

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WINTER 2024/25

Quarterly Newsletter



Welcome To Our Newsletter

We celebrated our 6 month anniversary in December 2024; I really can't believe how quickly the time is passing by. Our first Christmas celebrations were magical, and we will work tirelessly to provide a lovely, inclusive atmosphere for residents and visitors to the home.

Thank you to all the visitors, relatives, residents and staff who ensured all activities were well attended and the residents enjoyed their Christmas.

We look forward to a very busy 2025 filled with joy, laughter and many trips to near and far destinations in our new mini-bus.

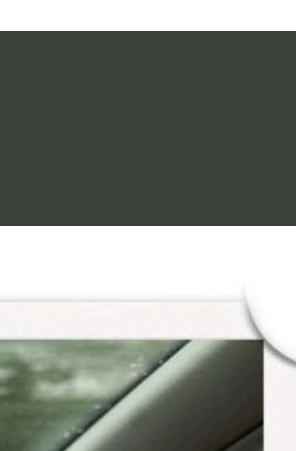
I wonder what this year will bring, it is exciting moving forward leaving the winter behind and looking forward to spring, I'm sure the residents will keep us on our toes with their suggestions and comments.

Please feel free to contact me at any time by email, telephone or in person.

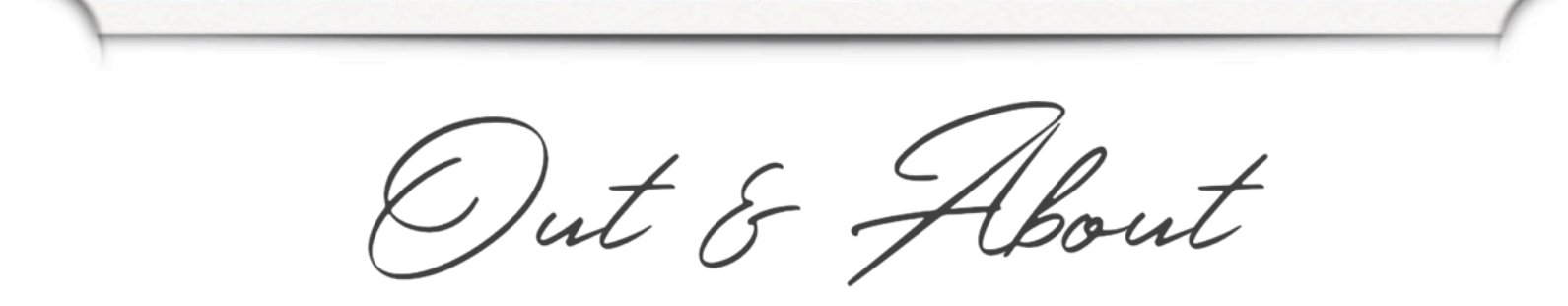
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Best wishes,
Margaret Ann Gavin
Home Manager

