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KP goes nuts over Helen's 100th Birthday!!



This December we celebrated the 100th Birthday of Helen Austin. It was a very special occasion, and well attended by family and friends, and the

Residents all appeared to enjoy themselves as well.

Helen was sitting in her chair like the 'Queen', and appeared to enjoy all the attention, presents and cards.

There was one very special card which was keenly awaited on. It was delivered in a very special envelope with a Royal seal, and was presented to Helen by Kevin, our Activities Co-Ordinator. Helen was helped to open the envelope by her daughter,

Donna, and inside was a lovely card from the Queen, with a birthday message and her signature at the bottom. It really was quite special,



Helen awaiting her Audience and special Telegram from the Queen.

and cameras were clicking away, to record this special event.

All the Residents were joining

in with the celebrations as well, and there was a really good 'spread' laid on by all in the kitchen, and a big thank-you to John, and Scott for all their efforts.

There was also entertainment provided for this special day, in the form of Suzie 'G', who performed a Patsy Clyne Tribute.

Suzie had everyone singing and dancing along to some classic Patsy Clyne, and kept the party swinging.

Helen also had a lovely cake made for her and everyone sang happy birthday, and Helen had some help to blow out the candles, followed by a big cheer.



KP Annual Christmas Party



Kinning Park had their annual Christmas party, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

On the night there were two raffles on the go, to fund-raise for the Residents, and once again the kitchen excelled in the

party food department. There was also a free bar, which again was well attended!!

The children and Residents had a special visit from a certain mystery guest, who turned out to be Santa, who handed them out gifts. The

children played pass the parcel, which kept everyone, including the Residents amused by the children's laughter and excitement.

Entertainment was provided by Dougie Johnston, who made the party go with a 'Swing'.

Christmas Lunch at Ibrox

Once again, the Residents at KP were welcomed and well fed at the Argyle House Restaurant inside Ibrox Stadium.

This event is always keenly anticipated and well attended by the Residents at KP. And thanks to all the hard work and support through fund-raising,

we usually manage to make this an annual event.

The staff are always very helpful and welcoming, and the food was once again enjoyed by the Residents.

The Residents also get to enjoy a wee 'snifter' from the bar.

A good day was had by all and the Residents are already looking forward to next year!!



Menu of the Day



Hugh's Christmas Surprise

As Hugh was getting tucked into his Christmas lunch at Ibrox, arrangements were being made so that Hugh—a life-long Rangers fan,

could get a couple of photographs at the front door of Ibrox.

After lunch was over, we made our way to the front door, where we

were met by a member of staff.

He took us inside the front door, and the next thing Hugh knew, he was being taken round Ibrox Stadium on a private tour.

First stop the dressing room, and then into the tunnel.

Hugh was then taken down the tunnel and onto the pitch. It

was all getting too much for Hugh and he was getting very emotional. The chap who was taking us round the tour, took one look at the delight on Hugh's face and said to me that looking at the expression and delight on Hugh's face, was making his day.

All in all it was a day to remember for life-long Rangers fan

Hugh pictured at the Ibrox tunnel



Lord Provost Christmas Treat



3 of the lucky Residents who managed to get tickets.

all the Residents go into a draw, and depending on the number of tickets provided, they are drawn out of the hat. This year we received 3 tickets plus one member of staff ticket.

We were met at the door by a piper, and staff from the City Chambers, who escorted us to our seats in the Grand Hall.

There was a choir from a local school singing, and the Salvation

Army playing Christmas carols and songs.

The meal was fantastic, and served by local volunteers from surrounding schools.

After the meal there was entertainment by a man playing accordion music and sing-a-long, and a female singer and a comedian to round the day off.

It was a very enjoyable day, and hopefully, we might get more than 3 tickets next year!!

Every year, Kinning Park get sent an invitation to the Lord Provost Christmas lunch and treat in Glasgow.

There are always limited places for this event, and the names of

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Fund-Raising Disco and Raffle

In December the local Orange Lodge were generous enough to donate their hall for free, to help with fund-raising for the Residents.

They also agreed to waive the fee for the Disco, and to donate part of the bar takings and raffle towards the Residents Funds.

It was a great night, and appeared to be enjoyed by all.

