

Marley's Tales

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Tales from The Apuldram Centre, from the cat with no tail!



Marley's Tales is a seasonal publication produced by the trainees at the Apuldram Centre. We have named the publication after the Apuldram cat, Marley – The cat with no tail! We want to share with you some of the things we get up to and talk about. It is produced by the Apuldram trainees with some support from the staff.

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The Apuldram cat food procurement team.

Marley, as you know, won the award for the best cat colleague and part of the prize was a gift card to buy cat food. In order to spend this we sent a team to Pets at Home in Chichester. We had fun looking around the shop!



The cat food procurement team



We considered buying him some fresh fish from the tropical fish department.



We looked in the guinea pig section. After all, he was partial to the odd mouse. Guinea pigs are rodents too!



We ended up taking the more traditional approach and choosing food from the cat food aisle!



We bought it with Marley's prize, a gift card for Pets at Home.

Christmas Cracker Jokes

In the build up to Christmas we decided to collect our top 10 Christmas cracker jokes. The jury to decide the top 10 were:



Chris



Greg



Zak



And Apuldram's very own Chuckle Brothers, Anthony and Phill!

Here they are:

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?

Cross Mouse Cards

Who is made of snow and never says "yes"?

Frosty the No Man.

What is the best Christmas present in the world?

A broken drum. You just can't beat it!

I met Frosty the snowman. He is an ice-guy!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow.

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A Christmas quacker.

How did Scrooge win the football game?

The ghost of Christmas passed.

What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve.

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born?

They had a weigh in a manger.



That's a cracker!

What is your favourite Christmas song?

We asked everybody at the centre what their favourite Christmas song was. Here are our results:

Name of person	Song name	Artist/Singer
Phill	Do they know its Christmas time?	Band Aid
Anthony	Mistletoe and wine	Cliff Richard
Joel	Here we come a carolling	Disney
Meg	The Fairytale of New York	The Pogues and Kirsty McColl
Jess	The Fairytale of New York	The Pogues and Kirsty McColl
John	The holly and the ivy	Andrew Petereson
Szuszanna	White Christmas	Bing Crosby
Nick	The Fairytale of New York	The Pogues and Kirsty McColl
Greg	Away in a manger	
Justin	Jingle bells	James Lord Pierpoint
Josh	Driving home for Christmas	Chris Rea
Alka	Happy Christmas (War is over)	John Lennon
Emma	Away in a manger	
Zak	Jingle bells	James Lord Pierpoint
Rachel	The Fairytale of New York	The Pogues and Kirsty McColl
Lisa	Let it snow	Dean Martin
Danny N.	Jingle bells	James Lord Pierpoint

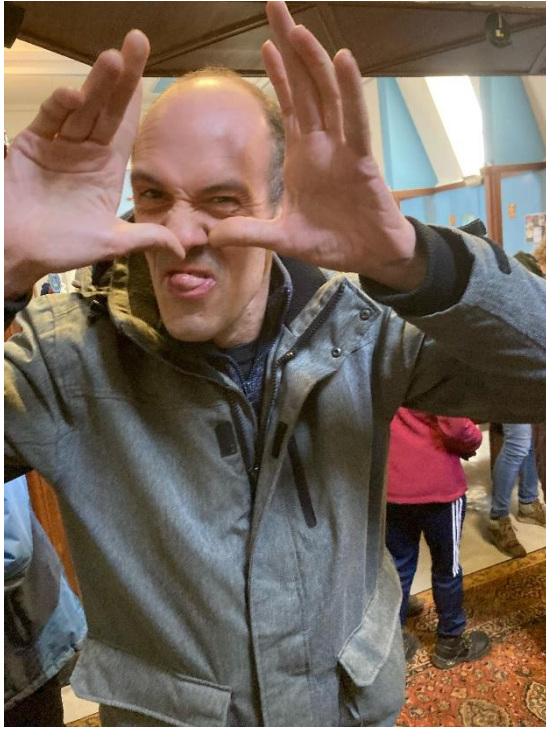
It seems like the Fairytale of New York is still a massive favourite!

Christmas tree Competition

We sent a group to the St Anne's Church Hall in East Wittering to decorate a Christmas tree for a competition. We had great fun!



