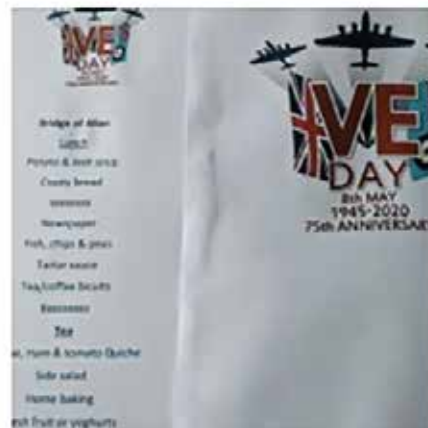


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## 75th Anniversary of VE Day!

On 8 May, there were celebrations galore at Park House, Bridge of Allan to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day!



# More VE Day celebrations!



Residents at Abbeyfield House, Stonehaven celebrating VE Day with festive table decorations.



Residents and staff at Ferndean, Lenzie celebrated with prosecco and schloer for the ladies and guinness for the men. There were mini meringues, truffles and cream, and jam scones which were all homemade by House Supervisor, Lynda Quinn. Sharon helped Lynda make flags for waving.



## Happy birthday May!

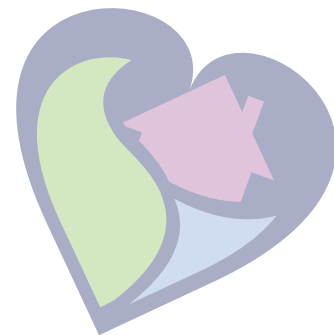
Happy birthday to Park House, Bridge of Allan resident May Thomson who turned 90 recently. A piper from the Bridge of Allan Scout Troop entertained the residents with a selection of tunes.



## Hard work pays at Esplanade

Esplanade was nominated for their hard work and dedication to their residents during lockdown. They received these gorgeous cupcakes from Cilla's Cakey Comforts, who were donating to keyworkers in the area.





## Abbeyfield Care's Companion client, Gilda

Gilda, who is 94 years old and one of our lovely Companion clients, lives at Bounty Court, a sheltered housing complex in Aboyne, Aberdeenshire. Here she is pictured getting her daily fresh air and exercise on a sunny evening. She really appreciates the care of an Abbeyfield Companion to give her the confidence to get out and about.



## Well-deserved reward for Giffnock

Minnesota Fats Snooker Club delivered a lovely afternoon tea for the Abbeyfield, Giffnock residents during lockdown. This was a total surprise and a well-deserved reward for Giffnock for staying at home for all that time without visits from family members.



## Live music at Haddington

Abbeyfield, Haddington residents experienced the joy of some live music in the garden. Cora who plays with the Musselburgh Pipe Band volunteered her time to play for care homes and houses of multiple occupancy during lockdown.





Ann with House Supervisor Helen.



# Ann McGregor



Resident Ann McGregor celebrated her 90th birthday at Park House, Bridge of Allan recently.

Ann, who became a nurse, was brought up in Darjeeling, India where her father was working at the time.

Ann is pictured above with her MBE from the Queen on 4th July 1995 at Holyrood Palace surrounded by proud daughters Gillian, Sheila and Hazel.

Ann received her award for a lifetime of voluntary work with the WRVS where she first became involved with the WRVS in 1965 and has held various positions during that time including local area organiser and district organiser.

## Birthday message from Ann's daughters

25 years ago our lovely Mum received her MBE from the Queen at Holyrood on the 4th July. Today she has reached 90 years of age! She is known as Ann, locally. With the current situation the whole family is unable to get together to celebrate. The exhibition of her 'life so far', which should have been in the BoA Library, is postponed. Mum has recently given talks about her school days in Darjeeling and her early years in India to Dunblane Primary School children and St. Saviour's Church congregation. She loves a chat! We are very proud of her. Happy 90th birthday Mum x