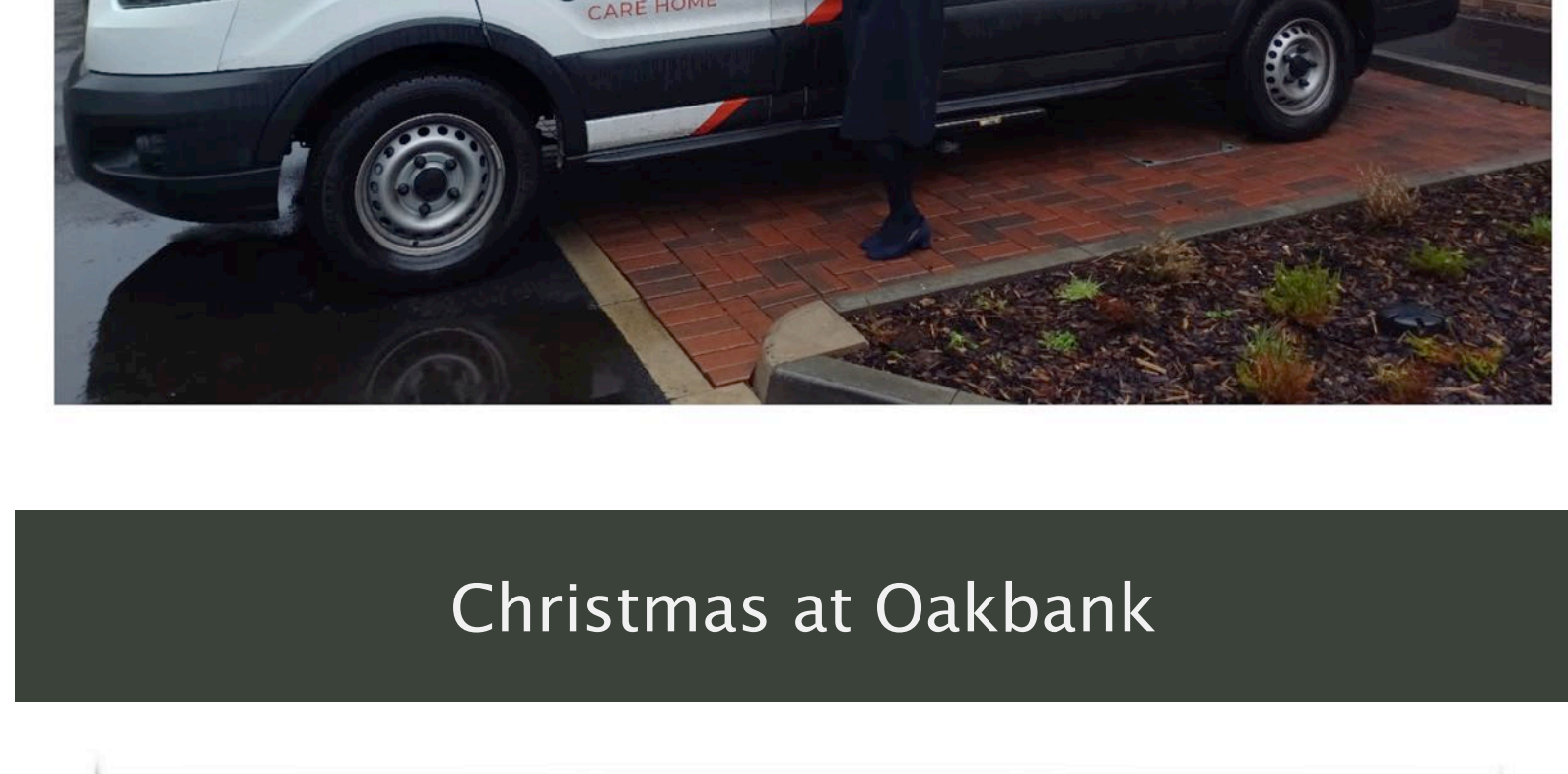


Our New Mini-bus

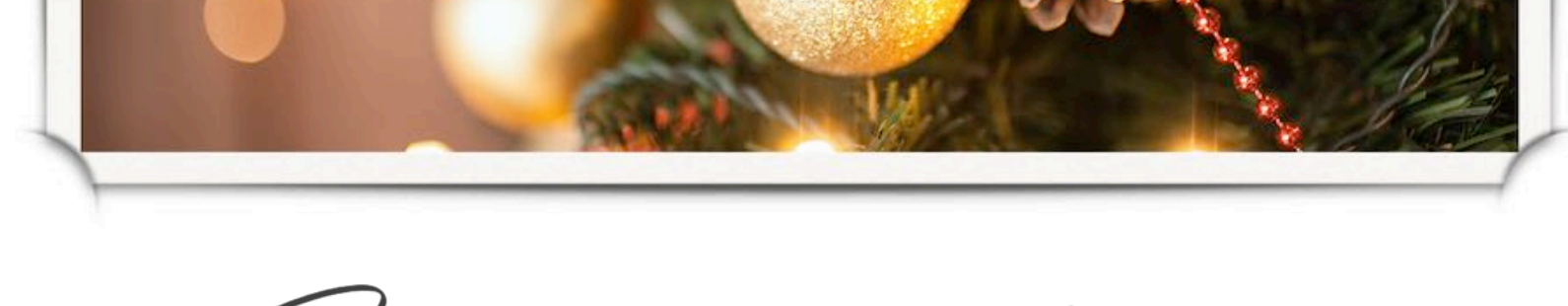


Out & About

We were so excited when our new minibus arrived on the 8th of January; the residents were busy planning trips out. We look forward to joining the community by attending the Men's Shed, the Comrie sing-a-long and a monthly trip to the local library. At our Residents Meeting they came up with a few ideas for other places to visit, such as St Andrews, the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway and Loch Katrine.



