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The newsletter of abbeyfieldscotland



Your arrival at Abbeyfield Scotland was as our leader, but your departure will be as our friend. Farewell Niall!





Abbeyfield Core Standard Certificate

On a recent trip to Edinburgh, David McCullough, CEO of the Abbeyfield Society awarded Abbeyfield Scotland with the Abbeyfield Core Standard Certificate.

This followed a lengthy and rigorous assessment of service quality and governance by the Abbeyfield Society and peers from other member societies. Speaking on their behalf, Bernard Singleton noted that Abbeyfield Scotland had “exceeded the compliance criteria of the Abbeyfield Core Standard”.

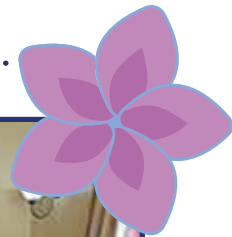
Niall Patterson, Chief Executive of Abbeyfield Scotland noted: “This award is of special importance to us as it recognises our leadership in housing and support for older people grounded in the founding values common to us all in the Abbeyfield family. I wish to thank David and Bernard for their support as we take Abbeyfield Scotland into the next exciting period of growth.”



Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Celebrating Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dog, are some of the Abbeyfield Bridge of Allan residents wearing traditional Chinese masks.

They enjoyed a specially prepared Chinese meal followed by entertainment with fortune telling sticks.



Bridge of Allan Activities

Park House, Bridge of Allan residents and Friends participating in the "Feely Bag" activity with old haberdashery items.





Birthday BoA

Birthday celebrations were held recently at Park House, Bridge of Allan for resident Bridget.

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Contact the Elderly

Staff at Ferndean, Lenzie welcomed Contact the Elderly group, Bishopbriggs to have afternoon tea with the residents. They enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, home baking, friendly conversations and a tour of the house where staff were helpful in answering questions regarding the outstanding service Abbeyfield provides.



Colin's new lease of life!

Abbeyfield Greenock resident Colin Campbell had previously lived in a flat two floors up which made him practically housebound.

Staff started to work with Colin by encouraging him to walk with his zimmer frame down to the front gate and back so that he could take photos of his new residence for his Facebook page.

Linda Murdoch, Area Supervisor said: "We've seen a huge improvement over the last couple of months. Colin now leaves his zimmer at the top of the ramp and walks down it using the handrails and goes along the path and back up to the top."

In August, Colin also got a mobility scooter. He has more confidence and goes to the Esplanade daily and walks along it using the handrails. Colin said: "I'm much more active now. It's given me a new lease of life!"





Goodbye Isabel

Pictured is Ferndean, Lenzie resident Isabel Smith who enjoyed a special afternoon tea with residents, staff and Friends. She recently left us to return home to live with her son and daughter-in-law to enable them to care for her. Isabel spent eight happy years with us and everyone was sad to see her go. We'll miss you Isabel!

£50,000 raised for 500 faces



Residents, families and staff at Abbeyfield House, Torphins have started a fundraising campaign with 'Your Northsound 1 cash for kids 500 faces' to help raise £50,000 for local children. This will make a difference to the lives of young people in Aberdeen and across Aberdeenshire who need a helping hand. The focus of the campaign is to alleviate poverty and support and improve the quality of life for young people in this "2018 Year of Young People".



Valentine's Tea

Residents and Friends at Abbeyfield House, Killearn celebrated Valentine's day in style with a Valentine's tea.



Generations working together and having fun!

Pictured are residents of Abbeyfield House, Giffnock and pupils from St Ninian's School, Giffnock.





Community Art Group

More intergenerational inspiring events were held at Abbeyfield House, Giffnock with residents awarded funding of £250 from Scotmid to establish a community art group.

Pictured are residents, families and children from Giffnock Nursery School together with Bazooka Arts, Generations Working Together who joined in the celebration and added to our portfolio of artwork.

The Beast from the East



The Beast from the East decorated the trees at Park House, Bridge of Allan.



Abbeyfield Greenock's House Supervisor Julie Shaw and resident Betty Crawford went above and beyond to ensure the birds were fed during the wintery weather.





At the February Board meeting, Jim Craigie, on behalf of the Board, past and present, thanked Niall Patterson for the work he had undertaken as CEO over the past six and a half years. Jim Craigie said he had enjoyed the close working relationship they had and would be sorry to see him go. He wished Niall and his family well in the future.



Niall attending Coatbridge's 20th anniversary together with Jim Craigie (Chairman), Karen Barr, John Leggatt (retired Board member), Carolynn Malone and Bill Brunton (retired Board member).



Niall and Carolynn at the National Strawberry Tea, Bridge of Allan singing from the same hymn sheet!

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Residents, staff and Friends held a farewell lunch for Niall to thank him for his hard work and dedication to Abbeyfield.



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Nance Smith, Vice-Chair and Niall in the recently refurbished living room of Abbeyfield House, Giffnock.



Niall and Karen acknowledging Bridge of Allan Friend Isabel Law's outstanding service to Abbeyfield for more than 15 years.



Pictured is Niall selling The Big Issue on the streets of Edinburgh as part of INSP's #VendorWeek Big Sell.

Over 60 high-profile individuals, including celebrities, business leaders and government ministers were involved in the event, trying their hand at selling The Big Issue on the streets of the UK.



Niall presenting a bouquet of flowers to Giffnock resident Isa Waddell for her 100th birthday.





A note from Karen

It is an absolute pleasure to take over the reins of Abbeyfield Scotland. I have been here since day one and it never fails to amaze me the dedication and drive of our staff who have achieved tremendous results over the years, notably the high satisfaction level of our residents. I know I will be very well supported in my role as Interim CEO and I am excited to continue to work towards a bright future for supporting communities. I personally want to thank Niall for his undying dedication to Abbeyfield over the last seven years. Niall and I have worked very closely together throughout and he will be missed by all of us. I wish him well in whatever he does in the future.

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Answers from
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A word from the Chief Executive

This is a good point at which to thank you, staff and residents alike, for the many opportunities you have given me to join in the life of our Abbeyfield Houses in the



past seven years. They have been some of the most rewarding and enjoyable parts of my work as CEO to Abbeyfield Scotland. However, and sadly for me, this will be my last contribution to "The Voice".

While I have chosen to move on to new career "pastures" I believe that Abbeyfield Scotland (and its new subsidiary Crandeen) have a bright future. The stability we have managed to achieve here is a strong foundation to further develop our expertise in, and support for, care and services for people in later life. None of that would have been possible without the support and enthusiasm of staff and Board members as well as residents and volunteers / Friends.

The organisation will be in the good hands of Karen Barr as Interim CEO from April. She is very well known to many of you. I wish Karen the very best and all of you good health and happiness.

Niall

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