



INTRODUCTION

Message From Our Manager

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter.

As autumn settles around us, the trees are beginning to change colour, bringing beautiful shades of gold, red and amber to our surroundings. Many of our residents enjoy watching the seasons change, and it often brings back memories of autumns gone by.

With the clocks soon going back and the evenings becoming darker, we are looking forward to spending more time enjoying the comforts of home. Whether it is sitting together over a warm drink, sharing stories or taking part in our regular activities, there is always something happening at Oakbank.

Looking back over the past few months, we have enjoyed some wonderful occasions, including our Floral Fiesta Garden Party, an afternoon of violin music in the sunshine and even an early visit from Father Christmas! Our residents have also been busy knitting, enjoying local entertainment and getting involved in a variety of activities around the home.

Of course, our thoughts are now turning towards Christmas. Residents and staff are already sharing ideas for decorations and seasonal activities, and preparations are underway for our Christmas Fête. We are looking forward to welcoming families, friends and members of the local community to join us.

Funds raised at our Christmas Fête will help us provide additional activities, outings and experiences for residents throughout the year, so your support is always appreciated.

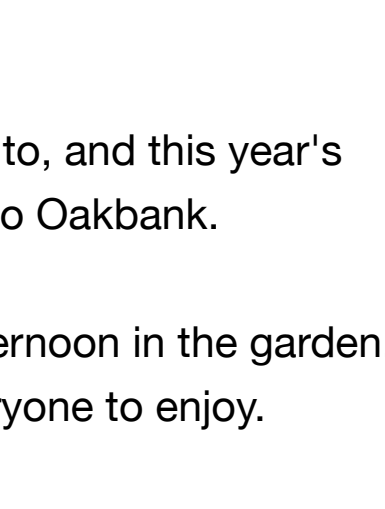
Thank you to our residents, relatives, friends and colleagues for everything you contribute to life at Oakbank. I hope you enjoy reading our latest news, and I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months.

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Best wishes,

Margaret Ann
Margaret Ann Gavin
Home Manager



CELEBRATIONS

Oakbank's Floral Fiesta Garden Party

Our annual garden party is always an occasion we look forward to, and this year's Floral Fiesta theme brought plenty of colour and entertainment to Oakbank.

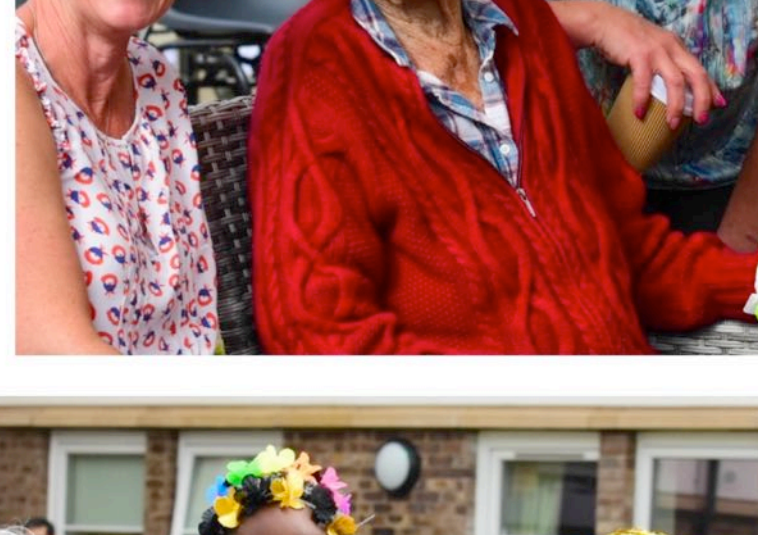
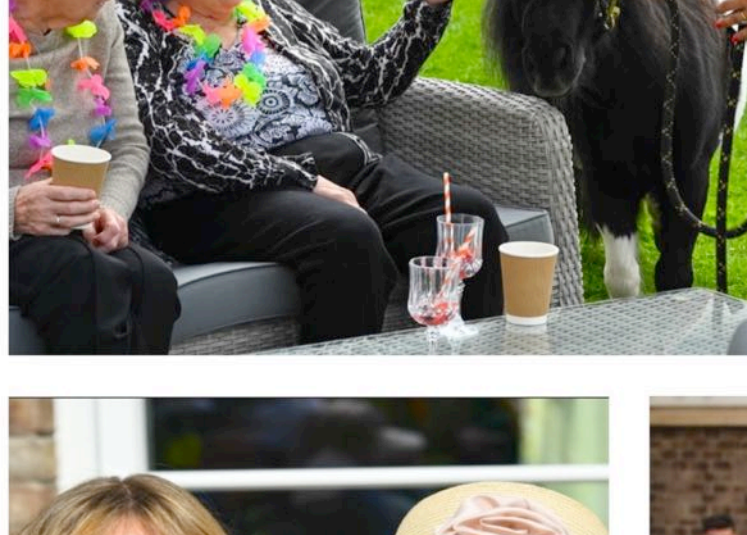
Residents were joined by family members and friends for an afternoon in the garden, with a varied programme of activities and entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

