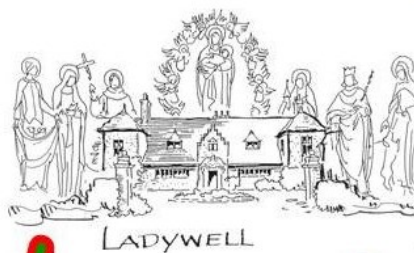
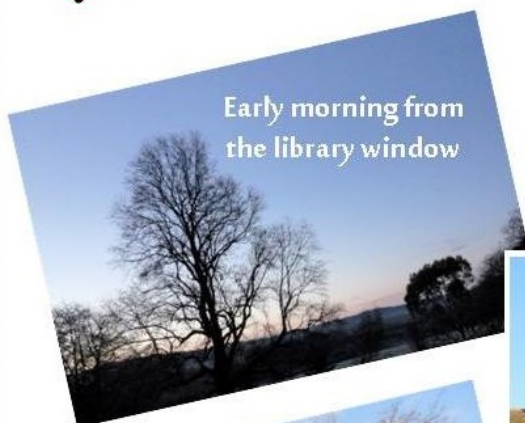


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Inside Ladywell



Early morning from
the library window

In The Bleak Midwinter at Ladywell

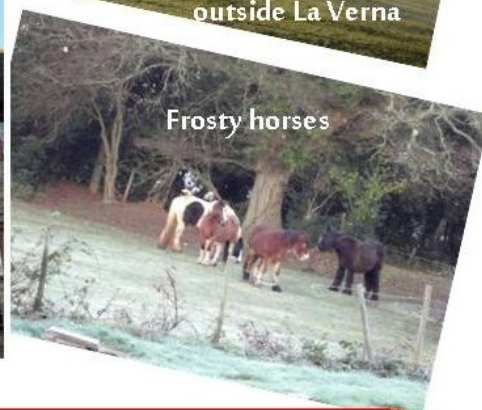
Photos taken on a
recent frosty morning



Frosty fields
outside La Verna



Bright rowan berries
outside La Verna



Frosty horses

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER JANE

As we come to the end of another full year in Ladywell we would like to thank all our staff for enabling us to live our mission of Ladywell being a place of welcome and peace for so many. Whether as members of the three communities here or people coming to the Retreat centre, visiting our sisters in La Verna, our own sisters spending time in Ladywell for rest and holidays or people coming for the numerous events which happen here - Jubilees, Funerals, Heritage Open Days, Staycation,the list is endless....there is always a welcome, a sense of community and genuine care and concern. This cannot happen without you, our staff who. each in your own unique way, contribute to making Ladywell the place it is. May you and your families be richly blessed this Christmas and throughout 2015.

Jane fmdm

Congratulations to La Verna Caring Team



The team gathered in La Verna to show off their finery to the sisters!



It was a very special night on 21st November for the Care Team of La Verna, when they received special recognition for the *Care Team of the Year* at the Annual Surrey Care Awards. The event was held at the Epsom Downs Racecourse Suite, with a Champagne reception and dinner.

The compère was Sylvie Blackmore, a popular, well-known presenter from BBC Surrey Radio.

Twelve members of our staff were present to receive the award along with Mrs Scilla Le Pla, who retired in October after 6 years as Care Manager of La Verna and Sister Florence Mooney FMDM. (left)

Having won the Dementia Care Award two years ago they were overjoyed when it was announced that La Verna were included in the winners of Care Team of the Year 2014. The Award was presented by Sir Richard Stilgoe, OBE.

The Certificate and flower arrangement have been proudly displayed in the foyer of La Verna to remind everyone what a wonderful dedicated team are caring for our elderly and frail sisters here.

We are so proud of you all.



A
Happy
Selfie!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Sister Anne Kavanagh (R) collected a dozen Christmas gift boxes from Ladywell for poor children in poor countries.

They were taken to the collection point at Saint Saviour's Church in Guildford for 'Operation Christmas Child'.

We pray for the volunteers who transport hundreds of shoeboxes every year to brighten Christmas for poor children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Thank you everyone for your gifts.



Sister Anne Kavanagh with the shoe boxes

*A very warm welcome to our new staff members
We hope you will be very happy with us here in Ladywell*



Samantha Rooke

Operations Department in St Francis. Samantha's role is in Human Resources and Payroll.



Tomasz Frackowiak

has joined our Operations Team in the grounds, gardens and maintenance.



Sylvana Robu

Introducing our La Verna Care Manager.

A GREAT TEAM JOB - WELL DONE

A big thank you to the Christmas baking team:

David Malcolm,
Latane Naeothawit
and Scott Colgate

for making great batches of Christmas Puddings
Mince pies, and Christmas Cakes - and to Sister
Maureen for decorating the cakes so beautifully.



MISSION AWARENESS

A welcome visitor this month was Karen Poon from Singapore who is the new Associate Director of Mission in our hospital - Mount Alvernia, Singapore. Karen was here on a visit to experience first hand the spirit of the Motherhouse in Ladywell and to explore our history. She also visited Mount Alvernia, Guildford and met some long serving staff from FMDM days. We wish her every blessing in her ministry to Mount Alvernia Hospital Singapore and Assisi Hospice, Singapore. Do take a look at the websites:



Karen Poon

www.mtalvernia-hospital.org
www.assisihospice.org.sg

Farewell Sister Anne McCoy R.I.P.

Anne died quietly on 27th November. Her many friends from London and Guildford filled the chapel for her Funeral Mass. Sr Anne will always be remembered for her outgoing kindness to everyone and for her gentle, peaceful presence among us.

We thank everyone for their constant care of Anne over the past few years in La Verna. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**



A MESSAGE FROM RONA

I would like to thank all staff for your dedication and service to the sisters over the last year.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas

and Happy New Year -

Rona and Phil



We wish you a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

Children and their parents singing carols after building the Christmas Crib in Ladywell Chapel December 17th 2014



Advertisement

Ladywell Convent encompasses two kitchens catering for a diversity of needs and we are looking for a **Bank Catering Assistant** to continue the smooth running of our catering operations. We cater for our elderly sisters and also visitors to our Retreat Centre.

Job Title: **BANK CATERING ASSISTANT**

Average Weekly hours:

Bank hours – weekend working will be required. Work time ranges between 8.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Duration: BANK

Salary: Living Wage

Start Date: To be decided

Description: Catering Department

Duties: Under the supervision of the Chef in Charge you would be responsible for all aspects of vegetable preparation and cleaning in the catering department. Training will be given in the use of any kitchen machinery.

Interview Date: To be decided

For further information or an application form for this post please contact:

Rita Lane or Sharon Howard in the Catering Department on 01483 419393

Please send your articles of news and photos to:

Sister Frances Hall - St Clare's community,
or if you wish to email: frances_hall@hotmail.com Thank you

N.B.