



Christmas 2025

12 Days of Christmas



The song 12 Days of Christmas was written by Frederic Austin. He is credited with the version that we know today, which he arranged in 1909. The song has its origins in the 1780's, but Austins arrangement popularized it.



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Newsletter



Christmas 2025 Newsletter



Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter.

Update

Louise Rich, previously Deputy Manager at Viewpark, has now begun her new position as Manager at Spring Gardens. We extend our sincere congratulations to Louise and wish her every success as she takes on this exciting challenge.

Meanwhile, Shirley Gauld retired on 31st December 2025, following over 40 years of dedicated service in nursing. We send Shirley our warmest wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and thank her for her remarkable contribution over the years. Good luck to Louise in her new role.



In the next couple of months we have four staff within the company starting SVQ level 2 or 3 with West Lothian College. This adds to the two staff who are already completing the course.

Aleena Paulose, Staff Nurse Viewpark, has been enrolled to do Venepuncture and Confirmation of Expected Death as part of her CPD. Aleena will have completed these by March.

Staff across the company continue to complete training in various subjects which include Person Centred Care, Pressure Care, Infection Control, Dementia Care, Health and Safety and many more...



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December Birthdays



Alex celebrated his 98th Birthday with his brother Norrie and his wife



Ann and chef Gill celebrate Ann's birthday with a home made cake which was enjoyed by all of our residents

Mrs Joan Douglas also celebrated her birthday in December. Happy Birthday to you all



Royal Christmas at Abbey Strand



Residents including Margaret Hardie, Robin, Joan and Margaret Ball all enjoyed a festive visit to Abbey Strand at Holyrood Palace. The gates in front of the Palace were decorated with large wreaths which we admired before heading into Abbey Strand where Fiona gave us an insight into a Royal Christmas. The Palace itself is also adorned by a large tree in the great hall and residents enjoyed refreshments and a crafting session before Fiona and the Palace staff played a selection of traditional Carols which we all sang along to, we look forward to their new programme in 2026.

Mortonhall Garden Centre



Rosa, Margaret Richard, Margaret Hardie and Brandon all enjoyed a trip to Mortonhall Garden Centre. This year we were able to see ponies, alpacas and friendly goats along with our favourites, the singing reindeer, before heading indoors for a warm cuppa and cake.



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Residents enjoyed a trip to Portobello Town Hall for the Pantomime Beauty and the Beast Margaret B, Margaret R, Joan and Norma in the atmospheric lighting all thought the cast had put on a great show



Irene gets ready for Christmas and Molly and Arnold are dressed for the festive period

Festival Theatre for Miseltoe and Jam



Margaret B, Robin, Joan Alex and Kayley all enjoyed the trip to the Festival Theatre for Miseltoe and Jam. We were joined by Gus Harrower who played festive songs on keyboard and it got us in the mood for Christmas.

Trip to Dobbies Garden Centre



Charlie, Hilary and Helen from Spring Gardens and Ken from Viewpark all enjoyed a lovely day out at Dobbies Garden Centre. Ken met his favourite character from The Nutcracker before enjoying a coffee and delicious cream scone with Staff Nurse Aleena.



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Christmas Jumper Day



Jennifer won the best jumper in Spring Gardens



Margaret B, Muriel and Rosa all looked amazing on the day

Retirement for Shirley, Manager of Spring Gardens



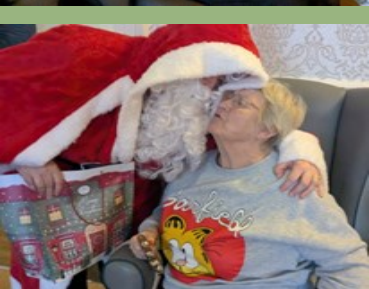
Shirley has been with our company for many years and latterly was the Manager of Spring Gardens. As a gift for her retiral Spring Gardens had a return visit from Shetland ponies Wilson and Flicker much to her delight along with owners John and Lorna Sangster. Residents including Irene and Gilbert were delighted to welcome the ponies into the Lounge and our music and movement teacher Aileen and Co-ordinator Maureen all joined in the fun and we all wish Shirley a long, healthy and happy retirement



Lorna from Cairo's Christmas visit to Spring Gardens with residents joining in enthusiastically

