



# Abercorn Care Limited

## Newsletter

Christmas 2024



I will honour Christmas in  
my heart and try to keep  
it all the year

Charles Dickens

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Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter.

### Update

We would like to say congratulations to Support Worker Sharell Cairns from Viewpark who had her baby girl Scarlett this month. We can't wait to meet her.

Welcome back to David Gibson who has joined Spring Gardens as a Senior Carer. We would also like to say welcome to Stephanie Wilson Support Worker Viewpark, Hajiba Bouchiba Domestic Spring Gardens, Nikki Egogo-Williams Support Worker Spring Gardens, and Colin Kerr Chef Spring Gardens who have join our team since last newsletter.





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Spider plants are great household plants that require minimum care and have air purifying qualities. In some societies the plant is seen as a symbol of good luck and prosperity.

Angel Tree in Spring Gardens



Damir with one of the angels that were knitted for and gifted to each resident by fellow resident Shirley



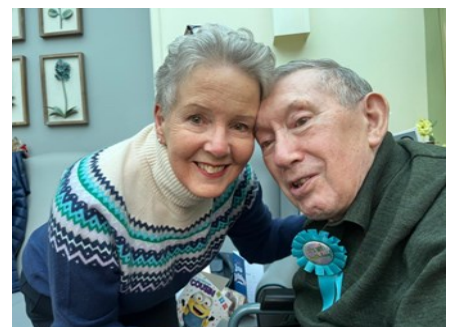
Visit from Portobello High School



At the beginning of December we welcomed back Jasmine, Cora, Jack and Ali all pupils from Portobello High School who enjoyed a session of propagation with our residents. The girls explain what they are doing to Rosa and Margaret and will return in the New Year to replot the spider plants which residents have in their rooms.



Residents enjoy a festive game of Musical Bingo in the Lounge area



Support Worker Runde assists Andrew to place his angel on the tree and Andrew celebrates his December Birthday with a visit from his wife.





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A regular visitor to our homes with a session of music and movement using scarves is our belly dancer Lorna



Margot, Ann, Margaret, Norma and Ian all enjoyed her visit



Lorna and Irene

Santa Claus Barge Trip



This December we took a trip to Ratho for our first ever Santa Claus Barge Trip with Seagull Trust. The weather was kind to us and the crew kept us supplied with warm drinks and biscuits. Here Ann, Margot, Margaret, Norma, Fran, Ian and Joan. All were delighted to receive a small gift from Santa.



Residents in Spring Gardens enjoyed Lorna's visit and dancing around the Christmas tree.



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Steven Quinn brought some Christmas songs and entertainment into both our homes this year and we look forward to welcoming him back in 2025



Resident Don celebrated his 99th birthday with a cake made by chef Kris



Christmas Parties 2024 Spring Gardens



Don and Helen enjoyed pass the parcel, with support workers Nikki and Terri, whilst Charlie and Lare watched on by Andrew and his wife wait to see what dare Charlie has to do!



Helen admires and arranges the tree in the Lounge whilst Ken and Marion get into the Christmas spirit.





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Manager Liz joins in the Hokey Cokey and dances with her granddaughter Bonnie.



Residents all love and enjoy when the staff and their children join in our celebrations. Kayley joined us with Reev and Caroline brought along 10 month old Rory dressed for the occasion.

Christmas Party 2024 Viewpark



Duo Double Booking brought along a sprinkling of Christmas magic with music, a singalong and dancing for all to enjoy. Residents were delighted to welcome Santa and here Ed, Norma, Rosa, Margaret, Fran, Margot and Ian gratefully received a gift from him. Our young visitors were not left out and were happy if not a little mesmerised meeting Santa.



Willow, Bonnie, Reev and Rory all took it in their stride.