We had live music from Janet Gibson, along with some line dancing that added to the lively atmosphere. There was also a barbecue, raffle and tombola, giving everyone plenty to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

We were delighted to welcome some animal visitors too, with ducks and our little pony friends making an appearance.

Our garden parties are an important part of the summer at Oakbank, providing an opportunity for residents to spend time with their loved ones and enjoy a social occasion in familiar surroundings.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all the colleagues who helped organise the afternoon, prepare the food and make sure everything ran smoothly.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Christmas Came Early to Oakbank!

Who says Christmas has to wait until December?

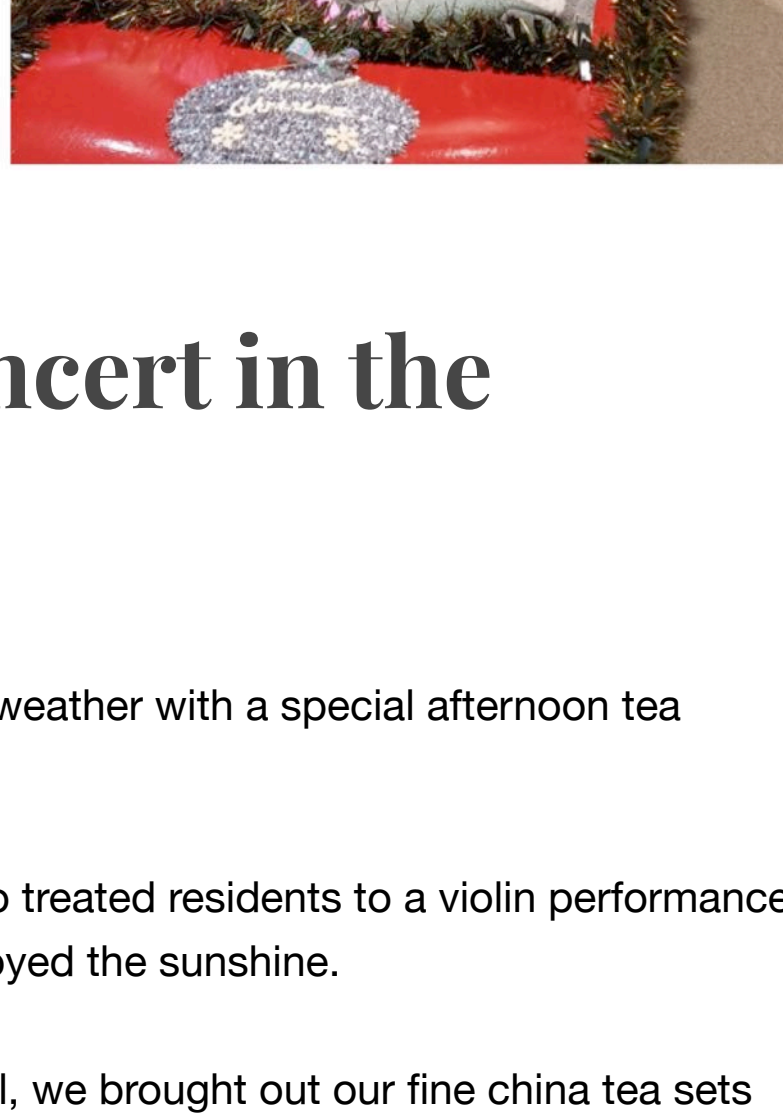
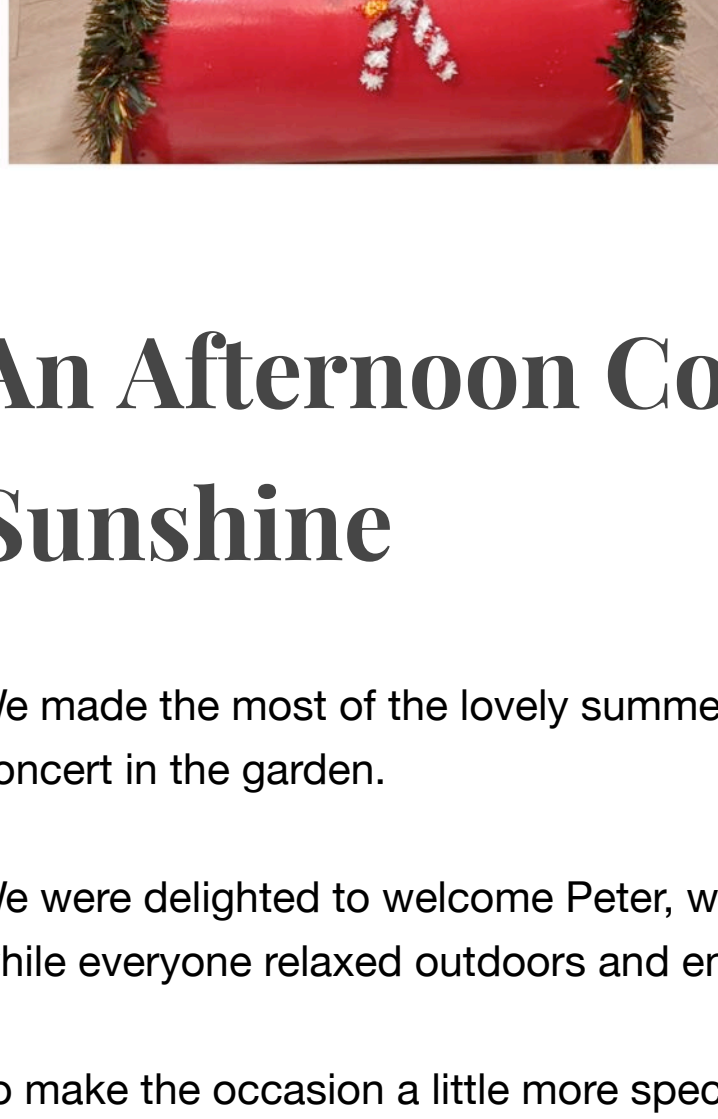
For the second year running, we celebrated Christmas in July at Oakbank, bringing a little festive cheer to the middle of summer.

