They pin up names of their lovers on the sleeves of the shirts. This is an ancient Roman tradition known as 'Lupercalia', which also refers to the Roman Festival of fertility that is celebrated a day after Valentine's Day.



Forever-alone day

Like the Japanese, South Korean women perk their lovers with chocolates. In return, one month after Valentine's Day, which is on 14th March, men give them presents; this day is also called as White Day. But what makes this custom interesting or rather humorous is that if a person doesn't receive any gifts or treats, he or she goes to a restaurant and orders 'black noodles'. This happens exactly a month after the White Day, which is 14th April.



Saint of springs

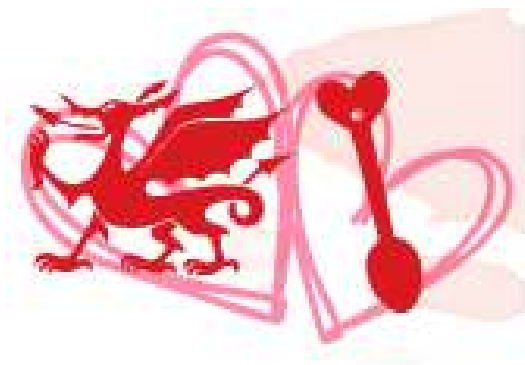
St. Valentine is known as saint of springs and as the Slovenian proverb goes 'St. Valentine brings the key to roots'. The 14th of February is the first working day in the fields. It's also an auspicious day for farmers to resume to their vineyards and fields. There's a

popular belief that on this day birds in the fields propose and marry their lovers. To see the love birds, one must go bare feet through fields or sometimes even through still-frozen grounds.



Have a sweet dream

It's said that during the 18th century in Great Britain, on Valentine's Day, spinsters would sprinkle rose water on five bay leaves and place each leaf at each corner of the pillow and one in the centre. Before going to bed they would then eat a hardboiled egg with salt and sing prayers to Saint Valentine. It was a belief that this ritual would bring dreams of their future husband. However, people in Great Britain no longer follow this tradition.



Love spoons

On Valentine's Day, Welsh men gift their women decorative carved wooden spoons. The age-old custom is said to have started in the 17th century. They present beautifully carved wooden spoons to the ladies they wish to marry. Welsh also celebrate St. Dwynwen's Day on January 25th which is similar to Valentine's Day. Saint Dwynwen is also known as the patron saint of lovers, so like Valentine's Day, people celebrate this day with their partners and loved ones.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 1st – Simon and His Animals

Wednesday 8th - Luc the Harpists

Thursday 9th – Andy the Singer

Friday 10th – Vicar Elizabeth

Tuesday 14th – Samantha Montini (Singer)

Wednesday 15th – Simon and His Animal

- Rachael The Hairdresser.

Friday 17th – Patrick the Singer

Monday 20th – Sharon the Violinist

Wednesday 22nd – Simon and His Animals

Thursday 23rd – Mac the Singer

Monday 27th - Louise the Saxophonist

February Birthdays



BIRTH SIGN: If your baby is born before February 19, they'll be an **Aquarius**, a sign associated with intelligence, independence, and quirkiness. Babies born at the end of the month (February 19th or later), fall under Pisces, a sign known for being kind, compassionate and easy going.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: LESLEY 1ST, LAURA 9TH AND GILLIAN 10TH





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ACTIVITIES

Hill House is sharing the minibus with our 2 sister homes.

On recent trips we have been to Paignton Sea front, Broadsands, Berry Head and the Torbay Steam Rally and we are hoping we will soon be able to go to M n S again and Fermoy's Garden centre amongst other venues.

JULIE AND DENISE ARE VISITING RESIDENTS IN THEIR ROOMS OFFERING 1 TO 1'S

WHERE PRACTICABLE THE FOLLOWING -

REMINISCENCE AND DISCUSS, QUIZZES,

MANICURES, READING NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS,

ANAGRAMS, SINGALONGS, CHOICE OF GAMES,

ONE TO ONES, KARAOKE, CRAFTS, PAINTING,

ALL THE USUAL ACTIVITIES WILL STILL BE TAKING

PLACE IN THE SUN- LOUNGE DAILY WHEN RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.

WE ARE HOWEVER NOW HAVING ENTERTAINERS IN THE LOUNGE AGAIN FOR RESIDENTS ONLY AT THE MOMENT.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT AROUND THE AVENUE TO LOOK AT THE GARDENS, PLEASE ASK JULIE OR DENISE



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Money and valuables

Are entered onto the Care Control Electronic Monitoring System.

All jewellery will be photographed. Monies will be counted and a sheet completed to keep a tally of monies coming in and out.

A small request is that if families are bringing in or sending money then the home is kept informed so this can be added to

the balance. Monies will be locked away in either the medication cupboard in the resident's room or in the office safe

if this would be the preferred option for residents deemed as lacking capacity. For residents that Upon admission there is a property list completed and then this

have capacity they have the option of keeping their money on their person, in the medication cupboard or locked drawer in their bedroom

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING WITH RESIDENTS ROOM NUMBER



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- "What do you write in a slug's Valentine's Day card?" "Be my Valen-slime!"
- "What did the paper clip say to the magnet?" "I find you very attractive."
- "Why did the husband get his wife a kitten for Valentine's Day?" "He thought it was the *purr*fect present.
- "What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?" "I'm stuck on you!"
- "Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards?" "His heart wasn't in it."
- "What's Cupid's favourite band?" "Kiss!"
- "Why did the sheriff lock up their valentine?" "She stole their heart."
- "What do you call two birds in love?" "Tweethearts!"
- "What did the scientist say to her valentine?" "I think of you periodically."
- "How can you tell when a squirrel is in love?" "It goes nuts!"
- "I thought I won the argument with my wife as to how to arrange the dining room furniture. But when I got home the tables were turned."
- "I once fell in love with someone who only knew 4 vowels. They didn't know I existed."

- "What did the calculator say to the pencil?" "You can count on me."
- "How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend?" "He gave her a ring!"
- "What did one oar tell the other oar?" "This is so row-mantic!"
- "What did the light bulb say to the other light bulb?" "You light my world up."
- "How can you get arrested on Valentine's Day?" "For stealing someone's heart."



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Valentine's Day Word Search

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CANDY
CARDS
CUPID
DEAR
DOVES
FEBRUARY
FLOWERS
FRIENDS
HEART

TREATS
VALENTINE
SWEETHEART
RED
LOVE
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PINK
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