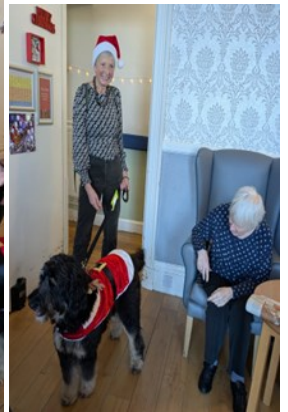
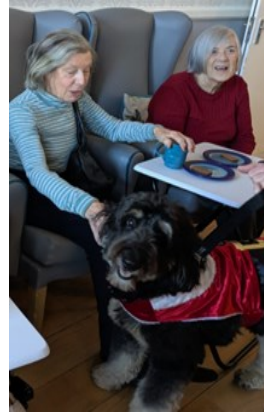
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Our homes were lucky enough to have visits from different choirs over the Festive period, support worker Foluki brought her Church choir into both whilst Viewpark welcomed Portobello and Joppa Parish Church



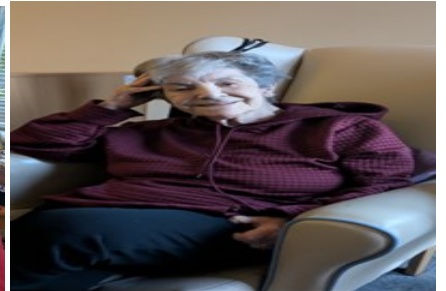
Spring Gardens welcomed the choir from the local Baptist Church

*Christmas Visit from Viewpark's Therapist*



Willow and owner Eileen visit us every Thursday morning and Willow came dressed for the occasion as Santa. Rosa, Joan and Fran always enjoy their visit and spoiling Willow with a treat they also visited Noma in her room for a chat.

Residents all enjoyed some Christmas Eve celebrations with a variety of refreshments Christmas cakes and stollen. They all relaxed as we shared Christmas memories and enjoyed some Christmas songs and Carols. Norma decided to relax in her room as she waited for the big day.

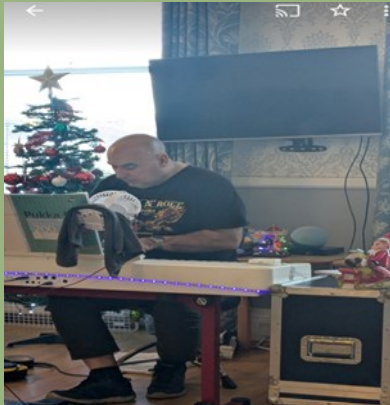


Margaret and her friend Cathy along with Rosa enjoy making some Christmas cards





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Tony Smith joined us along with his naughty Elf on the shelf, Raymond, for his Christmas musical quiz and singalong which was enjoyed by all

**Away In A Manger (Lyrics)**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed the little lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my bedside till morning is nigh

Be near me lord Jesus I ask you to stay, close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



*Christmas and New year lunches in our homes*



Residents from Viewpark and Spring Gardens praised our chefs for a delicious 3 course Christmas lunch followed by on New Years Day home made steak pie and cranachan. Here is the recipe.



Toast 3oz of oats in the frying pan being careful not to burn them

Lightly whip 1pint of double cream until it reaches the soft peak stage, then fold in 7 teaspoons of whisky, 3 teaspoons of honey along with the oats and 1lb of raspberries. Serve in dessert glasses garnished with raspberries and a sprig of mint.





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*Dates For Diary*

22nd January : Relatives Meeting (Viewpark)

23rd January : Burns Lunch and celebrations followed by Roy Johnstone, Historian and a talk about Rabbe Burns (VP)

23rd January : Tony Smith on keyboard (SG)

24th January : Lorna of Cairo (SG)

29th January : Brew and a Blether , Festival Theatre (VP)

29th January : Chinese New Year tea (SG)

30th January : Betty Pottinger (SG)

30th January : Steven Quinn (VP)

5th February : Chinese New Year celebrations (VP)

14th February : Valentines afternoon teas (VP and SG)

17th February : Football memories , Easter Road stadium (VP)

20th February : Lorna of Cairo (VP)

6th March : Royal Reminiscence at Abbey Strand (VP)

Further activities and outings yet to be confirmed will be shown on the Activities Notice Board