

HANDBAGS AND GLADRAGS!!

After some very hard work from the staff, All the residents had a visit to the hairdresser, and were suited and booted, and ready for the Annual Christmas party.



This year the party was a big success, thanks to all the hard work behind the scenes from staff and families.

With standing room only, the night started off with a fantastic buffet, provided by our 'Glamorous kitchen staff and Irene—only kidding Irene!!!



After everyone had their fill of food and drink, the Big Chap from Greenland made an appearance with his wife and a rather cheeky elf.

There was a great rendition of 'Jingle Bells' by the children and family members and the KP choir. Santa rewarded the



singing by speaking to everyone and handing out presents, ably assisted by Mrs Clause and his Elf.

Santa spoke to as many people as he could, and explained he was on a tight schedule, and left the party to great applause and singing.

The stage was now set for the arrival of James Frew—aka Sir Rod Stewart!!

The crowd waited in anticipation and were definitely not disappointed. James arrived to the sound of helicopters and dry ice, and broke into 'Forever Young', and never looked back.



Residents, families and staff were all up dancing round their handbags and singing the night away, and it was over all too soon.

James was happy to pose with the residents after his gig for photographs, and a good time was definitely had by all. I think



the people paying over the odds at the Hydro got the short end of the straw!! Another feather in KP's cap.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

'Café on the Hill'



This year there was a change of plan for the Residents



Christmas lunch. For the past few years the ladies and gentlemen of Kinning Park had enjoyed the hospitality of Ibrox Stadium, but due to a better offer — which was more cost effective — we went to The Café on the Hill at Nitshill.

The residents who attended on the three different occasions were served up some tremendous home-made food, with choices for each course, and finished off with coffee or tea and mince pies.

The staff were very attentive and friendly, and the overall decision by the residents was—same again please for next year.

HALLOWEEN PARTY WITH LORNE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children were invited round to Kinning Park Care Home to join the residents for a Halloween party.



18 children came along to the party with a couple of their teachers, and they were all dressed up for the occasion. The children sang some songs for the residents, and told some jokes, before taking part in 'dooking' for apples the traditional way, with the head being dunked into a bath of cold water—much to the amusement of the watching residents. A couple of the children chose to stand on a chair and drop a fork from their mouth to pierce the apples.

After the dooking, the children all sat on the floor, along with a couple of the residents family members, and played pass the parcel. This also appeared to be enjoyed by the watching residents.

The finishing game was 'pin the leg on the spider' a slightly different twist on the donkey game!! Some of the residents were shouting out where to pin the leg, as the children were not very close as they were blind-folded.

At the end of the party, a couple of the residents handed out 'goody bags' to the children as they were leaving, and a good time was had by all.



SANTA CRUISE ON THE CANAL

The residents had already been on a few cruises throughout the year, but this time a big man in a red suit with a beard and a sack full of surprises, decided to jump on board the barge, and surprise the residents with presents and a sing-song. There were smiles all round along with drinks and mince pies, but no reindeer, as they couldn't swim apparently!!



One of our residents cheekily asked if he could sit on santa's knee, which he did, to laughter all around from the watching crowd!!

On the way home in the mini-bus, the residents were all talking about how much they enjoyed seeing santa on the boat.



Glasgow Christmas lights tour and fish suppers



During December the Residents were taken out in the mini-bus on a number of occasions, to see the Christmas lights in Glasgow and see the night life around George Square. Glasgow Council couldn't have paid their electricity bill on one of the nights, as some of the lights were not on!! But this did not dampen the spirits of the KP troupes. After a couple of trips round the



town centre, it was off to the chippy to get some much needed grub. Fish suppers all round, smiling faces and full tummies, then headed for home and into a nice warm bed.



A Day out at the Panto (Oh no we Weren't!!)



The residents were invited to Langside Campus to see the students performing their panto. Best seats in the house, and treated like royalty, and a good time was had by all - Oh no it wasn't - Oh yes it was!!

Smiles all round from the Residents, all that and a private room for teas and coffees and biscuits, and then the second half performance didn't start till all the Residents had taken their seats.



The staff and pupils of the College stayed behind and met every one of the residents and shook their hands and were showing off their costumes, and stood in a big line and waved the residents off as we left in the bus, all smiles.

A huge thankyou again to staff and students from the Langside Campus for their hospitality and friendliness shown to our Residents.

Big Screen Christmas Movies



The Residents were given a choice of which Christmas movie they would like to watch on the Big Screen in the upstairs lounge throughout December, with 'Its A Wonderful Life' chosen on Christmas Eve, and not a dry eye in the house.

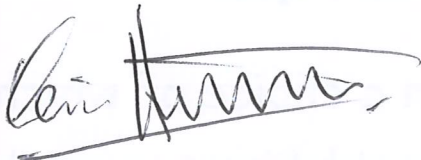
Residents' Activities

Throughout the months leading up to Christmas, the Residents were given their choices for activities, and appeared to enjoy their small group sessions of Bingo, Card

Games, Dominoes, Reading group, Sing-a-longs, Armchair exercises, regular visits from the local Priest and Minister, and Arts and crafts with their regular visits to the Craft Cafe. Monthly meetings with the Residents gives them a chance to air their views and suggestions, which are always welcome.

Thankyous

Can I take this opportunity to thank the Staff and family members for their support and help which has been greatly appreciated by myself and the Residents, and it has also helped contribute to one of the best Christmas parties that KP has had. Here's to an eventful and Happy new year!!



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