

WEEKLY BULLETIN

28TH FEBRUARY 2022

MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Afternoon – One to one activities

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

Shrove Tuesday • St. David's Day

Special homemade Welsh Pancakes
served after lunch and at teatime

Afternoon – Bingo

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

11.00am – Fire Alarm Test

Afternoon – Quiz time!

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

10.30am – Residents Forum Meeting

Afternoon – Yoga stretches

Movie Night

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

Afternoon – Word Searches

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

Afternoon – Singalong Saturday

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

Afternoon – Scrabble Sunday

Exercises in the lounge every morning at 11.30

BROOKFIELDS

Private Nursing Home



As Lent looms, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday has a very different meaning for Ashburnians with the start of Royal Shrovetide Football.

The game has been played almost every year since at least 1667.

Ashbourne Royal Shrovetide Football got its Royal title after Edward VIII, who was then Prince of Wales, opened the game in 1928.

The game starts on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday at 2pm, when the ball is 'turned up' from a stone plinth on Shaw Croft car park in Ashbourne town centre. The ball is thrown into the air and into the 'hug' by the 'turner up', a respected local person chosen to do the honour. Famous 'turner-ups' have included Prince Charles and The Duke of Devonshire. Once play begins, a large number of players try to move the ball to their goal by pushing against the opposition. The match continues until 10pm. If a goal is scored before 5pm, then a new ball is 'turned up' again and a new game started. If the goal is after 5pm then the game ends for the day.

The ball is a special hand-sewn leather ball. It is larger than a football and filled with cork chippings (to help it float in the river). Weighing around 4lbs, the ball is carefully hand-painted to a design chosen by the local person picked to 'turn up' the ball at the start of the match. If the ball is goaled, then it will become the proud possession of the person who has goaled it.

Hundreds of players take part in the game which divides the town and reignites local rivalries. Your team depends on which side of the Henmore Brook you were born on: those born South of the Brook are the Down'ards, and try to goal the ball at the old Clifton Mill. Those born on the North are the Up'ards and try to goal the ball at the old Sturston Mill.

The process of 'goaling' a ball requires a player to hit the ball against their millstone goal three times. The scorer is usually elected en route to the goal and is typically someone who lives in Ashbourne. It's a huge honour to 'goal' the ball & the scorer often becomes a local celebrity.

Ashbourne Shrovetide Football is similar to rugby, but there are very few rules. Despite the whole town being the 'pitch', the Shrovetide Football match can't be played in churchyards, cemeteries or places of worship, and private property must be respected. Shops and businesses board up their windows in preparation!

One of the earliest rules was 'no murder' and one of the most recent is 'the ball must not be carried in a motorised vehicle!' Players must follow the request of medical personnel, marshalls and police at all times - and respect the town and its people.



DON'T FORGET IT'S SHERRY TIME AT 3.00 O'CLOCK EVERY DAY!