Christmas at Oakbank



Festive Celebrations

What a busy month we had with lots of different activities planned for every day in December.

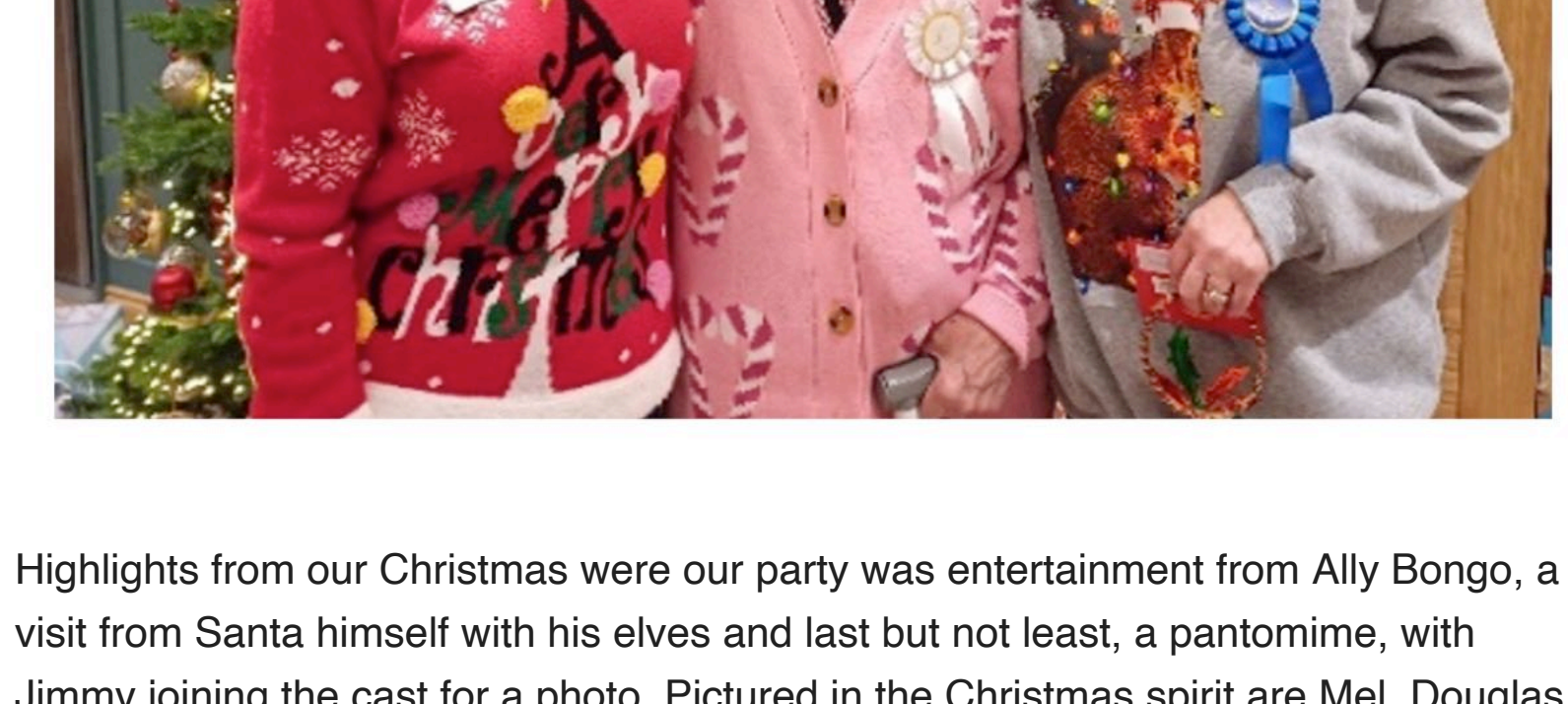
The residents had so much to look forward to and were kept busy every day, it was lovely to see the children come in and be a part of the celebrations at Oakbank. Some of the activities included visits from Ardvreck Nursery and a visit to see their nativity play, a snowflake tea at Crieff High School and carols from Morrison's Academy.

