

# Fordmill Care Home

## NEWSLETTER



### *General Manager Focus*



## A word from Aileen...

Welcome to our first newsletter from Fordmill. We are planning to send these newsletters out every 3 months and will continue with the face to face 3 monthly relatives meetings but will continue to update you all via email of any important news as always.

For anyone who has not been receiving an emails please give Debbie, Administrator your email address please.

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful environment we now have at Fordmill following our recent WOW, I know the residents and staff certainly are.

We now have a lovely refurbished café in reception with plenty of home baking on offer - please make yourself at home when visiting.

Moving forward we are hoping for warmer weather and lighter days to enjoy more trips out in the minibus and walks around the garden!! Julia and Vivienne will continue to keep everyone entertained indoors until such time'

Please do not hesitate to pop in and see me with any queries, my door is always open

Best wishes  
**Aileen Alberts**  
General Manager



## Dates for your Diary

### January

**25/10/2024**  
Burns Night  
Montrose Community  
Trust  
2.30pm - 4.00pm

**26/01/2024**  
Community Café  
2.30pm – 4.00pm

**29/01/2024**  
International Puzzle  
Day Event  
2.30pm – 4.00pm

**31/01/2024**  
Travelling Uke  
2.30pm – 4.00pm

### February

**09/02/2024**  
Chinese New Year

**14/02/2024**  
Valentine's Day

**16/02/2024**  
Gordon Reid live event

**23/02/2024**  
Community Cafe





## NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Fordmill Care

### The Funky Wee Tea Pot

We love supporting local small businesses so we had one of our favourites come to visit and get creative with the residents which is the Funky Wee Tea Pot.

Donna is so patient and very helpful with our residents letting them choose their ornaments encouraging them to be creative and make their own designs even though some maybe haven't done anything like this before. They may leave here looking dull but boy, when they come back they look stunning.

The delight on the residents faces seeing their returned artwork is absolutely priceless.

Just look at Doris's face!



What a wonderful December it has been!

Here at Fordmill we always go extra miles making sure that our residents are not missing out anything they used to do in their own homes especially during the holidays. We had an amazing December with a lot of fun activities, there was something for everyone.

Despite the fact that we weren't able to do group activities for two weeks due to a virus in the home we still managed to keep our residents happy and entertained with meaningful activities of their own choice in their rooms.

Once the home was safe to socialise again we got together and soon we could feel the Christmas spirit upon us.

Our residents and staff enjoyed engaging in all sorts of activities from throwing snow balls at a moving Christmas tree to painting their own Christmas decorations, baking and decorating cookies, Christmas wreaths for their bedroom doors and many more...

We had the pleasure to welcome the kids from The Gordon School of Dance, live entertainment with Neil Robertson, Scout carolling, Santa Visit and even a very special afternoon with baby Jesus (Ben)... just to mention a few of our events of our busy December schedule.



*What we've been up to...*

## Santa's Visit to Fordmill

**We must have been very good this past year because Santa paid us a surprise visit!**

He had a present for each and every resident and they all enjoyed one to one quality time with Santa. They say a picture says a thousand words, well...the smiles said it all. Santa enjoyed chatting with all the residents and getting his photo taken with them.

Santa, we look forward to seeing you next Christmas. We'll be good, we promise!



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## The Gordon School of Dance

The Gordon School of Dance is one of our residents favourite entertainment and we are so blessed to have them so often and of course free of charge. Thank you so much Robina! And thank you to all the girls that love to come and perform for our residents and the parents for accompanying them. The residents enjoy their dances as many of them had their own children taking dance classes at the school. Yes, The Gordon School of Dance has been around for that long...

They perform Scottish Country dance and modern, something for everyone's taste. Their performances are outstanding and the residents talk about them long after they've gone. Their costumes are just gorgeous with all the different coloured tartans that brightens up the home.

However, the little ones are so cute and always melt the resident's hearts.





# Hogmanay Party at Fordmill

We finished 2023 with our annual party where residents, family and friends spent quality time together saying goodbye to the old year and welcoming in the New Year. Everyone enjoyed a glass of prosecco, nibbles and delicious Takeaway Pizza which went down a real treat. What better way to welcome in 2024 with the hope to be a good one!



## LET'S TALK *Faceboo*

Don't forgot to follow us at  
[@BarchesterFordmill](#)

We update the page a minimum of 3 times a week with all the fun things that happen at Fordmill!  
Your support on social media is very much appreciated.

## Things to look forward to...

We are continuing to deliver meaningful activities for our residents, groups with Julia and room visits with Viv.

There are new projects coming up for our residents such as "Keep fit while having fun" with Montrose Rugby Club.

More places to visit in our virtual world, whether by plane, train or a scenic bus trip somewhere. All will be revealed in good time!

We'll be opening our Community Café again and will be the last Friday of every month, where we always welcome family members and friends, as well as members of the community of all ages. We value the interaction our residents have with the wider community.

## Celebrations in our home

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January we will be celebrating our oldest resident's birthday. Peggy will be 104 years young, what an incredible achievement!

We are planning a special Birthday Celebration and all our residents, family and friends are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

## Thank You

From all the team at Fordmill Care Home  
We'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months. We'd love you to leave us a review if you haven't already at ENTER  
GOOGLE LINK or ENTER

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