All of the decorations and the fairy were made at the centre.



*Not everybody was taking
it entirely seriously!*



We were pleased with our final effort!

World Cup questionnaire

We asked everyone at the Centre two simple questions about the World Cup, who they wanted to win (which country they were supporting) and who they thought would win. It produced some interesting answers and discussion!



(This isn't the World Cup it is an African drum, but it looks similar!)

Interestingly only 7 people actually supported England, although several seemed to choose the team that they had picked out in the sweepstake!

When asked “Who will win?” We got some curious answers! Six people thought England would win. Is this being over optimistic? There were a number of people who chose teams like Brazil, France, Spain and Portugal – fair enough! Curiously Megan favours Iceland! (The nation or the shop?)

In one discussion, the point was made that it would be interesting and ironic if the team with the most gay players in it win, as it would make a point to the host nation, Qatar, who have a number of laws which oppress gay people. It was also noted that although England had wanted to wear an armband to protest about these laws, they had decided not to when they were told that they might be ‘booked’ in the match if they did so. However, in that first match their opponents, Iran, had made a point about not singing their own national anthem to protest about the treatment of women in their country. This action could put them at considerable risk from their government, when they return home.

There are 32 teams in the World Cup and we have had a sweepstake and drawn out a team each. Here are the teams we have drawn:

World Cup Sweepstake – Who's in and who's out?

Name	Team	Name	Team
Jonathan	Croatia	Julie H	Japan
Lisa	France	Nicole	Brazil
Henry	Cameroon	Julie Hurm	Saudi Arab.
Ellie	Serbia	Chris	Mexico
Emma	Germany	Ed	Denmark
Danny N	Poland	Andrew	Tunisia
Warsha	Iran	Tyrone	Ecuador
Greg	Canada	Debbie (v)	Belgium
Anthony	Morocco	Debbie (st)	England
Phillip	Wales	Eric	Senegal
Josh	Argentina	Pip	Spain
Joel	Switzerland	Megan	USA
Justin	Ghana	Jess	Netherlands
Corrina	Australia	John	Uruguay
Alka	Portugal	Rachel	South Korea
Olivia	Qatar	Zsuzsanna	Costa Rica

A box of chocolates for the winner!

The Apuldram Christmas Festival

This year we had our usual Christmas Fair over three days to avoid parking problems. It was renamed a 'festival' because as it was not just on one day. Here are some photos from the Saturday:



Santa and one of his elves were there.

There was a best dressed Christmas dog competition.





There were some farm yard animals.



We loved the pigs!



Santa parked his sleigh on the grass!

A Walk around the Marina

We had a yomp around the marina on a glorious sunny afternoon.

Things started with a wardrobe malfunction!

Wellies were adjusted to the correct feet and off we trotted.



We headed towards the lock.





There were lovely views.



We made it across without anyone being left behind.



We were in the wood right beside the water.



This tree would be great to climb on.

We had a lovely walk!

What does Christmas mean to you?

We asked everybody at the centre which three words do they most associate with Christmas. It created some funny answers and some interesting conversations!

A lot of people gave answers that were related to food and drink, maybe things like “mince pies” or “turkey”. Others focused more on traditional Christmas drinks like “wine” and “sherry”. Things like “mistletoe”, “presents” and “crackers”, were common answers as were answers related to Christmas music. Encouragingly some thought that “family” was important.

The wittiest and most original answers to the question, “Which three words do you associate with Christmas?” were “I”, “love” and “presents” and “Ho”, “Ho” and “Ho” by David and Richard Manning respectively. Tracey said, “wine”, “wine” and “wine”!

Curiously, there were hardly any religious references in our answers, only a couple of people who mentioned “carols”.

Which three words remind you of (do you most associate with) Christmas?

