## Absent Friends

By Christina Roper, Clarion Reporter

Quite a few of those featured in the last Clarion are unfortunately no longer with us. We mention them here – not to be sad – but to be proud that such lovely, graceful and kind characters have been, for so long, such important links to the life and times of those connected with the Clarion and the Castle Comfort Team.

To begin, MR JACK BLOOR, CCC's most bygone years which resulted in welcome senior gentleman client would have been 99 this reunions. He will certainly be missed at CCC's year – but he left us during the printing of the

last ever all black and white Clarion. His family however proudly gave permission for us to go ahead with his story.





NORMAN BREEZE, a truly remarkable character aged 96 passed away leaving his framed picture, provided by the staff of CCC,



hanging in the Marquis of Granby Pub at Penkhull where he had been a stalwart regular for over seventy years!

Cheers Norm!

The Wolstanton provider of comfort aids asked us to make a special mention on the departure of their oldest ever client - ANNIE MAYER of

Biddulph - who was marching on to reach a remarkable 104!! Cheerio Annie - and you were right - you never were to need that stairlift!!





featured in our last publication - contained numerous native local and ex-pat characters the sudden

The sun-blessed Canary Island of Lanzarote, as

departure of Briton DICK ELLIS shocked everyone. He was 86.

Dick Ellis

Normandy veteran ERNEST FROST sadly passed away too at the age of 86. The Clarion in 2004 appealed for contact from his friends of offices in Wolstanton. Rarely a week went by when Ernie didn't journey there for a chat and a coffee - all the way from his home in Bradwell

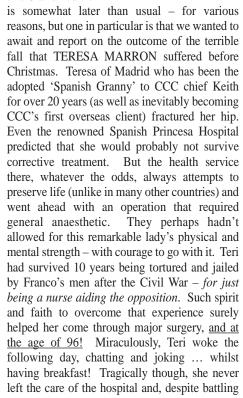
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APPEAL BY NORMANDY VETERAN !!

on his Vaya Bien travel vehicle showing off his medals to all on

> Ernest Frost marches on!

Many of you will have noticed that this Clarion edition





away as ever. survival was to be until February when other complications set in and she sadly slipped away. Adios, Teruka, ha sido un placer conocerte.

Teresa Marron

"Death is nothing at all, l have only slipped away into the next room"

Thanks to the Rev Cecil Mann of Newcastle

The eventual departing of loved ones is tragically inevitable - and undoubtedly much more upsetting when the loss is that of a child. RYAN KELSALL of Hanley was born with a rare condition that gave him a life expectancy of just 14 years. Only weeks after Castle Comfort Centre provided him, without charge, with a much-needed stairlift, Ryan died at the age of just 9. Sincere condolences and respects are sent to his distraught parents who have been dedicated to ensuring that Ryan's short life was, despite the odds, as happy and comfortable as

Last but not least, as reported elsewhere in this edition, the sad death at the age of 79 of DOREEN after a long and cruel illness, leaves the Castle Comfort Centre group, especially son Keith (Wolstanton Managing Director) cherishing the memory of someone who played a giant part in the inspiration for the formation of the business. Doreen's own personal needs caused the beginning of the birth of a little homecare products firm ... that just went on ... and on ... and apart from being Company Secretary, Doreen's modelling skills and product assessments were invaluable.

None of us have seen the last of Doreen. She will continue to grace many of the promotional leaflets produced at Castle Comfort Centre.



DOREEN 1926-2005 (see 'Charity begins at home' p10)

**Footnote** – We apologise for not mentioning all CCC clients who have passed away recently. Please contact us for a special mention of a friend or relative that you have lost in the next Clarion