

Summerville Newsletter

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Christmas Festivities at Summerville

The schedule of events was jammed packed this year. Along with the weekly activities we also squeezed in Christmas themed Crafts, Christmas cake baking & decorating, 4 Carol Services, Christmas Sing Along, Christmas Party, Christmas Mass, Christmas movies and what seemed like everything else that had the word Christmas in it!

The Christmas Party was held on Thursday 18th. Micheál and Co. entertained us with some Christmas party songs and old time classics. Mince pies, Christmas Mousse, and hot fruit punch were served along with Christmas Cake that was baked by the Residents. Hairdressers Monica & Charlotte came in especially the day before to make sure everyone was looking their best. Santa and Mrs Clause also visited; they brought with them gifts and unexpected dance moves! We were all extremely entertained.

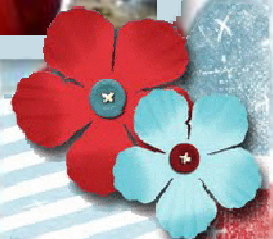
Along with the annual carol service we were treated to an evening of Christmas carols and seasonal music by the Sligo Orpheus choir. Both evenings proved to be some of the Residents' favourites.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to you the Residents and your families for your wonderful generosity to us at Christmas. We wish you all a very happy and healthy 2015.



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10 Questions

- 1.) Who wrote the horror novels Carrie and Misery?
- 2.) Which couple, who always wore evening dress, showed us how to cook in the 1950s and 1960s?
- 3.) What name did the ancient Romans call Ireland?
- 4.) How is Cherilyn La Pier better known?
- 5.) Which US state flag has a Union Jack in the top left corner?
- 6.) From which trees do conkers come?
- 7.) What is a group of cats called?
- 8.) Which fashionable country club at a park in New York gave its name to a jacket?
- 9.) Which two countries have hosted the Winter Olympics the most times?
- 10.) Which duo had a top ten hit in 1969 with "the boxer"?

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Reflection/Prayer

We are coming to the end of Christmas 2014.
Soon all the externals will have been removed.
But these are merely the wrappings of the gift.
Even though the wrappings will be disposed of,
Jesus, the gift of God, will remain with us.
Stay with us, Lord, and let your presence
Inflame our hearts and raise our spirits
So that we may journey towards your kingdom
With undimmed hope.

As we begin 2015,

May the Lord bestow his blessings upon you, as from a limitless fountain.

May you share with others the blessings that God has so generously
shared with us in Christ.

And when darkness falls, may you always remember that you never walk
alone.

Fr. Leo Henry.

Remembrance

We would like to take this opportunity to remember those Residents who passed away during the months of November & December.

Hetty Layng

April 1920 - 14th November 2014
age 94

Catherine McManus

September 1912 - 3rd December 2014
age 102

Margaret Pilkington

September 1922 - 9th December 2014
age 92

*Rest in Peace
We will miss you dearly*

Happy Birthday

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| Margaret Shiela Gilbert | 20th January |
| Ita Leydon | 21st January |
| Geraldine Ellis | 22nd January |
| Ella Gallagher | 25th January |
| Miriam Sweetnam | 6th February |
| Mary Daly | 11th February |
| Kathleen O`Connor | 15th February |
| Mary Hannaway | 19th February |

Laughter is the Best Medicine

All Dolled Up

A husband and wife had been married for 60 years and had no secrets except for one: The woman kept in her closet a shoe box that she forbade her husband from ever opening. But when she was on her deathbed—and with her blessing—he opened the box and found a crocheted doll and \$95,000 in cash.

“My mother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was to never argue,” she explained. “Instead, I should keep quiet and crochet a doll.”

Her husband was touched. Only one doll was in the box—that meant she’d been angry with him only once in 60 years. “But what about all this money?” he asked.

“Oh,” she said, “that’s the money I made from selling the dolls.”

Courtship

A man is madly in love with a princess and wants to propose, but an evil witch has cast a spell on him, and now he can say only one word a year. So he waits 14 agonizing years—accumulating all his words—before approaching his beloved.

Finally, the big day arrives. When he sees her, his heart skips a beat. He gathers his nerve, drops to his knees, and intones, “My darling, I have waited many years to say this: Will you marry me?”

The princess turns around, smiles, and says, “Pardon?”

Christmas at Summerville

Christmas cake
Baking & Decorating



Christmas Carol
Service



Strandhill N.S.
Christmas Visit



Carols & Jokes by the
Strandhill Brownies



Residents' Christmas Party



Message from Caroline Thomas D.O.N. & Staff

- SAGE ADVOCACY SERVICE: We plan to welcome an Advocate from SAGE to come to our next Residents meeting in March 2015. It will be discussed then as to how an advocate service can support you the Resident. If you would like any further information please feel free to discuss this with me at any time.

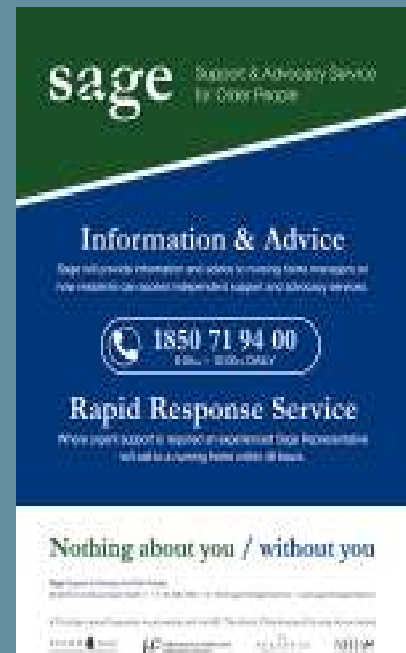
- Many thanks for all the wonderful gifts which we received over Christmas from Residents and families. We were overwhelmed by your kindness.

Christmas eve mass is a very special and emotional occasion. We ask during this special occasion that children are supervised at all times in order for our Residents to fully enjoy the experience.

We hope you feel we have made this Christmas special for you and your families and you have enjoyed all the activities and events.

- As we are in the middle of flu season I ask that all visiting guests use the white visitors chairs provided. This will enable us to keep infection under control.

Thank you
Caroline Thomas
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Answers to 10 Questions

- 1.) Stephen King, 2.) Fanny and Johnny Craddock, 3.) Hibernia, 4.) Cher, 5.) Hawaii,
- 6.) Horse Chestnut, 7.) A Clowder, 8.) Tuxedo, 9.) USA & France,
- 10.) Simon & Garfunkel