Name	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3
Tom	Presents	Music	Turkey
Zak	Presents	Pudding	Snow
Greg	Family	Music	Snow
Jonathan	Family	Music	Turkey
Ellie	Family	Songs	Mince pies
Lisa	Family	Songs	Turkey
Zak	Xmas trees	Lights	Turkey
Samba	Snow	Music	Presents
Terri	Santa	Pantos	Music
Andrew M.	Xmas trees	Presents	Turkey
Richard M.	Ho	Ho	Ho
Emma	Presents	Music	Xmas trees
Sam	Presents	Parties	Turkey
Ed	Ho	Ho	Ho
Joel	Food	Stockings	Crackers

Lisa	Decorations	Food	Xmas trees
Pip	Food	Lights	Family
Lisa (staff)	snow	Holly	Cheesy songs
Johnny	Mistletoe	Sherry	Turkey
Alec	Wine	Chocolates	Cigars
David	I	Love	Presents
Tracey	Wine	Wine	Wine
Jane	Sparkling	Christmas	Trees
Phill	Family	Turkey	Fun
Anthony	Beer	Trees	Food
Isabelle	Decorations	Presents	Turkey
Paul	Trees	Wreaths	Turkey
Tiff	Mince pies	Holly	Turkey
Alka	Turkey	Presents	Santa
Corrina	Presents	Family	Food
Rachel	Xmas trees	Decorations	Dinner
Jess	Turkey	Snowmen	Elves

Debbie (S)	Bad movies	Eating too much	Falling asleep
Julie	Santa Claus	Candles	Carols
Frank	Pudding	Xmas trees	Elves
Maggie	Xmas trees	Red Santa costumes	Skating
Richard	Sherry	Gifts	Rest
Samba	Family	Turkey	Carols
Debbie (V)	Stuffing	Crackers	Pigs in blankets
Ben	Chocolate	Music	Pants (as presents!)
Tyrone	Potatoes	Sprouts	Presents

Interview with Anthony Shutler the bell ringer!

Some of you may not know but Anthony is a campanologist when he is not at Apuldram. This means that he is a bell ringer in several local churches at weekends and some evenings. We thought that we would interview him about this. Josh, Phill and Greg were the interview team.

Q. When did you start ringing bells?

A. When I was ten years old.

Q. Where did the inspiration come from to ring bells?

A. My dad rang the bells and he was a bell ringing teacher. He introduced me to it when I was ten.



Q. Where do you ring the bells?

A. I ring at Westbourne church on a Monday night. I ring at Aldwick church on a Tuesday night and at Chichester Cathedral on a Sunday morning and a Wednesday night. I ring at Bosham church once a month on a Thursday.

Q. Why are bells rung?

A. Bells are rung to call people to church for services.

Q. Do you ring the bells by yourself or are you in a team?

A. I am in a team of eight or six. Aldwick, Westbourne and the Cathedral have eight bells and Bosham has six bells.

Q. Have you always rung in teams like this?

A. A team of six is called a "Minor method". A team of eight is called a "major method". A team of ten is called a "Royal method". I have rung in a Royal method once at a Lewes church. A "Maximus" is a team of twelve.

Q. Are there rules about how you play and what you play?

A. Normally we would ring a "method". This means we ring a set rhythm and change this rhythm according to set rules. I know and have used these "methods" for forty years. I know them by heart.

Q. What do you enjoy about bell ringing.

A. It is good fun to do. I like being in a team and meeting people. We always go for a drink afterwards in the local pub.

Q. Who, at Apuldram, do you think would enjoy bell ringing?

A. Eric would enjoy ringing bells as I know he is very keen on campanology! Phill could do it, if he could stop laughing! Josh says he would enjoy it. Richard Manning would love it!

Winner of the World Cup Sweepstake

Josh was the lucky man who drew out Argentina in Apuldram's World Cup Sweepstake. He won the prize of a box of Cadbury's Chocolate. Well done Josh and well done Argentina!



It's all the others!

An occasional opinion piece by Apuldram's "Mr Angry" –
He'll put the world to rights!



I'm furious!!! Why so much bad news on the telly?
Conflicts. Wars, people arguing and fighting! It gives me a
headache! I'm sick of it! Put me in charge! Where's the
good news?

I demand beer on the NHS, I want free leccy and gas for
all! I want a chocolate fountain in Trafalgar Square! I
want Christmas to be extended to the middle of summer!
And right now I want a glass of Baileys!!!

Some Photos from "Apuldram's Got Talent"

(Part of our Christmas celebrations)



Louise's and Joel's "You're the one that I want"



George's brilliant dance moves.



Sim Cowell turned up to judge!



Some people had to do the "Bush tucker trial"!



Joel as "Veruca Salt".



George was the winner!

