

Fairseat Foundation



Fairseat News – 07th November 2020

- **November & December birthdays and Wedding anniversaries** – In November we have 7 residents celebrating birthdays with **Joan's birthday on 14th** and then **Gay** on 15th, **Mike C.** on the 16th, **Yvonne M-S** on the 17th, **Diana & Fiona** share a birthday on the 20th and **Delphine's** birthday is on 26th. Then in December, we have **Jeanne** on the 5th, **Rosemary** on the 12th and **Edwin** on the 30th. Also, of importance, and certainly worth celebrating, we have **Steve & Yvonne's 56th wedding anniversary on 7th December**. So, with all that in mind, we are planning a combined **celebration lunch on Friday, 27th November**. If the weather is good enough, we will have a garden lunch otherwise it will have to be in our new dining room. Hopefully, with 3 weeks warning, residents will be able to plan their lives to avoid being in quarantine on the day. So, no excuses!!
- **Quarantine** - Residents in quarantine at the moment include Joe & Gay and Mike & Vi who are all on Day 1 of 7 after medically related visits. John & Elizabeth are both on Day 1 of 14. Chip, Anja and Andy are all on Day 2 of 14. Debonnaire is 3/14, Neil is 4/7, Yvonne M-S is 4/14 and Ben is 9/14. So please be aware of people in reflective jackets, help each other to maintain responsible behaviour, wear your masks and keep safe distance from others at all times. We all want to keep each other safe and well and this relies on responsible behaviour. **Residents in quarantine cannot go into the dining room, cannot go into the Widgery Room for videos or other meetings, and cannot sit near or together with non-quarantining residents whilst watching clock golf or boule. They must wear their masks when outside their residences and they must not go inside residences of other residents. Any uncertainty, please speak to Ben.**
- **Track & Trace** – we are not controlling outside visitors as before but we do need to keep a record of who visits whom and when. This is in case we have a positive virus infection and we need to know who has been in recent contact for track & trace purposes. Please ask your visitors to let the office or Ben know about visits. Likewise, whenever residents need to go out of Fairseat it is important to know where you are going. Simply indicating that you are going to Muthaiga will not assist us if we have to follow up a positive case – more detail is required please.
- **Residents** – Joe & Gaye have had their two daughters to stay recently but they have both returned to the UK. Joan is in Tsavo staying with her daughter & promising to come back next Tuesday. Anja is safely back from France where she had to go at short notice. Ben & Fiona had 2 weeks with friends from Zimbabwe visiting them and Fiona is now in Zambia visiting her father - expected back on Wednesday. Steve & Yvonne are expecting their son for a short visit.
- **Staff – Carolyne** our admin manager is on sick leave still. **Ruth Mumbi**, who was standing in for Carolyne, has gone on annual leave and so we are short staffed in the office. Please keep this in mind and not occupy the existing staff with petty issues as they are very busy at the moment. In addition, our fundi, **John Kamau**, is on annual leave and so we need to be a little bit patient as we try to resolve maintenance issues.
- **Armistice Day, 11th November 2020** - will mark **102 years since the end of the First World War**. However, the day is intended to remember all the wars that have scarred our past and the bravery of the men and women who fought them. **Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, which fall on Sunday Nov 8 & Wednesday Nov 11 this year**, offer us all a chance to remember not just those who fought, but what they fought for. The Kenyan branch of the British Legion runs the annual Poppy Appeal, associated with this occasion, which raises money to assist war veterans and maintain war cemeteries in Kenya. **Residents can get their poppies from Debonnaire or the Fairseat office if they wish to support the appeal.**
- **Copacabana Club with John G. – Friday 20th November @ 11am featuring “The Good Life”.**

- **Pub Nite** – Unfortunately we had to cancel our last pub nite due to the majority of the organisers all being in quarantine. Finding a replacement barman was apparently easy. But finding a replacing waitress, who was already standing in for the regular serving wench, turned out to be a bridge too far. So the next one is scheduled for Wed evening, 18th Nov @ 5.30pm with Neil, Andy & Debs.
- **Past residents** – we remember **Betsy Crowder** who died on 26th November 2017 and also our founding chairman and patron, **Mike Shaw**, who died on 29th November 2015.
- **Films** – “**The Crown**” series appears to be proving popular with residents and continues to be shown on Tuesday afternoons. On Thursday we have the “**Flame Trees of Thika**” being shown over two evenings on Thursday 12th & 19th of Nov. This will be followed by “**The Greatest Showman**”.
- **Guest Apartment** – our guest apartment is available again – either for respite or visitors coming to see residents. It will not be as much fun as usual due to quarantine restrictions in place but if anyone is interested please contact Ben. December was fully booked but the worsening situation of the virus in Europe, America and Kenya has resulted in a few cancellations.
- **Fairseat Rainfall**
 - Jan to October – 1305.25mm over 131 days Vs Average of 743.8mm over 70.15 days
 - November to date – 44.5 mm over 5 days Vs Average of 169 mm over 15.3 days for the month
- **Feeding the dogs** – can I please remind residents that they should not feed Ben & Fiona’s dogs at all – not even bacon from the vegetarian selection. Zuri in particular is getting decidedly overweight and already suffers from a bad heart condition.
- **Sunday, 8th November** – Remembrance Sunday
- **Sunday, 8th November @ 11.03am** - Clock Golf with **Mike** under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday, 9th November @ 11 am** - Crossword with **Shirley** in the Widgery Rm.
- **Monday, 9th November 3 pm** - Scrabble with **Shirley** in the Widgery Rm
- **Monday, 9th November @ 5 pm** - Croquet on the Top Acre lawn
- **Tuesday 10th November, 11am** – Exercises with **John G. on the big Lawn**
- **Tuesday 10th November, 4.30 pm** – Video “**The Crown**” in Widgery Rm
- **Tuesday 10th November** – Joan returns – maybe.
- **Wednesday, 11th November** – Armistice Day
- **Wednesday, 11th November, 10.30am** - Bingo with **Jane** in the Widgery Room.
- **Wednesday, 11th November, 11am** - Clock Golf with **Mike** under the Terminalia Tree
- **Wednesday, 11th November, 3 pm** - ~~Bridge Lessons with Fiona~~ Fiona returns late afternoon
- **Thursday 12th November, 11 am** - Exercises with **Sara Shaw** on the Big Lawn
- **Thursday 12th November, 4.30 pm** – “**Flame Trees of Thika**”
- **Friday, 13th November 5pm** – Boules on the Big Lawn
- **Saturday, 14th November** – Happy Birthday Joan
- **Saturday, 14th November** – Diwali – Hindu festival of lights. You may hear fireworks!
- **Sunday, 15th November** – Happy Birthday Gay
- **Sunday, 15th November** – New moon
- **Sunday, 15th November, 11.00am** - Clock Golf with **Mike** under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday, 16th November** – Happy Birthday Mike C.
- **Tuesday, 17th November** – Happy Birthday Yvonne M-S
- **Friday, 20th November** – Happy Birthday Diana & Fiona
- **Friday, 20th November, 11 am** – Copacabana Club with **John G.** featuring “**The Good Life**”
- **Thursday 26th November** – Happy Birthday Delphine
- **Thursday 26th November** – Remembering **Betsy Crowder** who died on this day in 2017
- **Friday, 27th November 12.15pm** – Bitings & Drinks on the veranda before Celebration Lunch
- **Sunday, 29th November** – Remembering **Mike Shaw** who died on this day in 2015