**Stonehaven resident, Betty with her 97th birthday bouquet. Happy birthday!**

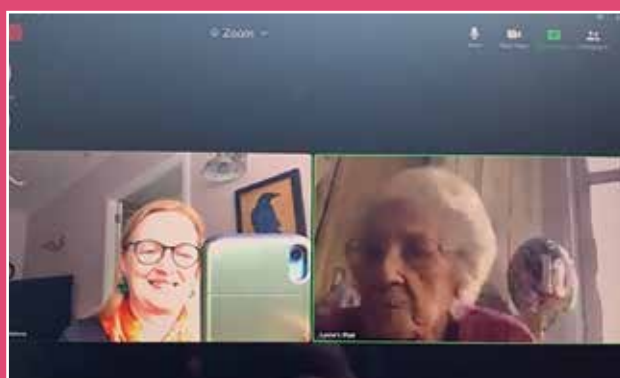


**Happy 89th birthday to Lockerbie resident, Ethel pictured with her lovely birthday cake.**



**Abbeyfield, Lenzie residents celebrated fellow resident Mary's 92nd birthday** sharing fish suppers donated by the Friends and supplied by their local café. This was followed with birthday cake and a glass of wine whilst socially distancing of course.

**Happy birthday to all of you!**



## A very special happy 100th birthday Ellen!

**Abbeyfield Scotland's Service Manager, Carolynn Malone** was able to wish Dock Park resident, Ellen Keeble a happy 100th birthday via Zoom. Dock Park resident, Ellen was surrounded by family and friends from the garden and even a visit from the Dumfries and Galloway police and a piper who all socially distanced. She was joined by the dedicated team at the Abbeyfield house who organised the special birthday celebration. A very special happy birthday and well done Ellen!



# How does your garden grow?

We've been enjoying the gardens and the weather this Summer at Abbeyfield!



**Residents of Abbeyfield, Killearn and House Supervisor, June Cram have been working very hard in the garden.** Residents, Isobel and Fay are pictured enjoying a well-earned rest in the glorious sunshine. June remarked "I'm so proud of them. All the dead flowers are gone and the outside of the house looks as if we care, which is really important to attract new clients!"



**Abbeyfield, Lenzie resident, Ann just loves the outdoors and keeps the front of the house looking beautiful with all her pots and bedding plants. She even looks after the birds!!**



**Abbeyfield, Torphins residents, Margaret and Fergie picked rhubarb yesterday to persuade the House Supervisor to make delicious homemade rhubarb crumble.**





The sunshine was also welcome during lockdown at Abbeyfield House, Nairn.



Parklea, Lockerbie resident Joe is pictured in his sun hat basking in the glorious sunshine during lockdown!



Abbeyfield, Coatbridge together with ELSS hosted a barbecue for residents to lighten the mood due to self-isolating for 14 days.



Here's lovely Turriff resident, Margaret, Abbeyfield House's resident 'handywoman' painting the garden bench. Margaret enjoys being active and loves a bit of DIY!



Abbeyfield, Stonehaven, resident Elma was keeping busy planting seeds during the glorious weather there.





## A word from the Chief Executive

**No one expected the impact of Coronavirus across the country. Lockdown has not been easy for anyone but, hopefully, we see the end in sight.**

I want to take this opportunity to advise you all that Abbeyfield Scotland has, so far, no cases of Covid-19. I believe this is testament to our staff across our houses who have done an amazing job in very difficult and unprecedented times, to keep you all safe. I have plans to thank them personally.

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## Sudoku

July 2020

Answers from April 2020 >

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However, we do not wish to become complacent. We have learnt much during the Covid outbreak on improved hygiene and we intend to continue with the highest of standards as our new normal.

We remain vigilant of a second outbreak and will continue to keep you informed on our plans.

Business has continued throughout lockdown and I am pleased to report that we continue our search for a suitable partner to help us strengthen our financial health and development opportunities. You will hear much more about this over the coming months.

We recently appointed Stephen Whitehead as our Property and Compliance Officer. He will be responsible for all things health & safety, repairs, and meeting our statutory requirements for things like gas safety and certification. Hopefully, Stephen will be able to visit houses safely, soon.

We are about to appoint a Marketing Officer who will help us promote our excellent business and our new service offering, Abbeyfield Care.

Our relationship with The Scottish Housing Regulator continues to be good, open and transparent, and we will work closely with them in ensuring we meet the highest of governance and financial standards. Of course, they are taking a keen interest in our ongoing seeking of a partnership with another Registered Social Landlord.

I had planned to visit all the houses throughout the first half of 2020 but unfortunately, Covid-19 put a stop to that, but I will hopefully be able to visit later in the year where I will inform you of our progress in the search for a workable partner, our progress with the SHR and the developing service of Abbeyfield Care.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and let's hope we haven't seen the end of some nice weather. And, of course, I do wish you all well and the best of health as we continue to exit from lockdown.

**Best wishes, Karen Barr, Chief Executive (Group)**

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