The total raised on the night was an amazing £500. The Lodge also donated £100 from themselves, making a tremendous total of £600.

Two of the members from the lodge came along to the

Christmas Party, and presented the home with the cheque for £600.

All at Kinning Park appreciate the help and support from the Lodge, and look forward to more fund-raising throughout the year.

Choir Visits at Christmas Time



Kinning Park had a visit from Lorne Street Primary 5 Choir, who sang some Christmas songs from their school Christmas play.

It was met with enthusiasm from the Residents, and when it came to the 'well-known' Christmas songs, the Kinning

Park Choir also joined in!!

The children wished all the Residents a Merry Christmas, and were presented with a small gift afterwards.

Also we had a visit from our local church choir, led by the Rev. Marnie Johnston, who also performed a small

Christmas service for everyone

Father Ronald also came in to visit the Residents, and conducted a Christmas Mass for the Residents..



Lorne street Primary School Choir.



Remi-Sing day out

The Residents were invited to the Elim Church Hall in Glasgow to join in with a Christmas sing-a-long and tea and cakes. It was a busy place, and the Residents were all involved in the sing-song, and with the words up on a huge screen it was like a big group karaoke. At the end of the party a piper came in and played a few Scottish tunes.

We celebrated a few other birthdays in December, namely Margaret Kier and Helena Grant.

We hope that family and friends also enjoyed the birthday karaoke celebrations.

Christmas Lights tour and a choice of dinner!!

The Residents were treated to a trip out in the mini-bus to see the Christmas lights in Glasgow and all the celebrations that were going on in George Square.

Afterwards, the Residents were given the option of a fish supper, KFC, or McDonalds, all paid for again from the funds raised.

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Afternoon of Burns Poems and Scottish Songs - 22nd January

Christmas Dinner at Kinning Park

On Christmas day, all the Residents were given an amazing Christmas dinner provided by the Kinning Park Cooks.

The tables had been decorated the day before and looked incredible, and the Residents commented on

how beautiful the tables looked.

Everybody appeared to enjoy their dinner, and it was all served up by the all smiling KP staff. There was also a vast array of drinks on offer for the Residents, and another

successful Christmas dinner was had by all.



Kinning Park Staff Christmas Night Out

The hard working staff rounded off their year with a well earned Christmas night out in the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow.

It was well attended, and the drink on arrival warmed things up for the rest of the

night!!

There was a very nice dinner on offer, which failed miserably to soak up the alcohol intake!!

Staff danced the night away to the resident DJ, and the drinks were flowing most of the night—watered down at times—so we

weren't that drunk.

Everyone managed home safely, so here's to the next staff night out.

Staff would like to say a big thankyou to some family members, who made donations towards the night out.

Farewell to Jackie

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that Jack our previous Manager and friend to all passed from us in October after a year long battle from Cancer. She may be gone but her legacy remains. Watch for the visiting robin and white feathers on the ground, evidence that she still around keeping her eye on us all.



Fond farewells

Over the last few months we have said goodbye to some of our much loved residents. Margaret, Freda, Danny and Charles - all of whom will all be sadly missed.

Warm welcomes

The home has welcomed 3 new residents— Mary, Laura and Stella. Laura and Stella are Mother and daughter and managed to arrive at the home in time for Christmas to-

Staff update!

Recently we have welcomed a number of new staff to Kinning Park.

Maureen Aitken who has returned to our team as a nurse after 2 years away.

Marie Barton has also joined the team as a staff nurse.

Kevin Hutchison, who is known to many of our families and residents, has made a welcomed return to the home as our activities coordinator.

Lynette MacIntyre has joined our team as a carer.

Irene Judd has joined our kitchen staff as a cook, with home baking being her specialty!

A bit of colour!

After consulting with our residents and families, we have made a few changes around the home which we hope you agree look great. The downstairs has a new blue carpet throughout and the walls have been painted with bright colours in line with recommendations from Stirling University dementia guidelines. We have also re-decorated a number of our bedrooms and plan to continue with this throughout the year. We have also recently started with upgrading the upstairs communal areas with paneling and freshly painted walls along with a new carpet.

Please feel free to come and speak to Dean if you have any ideas for further improvements,