

Festive Special 2023

Care Home Collaborative



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year



As we near the end of 2023, the Care Home Collaborative team would like to thank all those who work in or support care homes and their residents for all their hard work and dedication. The team has enjoyed working with care homes over the year, with some of the highlights shown below.



Multispecialist Day



SSKINs Day



Project Milkshake Launch Day



Meaningful Activity Network

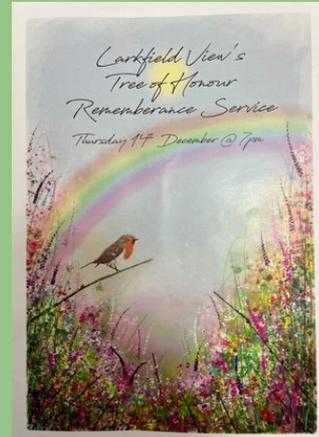


Strength and Balance class

Larkfield View remembers

The festive period can be a joyous time, and for some it is also time to pause, remembering friends and loved ones.

In Inverclyde, the lighting of the Larkfield View Care Home 'Tree of Honour' was a touching act during the usual festivities. Candles, carols, a lone piper and the tree gave residents, relatives and staff time for reflection. Words of peace, joy and encouragement highlighted the importance of hope, compassion, kindness and love.



This remembrance service was attended by friends and family past and present. The local community responded through giving their time and affection. It was a very special evening for all.

Buchanan House - Global Feast

Buchanan House Care Home in East Dunbartonshire held an employee recognition evening on Friday 1st December to start their festive programme.

The staff were keen to share the richness of their traditional cuisine and celebrated the diversity of the team with food from around the world.

They had food from Barbados, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Scotland, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, and USA.

They shared pride in their own cultures and embraced each other as Team Buchanan. What a wonderful night. Together they are amazing!



Pictured are some staff and wonderful food from around the world.



The Firs - Celebrating Together

At The Firs Residential Care Home, East Renfrewshire there are many celebrations underway to make this holiday season special for residents and their families.

Residents were invited to the Christmas show and party at their local Secondary school. Students entertained them with music, singing and dancing.

Families were able to enjoy delicious treats and lots of laughter at the Christmas Fete.

Staff work hard to support residents to take part in activities of their choice that bring them joy during this time.



Erskine Care Home - Tree of Honour

The annual Tree of Honour event took place at the start of December at Erskine Care Home in Renfrewshire. School children, residents and families braved the cold weather to join the carol singing and watch the tree lights shine.

This year the lights were switched on by Hilary Hunt. Hilary moved into Erskine this year, both her and her husband served in the Royal Navy and she was honoured to be asked.



Erskine Park also had a visit from one of Santa's little helpers.



Festive photos from Lillyburn Care Home



Residents at Lillyburn Care Home in East Dunbartonshire have been enjoying a festive photo shoot to make Christmas cards for their families and friends. Here is a wee sample of some of the lovely photos.



Gina's Grotto at Rashielee



Meet Gina, a resident at Rashielee Care Home in Renfrewshire. Gina was delighted to share a picture of her room all decorated like Santa's grotto. Thank you Gina for spreading the joy!



Queen's Nurse Kirsty



Rashielee Care Home is a space where residents and staff become friends and look after each other by celebrating together and grieving together.

There has been a lot to celebrate this year with Kirsty Cartin, Care Home Manager, achieving the title of Queen's Nurse and winning the Scottish Care Leadership Award.

Crosslet House - Drinks Party

The team at Crosslet House in West Dunbartonshire launched Project Milkshake with a Christmas theme. Residents got a chance to try out 14 different milkshake flavours from the recipe book.



Crosslet staff also used ice pop holders to make frozen milkshake pops.

Residents enjoyed taster shots of a variety of different flavours including fortified strawberry, chocolate, vanilla and banana - with chocolate peanut butter being a hit with some residents! The launch proved there is something for everyone.



Scottish Care - National Care Home Awards 2023



This year saw a record number of colleagues being nominated and highlighted for their commitment to caring. Congratulations to all of the nominees and finalists, who came together in November to celebrate the professional, innovative, dedicated and compassionate care home sector.

Huge congratulations to all the winners from across Greater Glasgow and Clyde



WINNER

Kirsty Cartin
Rashielee
Care Home

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WINNER

**Physiotherapy
Department**
Erskine Veterans
Home

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WINNER

Tracy Libby
Four Hills

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WINNER

**Abbeyfield
Ballachulish
&
Larkfield View**

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WINNER

**Calico House
Respite**
Baillieston
Community Care

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Care Home Collaborative - says goodbye!

Normally we introduce team members but in this issue we are saying goodbye to two of our brilliant colleagues in the team

Julie Tomlinson, Associate Chief Nurse for Corporate and Community was instrumental in the development and establishment of the Care Home Collaborative.



"This role has been one of the highlights of my career" Julie Tomlinson



Irina Delibozova, Care Home Support Worker was the first Care Home Support Worker in the CHC and welcomed many of us to the CHC for the first time. Irina has supported the team and been out and about in many care homes delivering peer support and engagement visits since she started in October 2021

Julie and Irina, we wish you both well in your new roles. Our loss is definitely others gain.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year from everyone at the Care Home Collaborative

A special thanks to all those who have been part of our newsletter in 2023.