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MONTHLY NEWS & INFORMATION FOR ANSTEY VILLAGERS

Twins celebrate their 75th birthday in style!

JEAN & JOAN Smart (known locally as 'the Smart twins') were born on Park Road, Anstey on 1st April 1934. Their mother wanted a little boy, but on April Fool's Day she gave birth to twin girls. There were no incubators in those days, and the babies were wrapped in cotton wool.

Jean and Joan have lived and worked all their lives in Anstey. Their first jobs were at the Airborne shoe factory, which they left on having children. When their children started school they became dinner ladies at Park Road and Latimer schools. Then Joan worked at the Anstey Parish Council offices before joining Jean at Ulverscroft Large Print books, from where they retired.

Joan married the local milkman, and Jean married a local farm worker. They both married, had their children christened, and - sadly - their husbands' funerals at the Parish church of St Mary's.

Joan has 3 children: Angela, Sue and Phil plus 4 grandchildren. Jean has 1 son, Richard, 2 step grandchildren and a step great grandson.

The 'Smart Twins' are well-known in Anstey by several generations. The generation they went to school and work with, and the generation



Angela Lett with Jean and Joan

they were dinner ladies to. Joan is known to children as Mrs Plummer, who always had sweets in her pocket if you were upset.

On their 70th birthday, Rev Jay Phelps took them for a ride in his motor bike and side car, so we were looking for something to better that.

They both said "Don't spend too much on us!" and they are fortunate enough to have everything they need. But Joan's children teamed up to organise a stretch limousine to take them to local restaurant, where a large party of family members were joining them for a meal.

Anstey-based American Dream Cars, provided the limousine. Everyone from the 75-year-old

birthday girls down to a 7-year-old grandson thoroughly enjoyed the limousine ride. Mum and Jean felt like royalty.

Memories of special occasions are priceless, worth much more than any gift we could buy.

Their lives today mainly revolve around their grandchildren, which keeps them both active. My sister and I are eternally grateful for their help with childcare.

They have spent all of their lives caring - and still do - for their immediate family, extended family (nieces & nephews) and neighbours.

ANGELA LETT

April Anstey Beat Surgery

ALL RESIDENTS are invited to attend our beat surgery and discuss any concerns or issues they may have, also an ideal occasion to meet your local beat team.

When is it?

29th April 2009, 12pm-2pm

Where is it?

Parish Council Office, Jubilee Hall
Stadon Road, Anstey.

For more information contact

0116 222 2222 (Collar No.6662)

PHIL WRIGHT

CHAMPS!



THE MIGHTY ANSTEY NOMADS have won the Premier Division title with two games to spare.

See page 14 for details.



BIRTHDAY TREAT: Jean and Joan with family members and stretch limo

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