KINNING PARK CARE HOME NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2015

A Special Birthday Celebration

On the 28th January, Jackie Ferguson, the home manager celebrated her birthday in style. Kinning Park Care Home staff all contributed to this special ladies birthday as a surprise. And what a surprise it was! Staff and residents sang Happy Birthday and presented her with a beautiful cake, and a special present which Jackie happily posed for photographs of.

Jackie was delighted with the gift of a trip away for the weekend to the Trumps Turnberry Hotel, where she truly travelled in style in a gold Jaguar with chauffer and champagne provided! Her sister taken by surprise accompanied her, as she had just flown in from Hong Kong that day and they had a really pleasant time, joined by her family over the weekend.

As most people will be aware, Jackie hasn't been keeping in the best of health recently, although she has remained upbeat and continues with her work. Jackie was overcome with staff kindness and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making her birthday so special, and one to always remember.

We have had another great few months at Kinning Park Care Home! A warm welcome to all our new residents and we hope that you enjoy your stay here!

Your opinion matters! Please give any suggestions for activities to Ashley, your Activities Coordinator who will be more than obliging to support you, so come and tell me WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO TODAY?!









Happy Birthday!



Also,

Happy Birthday to:

M. Young, G. Gorman, J. Adam and M. Rennie who all celebrate birthdays in March. Have a lovely time!



REMINISCENCE WORKSHOP with some of the items we have gathered already...

Memory Box

A gentleman from "Memory Box" visited us and we look forward to using this company in our activities provision very soon. Memory Box offers some nostalgic items perfect for reminiscence all in themed boxes. If you have any items you could donate to our own private collection to help reminiscence workshops, please kindly hand them in!

Bernie's Story—"Reunited"

'Since moving into the care home something really special has happened to me. I have had a dream come true that previously seemed so out of reach. I lost touch with my family over 30 years ago. I certainly missed my family and thought of them from time to time.

It was when I lost my estranged sister that I began to become more curious about my family. I began to really think about my family members that I had lost contact with and hadn't seen in such a long time. I missed them and I wondered about them, but I didn't really know what I had to do to track them down or get back in touch. When I moved into Kinning Park Care Home I spoke to staff members who said they would try their best to help me. They kept me informed of their progress and one day my goddaughter visited. I couldn't believe it. I never even recognised her. She was wearing a friendship ring I gave her 33 years ago which I had forgotten all about. I was surprised she still had it.

I am really happy to finally get back in touch and there is still some family I have yet to meet. I do feel a bit nervous about meeting them, naturally but I am also really excited. I'm now looking forward to the future as I have something to look forward to and feel like my life is starting over again. I would like to thank staff who made this possible for me.'



BERNIE MCDAID

Sadly, Bernie passed away in February. I am very glad to have met Bernie as a resident in the care home and as a friend. It is valuable to me that we managed to trace Bernie's family before he passed.

In other sad news, we also say goodbye to Thomas McIlwraith who passed away.

The funeral service for Tommy was a humanist service which really highlighted the best parts of Tommy and celebrated his life. It will be a lovely way to remember Tommy, as well as the memories we have of him from the care home.

We are on the lookout for

donations for our Easter

Raffle,

Thank you for your kindness

Upcoming Events in March

Friday 13th Mother's Day Activities

Remembering our Mothers and Celebrating Motherhood

Tuesday 17th St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Irish Bingo, Music and Crafts

Wednesday 25th Carpet Bowls Competition

H. Hart, M. Fleeting, A. Munro, M. Young are team "Bowled Over", competing for the Mattie Carwood cup at the Fred Paton Day Centre.

Good luck team!

Friday 27th Dominoes Contest

R. Valente & M. Keir are the "Dominoe Dolls" competing for the Betty Gillies cup at the Fred Paton Day Centre.

All the best, ladies!

Saturday 28th Mad Hatter's Tea Party 2pm

Join us for our big fundraising event this month! As we celebrate Easter in style! Put on your Easter bonnet and get involved. It's a high tea event with some delicious treats and activities for all who come along. Adult tickets are £3.50 and must be bought in advance. Children are welcome to come free of charge, but must be accompanied by an adult.



Ladies Baking Group



Two fabulous trips we have been on recently were the Burns Supper at Lillybank Bowling Club and a trip to Saltcoats for a fish supper. Winter, particularly in Scotland never feels like a time when many people want to leave their cosy homes and venture out, but we love an outing here at KPCH. Roll on the summer time when we will be free as birds!

The Burns Supper was organised by Andrew at Lancefield Care Home. It was a well-planned event and we really enjoyed our time there. There was entertainment from a Burns speaker and a female vocalist. One of the residents from Lancefield toasted the haggis and we all thought this was great. After a traditional Burns supper and some Scottish music and poetry it was time to head back hame to oor bonnie wee hoose.

A trip to the seaside in February! No sun, sleet and snow! We had a great time! Peter drove the bus and Louise kindly volunteered to come along with us. We drove down to Saltcoats and had an AMAZING fish tea in a lovely café. We then enjoyed a ride in the bus all the way home via the scenic route which was just a perfect end to a great day



EARLY BIRD TICKETS FOR MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY AVAILABLE FOR £2.00 IF PURCHASED BEFORE 23RD MARCH





Beauty Call

Every Friday you are invited to our ladies pampering service! This is a lovely opportunity to be spoiled and also converse in some stimulating chat with our lovely residents. Come and have your nails filed and polished, have a massage or a facial! It's a lovely, relaxing experience and you will feel very glamourous afterwards.

There is no pricelist for this service, just a donation.

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"Chatty Bags"

Hopefully you will have received my letter about Chatty Bags. This is a bag which contains specific chatting aids to help stimulate conversation and engage with your loved one. The bag can have photographs, sentimental objects and items you think are personal to our resident here which will help us continue to build relationships and have a deeper knowledge of life stories. These bags can be used at times of comfort to recreate special memories. Please feel free to ask for more information!

