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# BONFIRE NIGHT: A SPARKLING SUCCESS

For once, Bonfire Night at St Magnus went ahead as planned—no cancellations, no weather hiccups, just a fantastic evening of fireworks and fun!

Residents enjoyed a dazzling display launched from three locations within the St Magnus grounds. Unlike last year (when a few fireworks decided to take an unexpected sideways route), everything soared into the sky as intended.

To make the evening even sweeter, party bags filled with marshmallows and chocolates were handed out, adding a cozy and festive touch to the occasion.

Laughter, cheers, and a shared sense of community made the night truly special, ensuring that Bonfire Night at St Magnus was one to remember!





# CHRISTMAS AT ST MAGNUS



## Music, Theatre & Festivities 🎄 🎵

Christmas at St Magnus is always a time of joy, music, and community spirit. This year's celebrations featured live performances, festive decorations, and plenty of heartwarming moments.

Residents enjoyed Karen Frances' Christmas classics, a lively pantomime of Little Red Riding Hood by The Carousel Theatre Company, and a cheerful carol singing performance by the Activity Team and staff.



The festivities continued with Christmas parties, featuring live music from Ghita Coroian on the accordion and a special guest performance by Sophia, with even Rudolph joining the fun! With laughter, music, and plenty of festive cheer, the holiday season at St Magnus was truly magical.



# BRINGING ON THE CAROL SINGERS! 🎵



The festive season came alive at Park House and St Magnus Nursing with a joyful Christmas Carol Concert on 7th December 2024. Patients, relatives, and staff gathered for an evening filled with music, laughter, and holiday cheer.

The concert featured classic winter songs led by resident favorite Sofia, alongside a spirited performance from our talented staff choir, 'The Last Resort', which had everyone singing along. The atmosphere was warm and festive, with hot chocolate and mince pies adding to the cozy vibe.

Highlights included Simon's hilarious dancing in a reindeer suit and a moving solo by one of our residents, both of which left the audience smiling and clapping.

A big thank you to the Activities Team and Psychological Therapies Team for organizing such a memorable event, and to everyone who joined in to make it a resounding success!





# LIVE MUSIC WITH KAREN FRANCES

A familiar and much-loved performer at St Magnus, Karen Frances once again brought the magic of Christmas to residents with her beautiful selection of holiday classics. Karen has been visiting St Magnus regularly since early last year, performing uplifting music that never fails to bring smiles to residents and staff alike. Karen generally visits every Wednesday and sings on all wards within both the Hospital and Care Home at St Magnus.



This Christmas, she delivered a heartwarming set filled with festive favorites, encouraging residents to sing along and enjoy the seasonal cheer. Whether performing soft and nostalgic tunes or upbeat Christmas classics, Karen's warm presence and engaging style made for a truly memorable experience. Karen's music has become a cherished part of the holiday season at St Magnus, and her performances continue to bring joy, comfort, and a sense of celebration to all who hear her.



# PANTOMIME MAGIC: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



No Christmas season is complete without a classic pantomime, and this year, the Carousel Theatre Company brought the timeless tale of Little Red Riding Hood to life at St Magnus. With colorful costumes, lively performances, and plenty of audience interaction, the show delivered all the fun and laughter expected from a traditional panto.

Residents and patients were fully immersed in the story, cheering for Little Red, gasping at the Big Bad Wolf, and joining in the classic call-and-response moments—because what’s a panto without a few “Oh no it isn’t!” and “Oh yes it is!” exchanges? The cast’s energy and humor kept the audience engaged, creating an atmosphere of pure festive joy.

The performance was a highlight of the holiday season, bringing laughter, nostalgia, and a touch of theatrical magic to St Magnus. For many residents, it was a wonderful reminder of the pantomimes they had enjoyed in years past, making it a truly special and memorable experience.



# GALLERY





# UPCOMING EVENT & NEWS

*There's always something exciting around the corner! Here's what's coming up in the next few months:*

## MUSEUMS



We explore fascinating exhibits and dive into history our inspiring museum adventures.

## STEAM TRAIN RIDES

All aboard for scenic rides on classic steam trains, a nostalgic journey for all to enjoy!



## Seaside visits

We journey to the seaside to get the residents feel the fresh sea breeze and soak up the coastal charm on our relaxing seaside trips.



## Garden Centres

We stroll through vibrant displays and pick up some greenery at local garden centers.

## Pottery Painting

We get creative and craft our own masterpiece during fun, hands-on pottery sessions with the residents.



## Picnics

We enjoy the great outdoors with delicious food and good company



## March Highlight: The Ducklings Are Back! 🦆

Our feathery friends will be making a return—always a favorite with residents!

# THANK YOU





# WELCOME TO THE TEAM, HAZEL! 🎉

In November, we welcomed Hazel to the Activity Department. With her vibrant energy, she's already making a big impact, leading cookery sessions like Breakfast Club and Hazel Bakes. She also runs craft groups and helps out with our beloved therapy dog, Alfie, on Fridays.



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