Our residents are fond of arts and crafts, which is always a popular activity. Our classes motivate them to express themselves through art and we are amazed by their impressive creativity on a Christmas theme, wreath making with Joan and Ian and a Christmas photo shoot for homemade Christmas cards with Ian, Annis, Joan and Douglas.

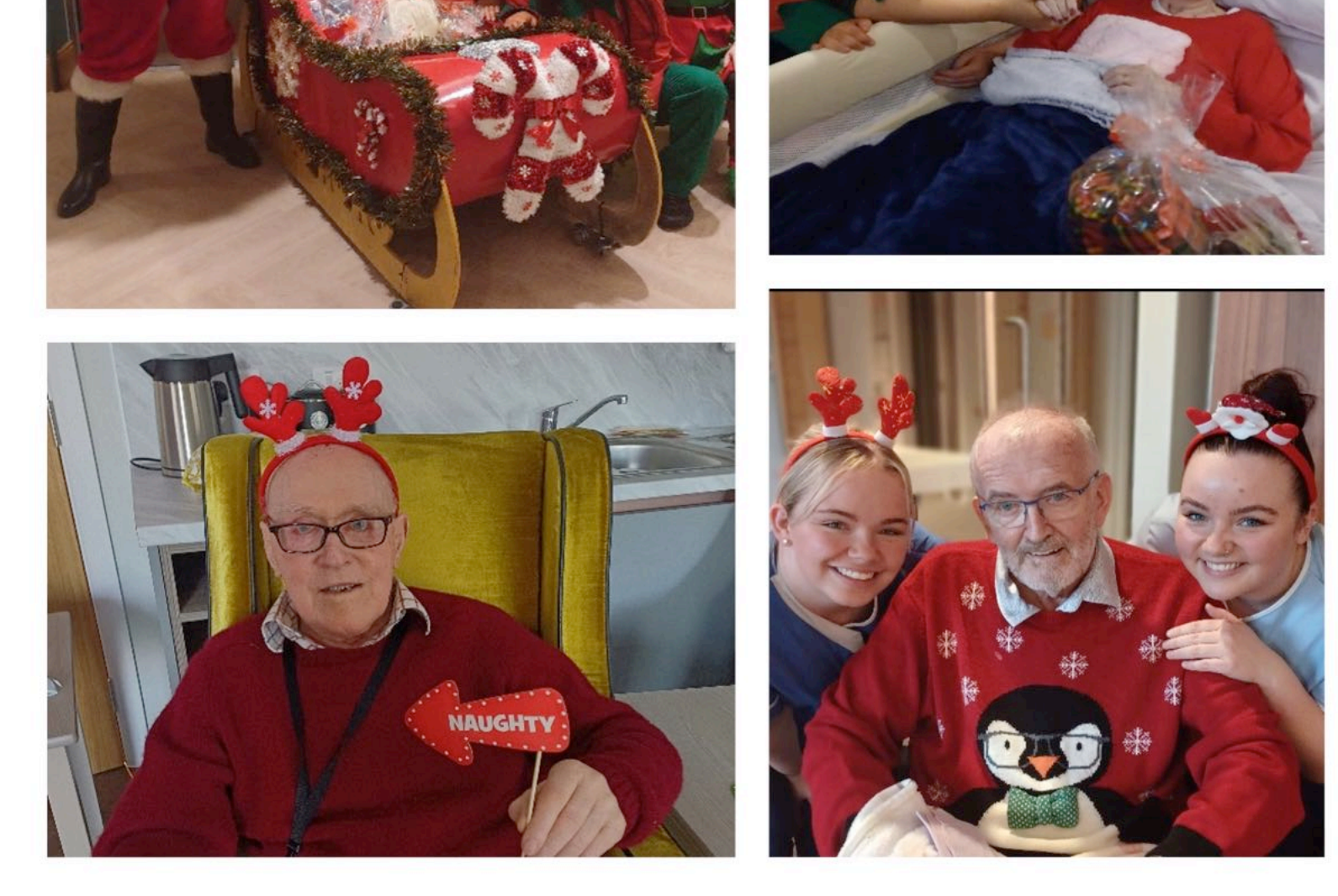


Our residents always look forward to our live entertainment afternoons! Recently, we were thrilled to host Chris White, Michael Patterson and the Crieff Choral Choir who brought memorable shows. Many of our residents couldn't resist the temptation to join in, and we had a wonderful time singing and dancing together.