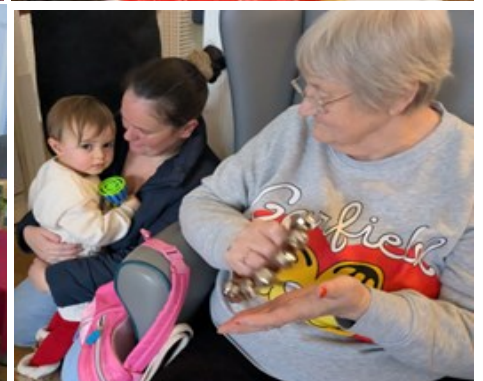


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Alex, Ann, Ed, Joan, Margaret B and Margaret R enjoyed Santa's visit

Christmas Parties in our Homes



Residents in Viewpark and Spring Gardens were joined by family, friends, staff and their children and a great fun day was had by all



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As always our chefs do us proud with the delicious food served at our Christmas parties



Santa with Norma, Rosa and Robin at the Party

Christmas Party's (continued)



Santa offered the gift of a teddy to all residents and here Irene, Elizabeth, David and wife Linda admire the gift which were all hand knitted by fellow resident Shirley Shepley



Talented Knitter of the teddies Shirley with support worker Tunde, Marion with her friend, Charlie and Sheila.



Manager Liz with son Brandon and the twins Grace and Rae, Steven singing along with Margaret R, Muriel, Elizabeth, Robin, Rosa, and Ann.



Terri, Chris, Ann, Shirley, Marion and friend





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We three Kings of Orient
are
Bearing gifts we traverse
afar
Field and fountain moor
and mountain
Following yonder star
O Star o wonder , star of
night
Star with royal beauty
bright
Westward leading still
proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect
Light



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

Ukelele Group Christmas Visit



We have recently been enjoying visits from a ukulele group in which a residents daughter plays and by a quirk of fate resident Alex was reunited with an old pal Harry who had lost contact with him. Their reunion was very heartfelt and lovely to see.

Visits to our Homes from Local Choirs



Viewpark enjoy a visit before Christmas from Portobello and Joppa Parish choir and residents all sang along to the carols



Portobello Baptist Church and family and friends of Tabernacle of Grace at Spring Gardens. We thank you all for giving up your time to visit our homes and be with our residents.



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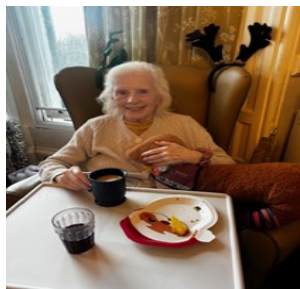
Residents Joan, Rosa and Muriel made the short journey to St Marks Church on Christmas Eve to join in their Nativity Service. Residents were given a warm welcome to the Church by parishioners and the Rev Canon Dr Sophia



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in our Homes



Christmas Eve nibbles and drinks for all to enjoy including Pat, Muriel, Elizabeth, Ann, Rosa, Mary R and Norma



Hilary, Margaret Hardie and Shirley look forward and share memories of Christmas past



George was happy to receive his present from Santa and joined wife Helen for Christmas lunch along with Alex,



Margaret B and Pat

Marion, Shirley and Sheila all loved their presents



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Born in 1759 to a farming family in the town of Alloway, Robert Burns aka Rabbie Burns has grown to become one of the country's most iconic literary figures and Scotland's most revered national poet.

He wrote his first poem aged 15, and by his mid-twenties had gained a reputation for his pioneering views on politics, religion and class-inequalities.



"Wherever I wander,
wherever I rove,
The hills of the Highlands
forever I love."

- Robert Burns -

*My Heart's in the
Highlands, my heart is
not here*

*My Hearts in the
Highlands a chasing the
deer*

*A chasing the wild deer
and following the roe*

*My hearts in the
Highlands wherever I go*

Robert Burns



Winter in the Highlands

Dates for Diary

23rd January : Burns Celebration's (Spring Gardens)

25th January : Burns Day and Scottish Afternoon Tea (Viewpark)

26th January : Jan Kowalski Karaoke beat (Viewpark)

28th January : Roy Johnstone Historian on the Life and Times of Robert Burns (Viewpark)

28th January: Relatives Meeting—Cheese & Wine 6.30pm (Viewpark)

29th January : Tony Smith and Scottish Quiz (Spring Gardens)

6th February : Festival Theatre Together in Song (Viewpark)

10th February :Lorna of Cairo (Viewpark)

14th February : Valentines celebrations (Both homes)

3rd March : Lantern Festival(Spring Gardens)

5th March :Royal Reminiscence Abbey Strand (Viewpark)

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