Father Christmas even managed to take a break from his holiday to pay us a visit! He made his way around the home greeting residents and helping everyone get into the Christmas spirit.

Our chef, Neil, prepared a delicious traditional Christmas dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed. We also had Christmas music playing, giving the day the full festive treatment despite the summer weather outside.

Residents and staff embraced the occasion, and it was a fun change from our usual summer activities.

It seems Christmas in July is becoming something of a tradition at Oakbank, and we certainly enjoyed celebrating it again this year.



An Afternoon Concert in the Sunshine

We made the most of the lovely summer weather with a special afternoon tea concert in the garden.

We were delighted to welcome Peter, who treated residents to a violin performance while everyone relaxed outdoors and enjoyed the sunshine.

To make the occasion a little more special, we brought out our fine china tea sets and served afternoon tea in the garden. There is something particularly nice about enjoying a cup of tea from a proper china cup, especially with live music playing in the background.

It was a relaxing afternoon and a lovely opportunity for residents to enjoy the garden, listen to music and spend time together.



Knitting for a Good Cause

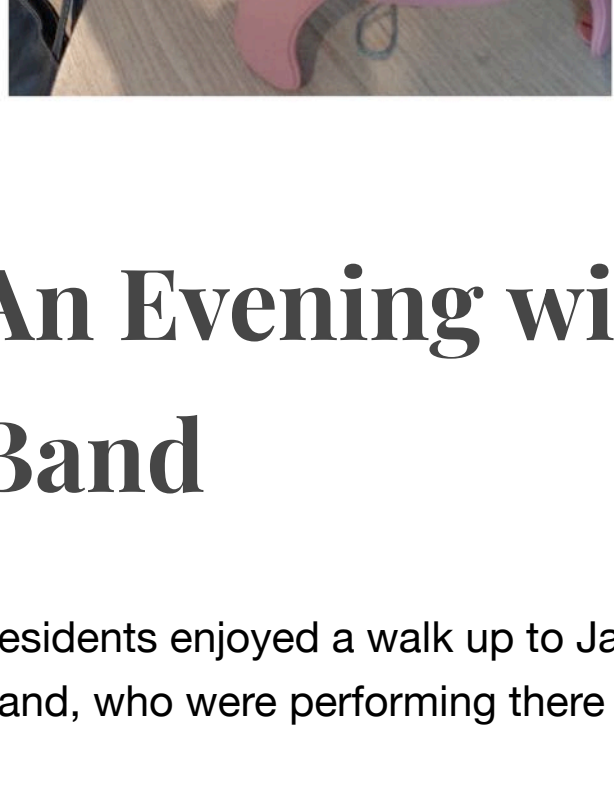
Our knitting machines have been back in action as residents and staff begin preparing for our Christmas Fête on 22nd November.

Our knitting activities have become a regular feature at Oakbank, giving residents the opportunity to use familiar skills, work on different projects and enjoy some company while they create.

Alongside our preparations for the fête, we have also been making hats for charity. Each year, we aim to knit 100 hats to help people experiencing homelessness, and our residents have been busy contributing towards this year's target.

It is a project that combines a much-loved pastime with the opportunity to help others. For residents who have enjoyed knitting throughout their lives, it is particularly rewarding to continue using those skills for a worthwhile cause.