Our Christmas jumper day winners were Amina and Agnes and received their prize from Margaret Ann.

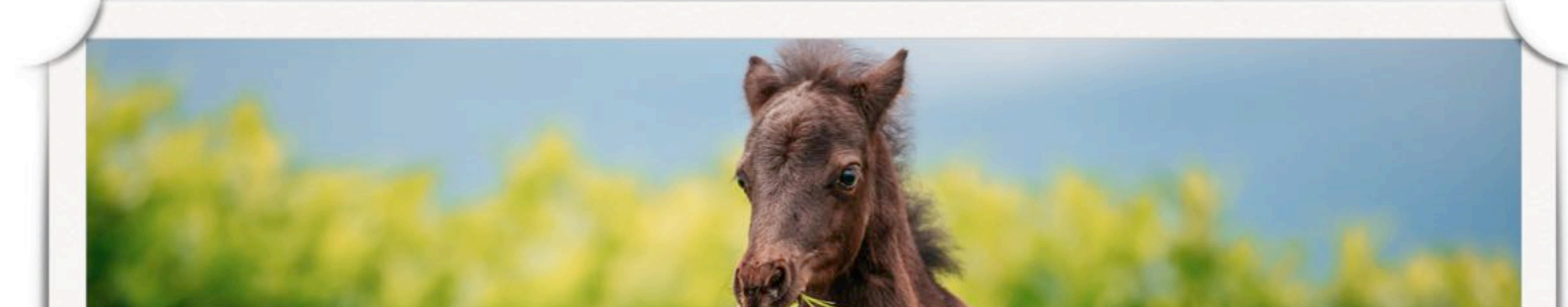


Highlights from our Christmas were our party was entertainment from Ally Bongo, a visit from Santa himself with his elves and last but not least, a pantomime, with Jimmy joining the cast for a photo. Pictured in the Christmas spirit are Mel, Douglas, Nat, Sandy and Hannah.



