



# WARDSIDE HOUSE GAZETTE

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**New Residents:** Mrs Christine Hall from Comrie joined us last month for a trial period and we are pleased to learn that she has decided to stay permanently. On a similar basis we welcomed Miss Aikman from Edinburgh for a period of respite with a view to permanency and hope she also will decide to stay with us.

**Birthdays:** Congratulations and best wishes to Patricia Pettifer who celebrated a birthday last month and we wish her many happy returns of the day.

**Good Wishes** go to Mrs Joan Hems who is at present in Crieff Cottage Hospital and hope she will be back with us soon. Staff member, Sandra McCulloch, has had a hip-replacement operation and we wish Sandra a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to duties soon - complete with that permanent cheery smile.

**Staffing News:** 23rd November was a Staff Training day in assisting, moving and hoisting of people who are otherwise unable . Emma Malloy has left to take up some other employment.

**Residents War-Time Memories:** An invitation was received from Muthill Primary School for residents to take part in the school's remembrance service and relate their war-time memories to the children. However it was considered more practicle to prepare and send to them a collage of residents stories. With the help of Margaret MacGregor, twelve residents responded and the Craft Class, under the guidance of Susie Oneil, produced the final collage which was sent to the school.

The residents who responded were P. Coull, E. Dahl, A. Hodge, U. Hubbard, Dr. Inglis, E. Ingram, G. Inskip, I. Martin, M. Neill, P. Pettifer, Dr. Sloan and C. Stevens and all are thanked for their co-operation. After the school service the collage was returned with the following letter.

“Dear Residents of Wardside House,

Thank you for making the artwork for our Poppy Day Assembly and bringing it to the school. It was very beautiful and very moving to read all the stories. Thank you again for taking the time to make the lovely artwork.

Yours sincerely, Katie Roddis Chairperson of the Community Committee.”

**The Joy Fund – “Christmas Cards”** have now been printed and are available for collection at the reception desk. In addition, the Craft Class has again been busy making their more classic hand-crafted versions and these will also be available shortly at £1 each..

**The Film Show “Annie”** on Saturday 19th November was good but once again the attendance was very very poor which indicates that some other form of entertainment should be considered and suitable suggestions from residents would be welcomed..

**The Craft Class** meets as usual at 11am every Monday and Thursday and **the Quiz Night** at 7.00pm each Wednesday, both in the Garden Room. All interested residents will be welcomed.

### **Forthcoming Events this Month.**

**Thursday 1st:** Dental Screening of residents by Drumhar Dentists

**Sunday 4th:** Church Service at 2.30pm by Rev. William Ross.

**Tuesday 6th:** Outing to Dobbies Garden Centre at 2pm. See details below.

**Friday 9th:** Church Service at 11am by Rev. Andrew Barton.

**Sunday 11th:** Drinks Party at 11.30am See details below.

**Sunday 18th:** Children’s Party at 4pm. See details below.

**Outing to Dobbies Stirling Garden Centre:** Similar to the last outing, all residents are invited to an **Afternoon Tea** at Dobbies where you can do some Christmas shopping if you wish. It will be fully decorated for Christmas and worth seeing even although you do not buy anything. The bus will be suitable for wheel-chair passengers and for those with walking aids.

**Drinks Party:** Marjory and David invite all Residents and relatives to a Drinks Party in the Garden Room / Large Lounge on Sunday morning 11th December at 11.30am..

**Children’s Party:** On Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm a Christmas Party will be held in the Large Lounge mainly for the children of the Staff but all residents are invited to attend, participate if you can, and join in the fun.

### **How to Tell the Sex of a Fly.**

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

“What are you doing” she asked.

“Hunting Flies” he responded

“Oh! Killing any” she asked.

“Yep, 3 males, 2 females”

Intrigued, she asked “How can you tell them apart?”

He answered “3 were on a beer can and 2 were on the phone.”

**And lastly,** there is just enough room to wish all Residents, Staff and Management at Wardside House and all readers at home and abroad a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

*Margery and Andrew.*