We look forward to seeing how many hats we can complete this year.



An Evening with the Comrie Pipe Band

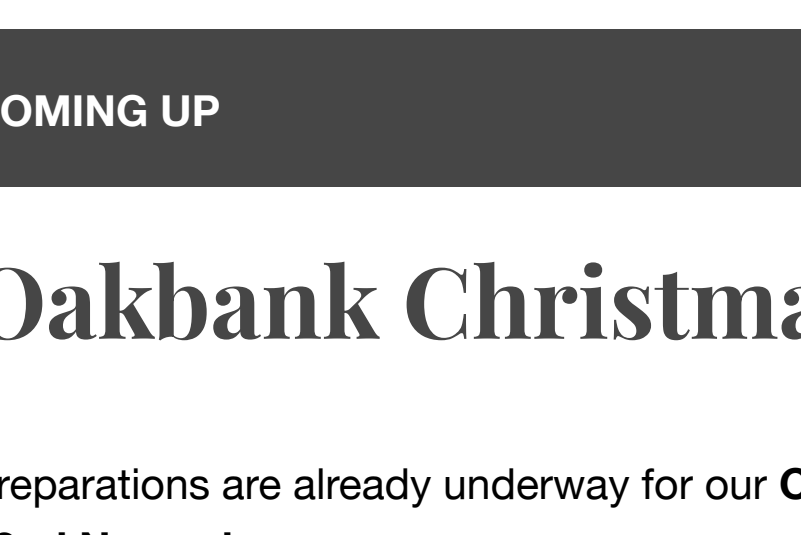
Residents enjoyed a walk up to James Square in order to listen to the Comrie Pipe Band, who were performing there on Thursday evenings throughout the month.

It was a lovely opportunity to enjoy some traditional Scottish music in the local community, and we were also treated to a display of Scottish dancing.

The walk to the square gave everyone the chance to enjoy some fresh air and gentle exercise along the way, and we certainly managed to get our steps in!

Local events like these are a great way for residents to stay connected with the community around them, particularly when they involve familiar music and traditions.

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the band and hope to catch more local performances in the future.



COMING UP

Oakbank Christmas Fête

Preparations are already underway for our **Christmas Fête**, which will take place on **22nd November**.

Residents have been busy with their knitting projects, and we are looking forward to welcoming relatives, friends and members of the local community to join us for some festive activities.

The fête will be an opportunity to get together as we approach Christmas while raising funds to support additional activities, outings and experiences for our residents.

We hope you will be able to join us and support the event.

Looking Ahead...

With the festive season approaching, we have plenty to look forward to at Oakbank.

Residents and staff will be getting involved in Christmas preparations, from making decorations and planning activities to helping create a welcoming festive atmosphere around the home.

Our regular programme of activities will also continue, with opportunities for residents to enjoy music, crafts, social gatherings and time spent together.

We are particularly looking forward to our Christmas Fête on 22nd November and hope to see many of our families and friends there.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being part of life at Oakbank. We look forward to sharing more of our news in the next newsletter.

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