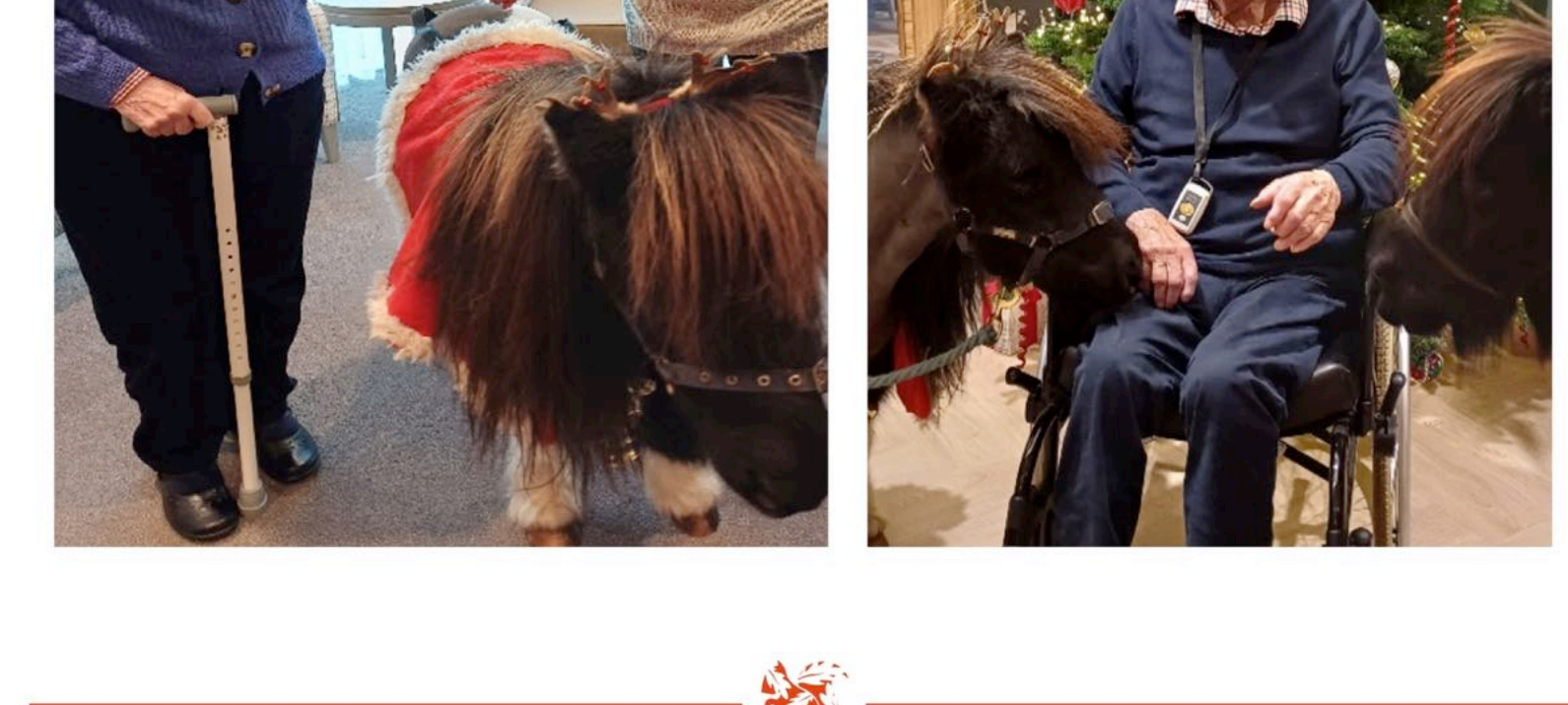
The family and friends of Oakbank enjoy having the chance to join in, support the team, and see their loved ones enjoying themselves. At the end of the busy month, lots of comments were made from friends, family and staff about how amazing the activities and events were and that the residents all looked like they had a lot of fun. Staff from all departments went out of their way to help and be involved in the Christmas activities, including coming in on days off just to be a part of the festivities.

Wee Ponies



Cuddles & Pats

Our beloved four-legged friends have a special way of bringing happiness to our residents. The joy of pet visits from our friendly wee ponies never fails to create cherished moments for Agnes, Joan and Ian. Interacting with animals has numerous benefits, such as improving self-esteem, reducing stress levels, and encouraging physical activities. Most importantly, these visits offer our residents with a warm, fuzzy feeling in their hearts, reminding us of the simple joys of companionship.



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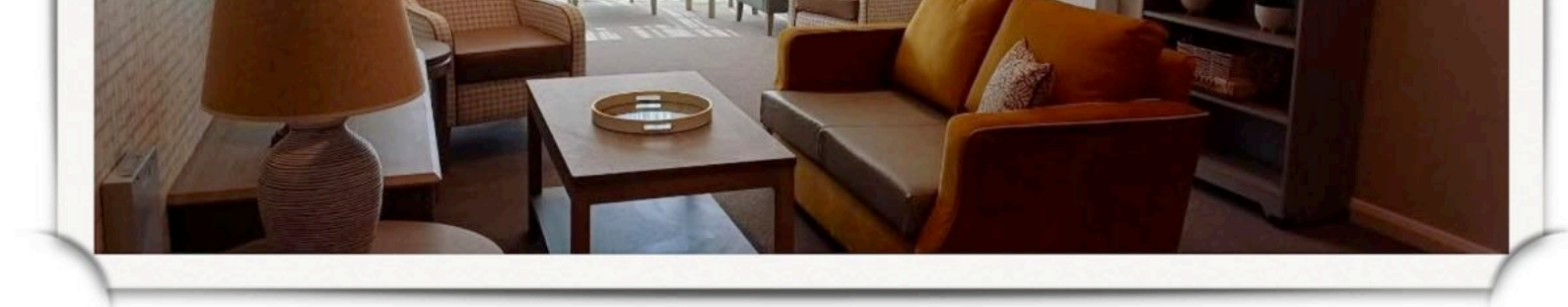


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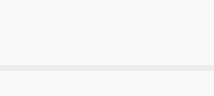


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