

# Castle Comfort Clarion

INTERIM BULLETIN

## HELLO DOLLY!...



## Where DID you get that stick?

By Gerry Atrick - Clarion Correspondent



**This...  
would you believe...  
is the end of a walking stick!**

When Castle Comfort's roaming free ferrule service arrived at Reginald Mitchell Court, Hanley, 97 year-old Dolly Aston was first in the queue. Apparently it had been two years since Dolly somehow lost the stopper off her walking stick and had patiently waited for the return of Castle Comfort's popular service where they visit many places throughout the country changing worn out rubber stoppers without charge. The amazingly

sprightly nonagenarian who never stops cracking jokes and is one of the most remarkable people in the country for her age – had made her own emergency ferrule out of plasters and paper – and somehow managed to keep herself (relatively) safe with it for all this time.

It is pointed out however, by the Wolstanton-based homeware products Company, that a bald ferrule on a walking stick gives little grip and can be dangerous. In Dolly's case, it was just as well that the improvised 'stub end' was only for use around the complex where she

has lived for 20 years – but now as you can now see – she has a stick complete with a new rubber stopper for safe use anywhere!

*And here she is again, with Castle Comfort Centre Director, Ann Bruce, delighted with her free present!*



*Any residential care home or living community wishing to book a Castle Comfort Free Ferrule Change service – please call 01782 612771, or folk can pop in to the Wolstanton showroom anytime. For those struggling to get out – just call for a home visit.*



*Dolly, 97, as you can see here is obviously concerned about the state of her walking aid.*

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# 'TC' celebrates the best come-back ever

By Harry Burroughs - Sports Correspondent

Stoke City and Irish Republic international legend Terry Conroy has been involved in some remarkable comebacks in a splendid football career. But he was only given a one in ten chance of surviving emergency surgery recently after suffering an aneurysm (sudden leaking of the main heart valve) during a St Patrick's Day function. But also present was a doctor – so quick thinking and instant attention proved vital.

Then, due to a mixture of fantastic service at Stoke-on-Trent's University Hospital, Terry's spirit, and natural residual fitness from a career as an athlete (plus, of course, prayers by many) - Terry pulled through. It was indeed an impressive comeback.

Castle Comfort were then delighted to provide a special chair to 'TC' to help with his recuperation, and when it was no longer needed, the Conroy family asked for the riser recliner to be collected from his Newcastle-under-Lyme home.

But Terry, who has been Patron of CCC's Good Deeds Fund for many years, asked if it could be given to someone else in need

of a little help. There was no better choice than Mick Downing of Wolstanton – a life long fan of Stoke City – who despite

suffering from ill health – managed to follow his beloved team to Wembley in the recent FA Cup final appearance.



It's thumbs up from Castle MD Keith Simpson, with Terry Conroy presenting the chair to Mick Downing.

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