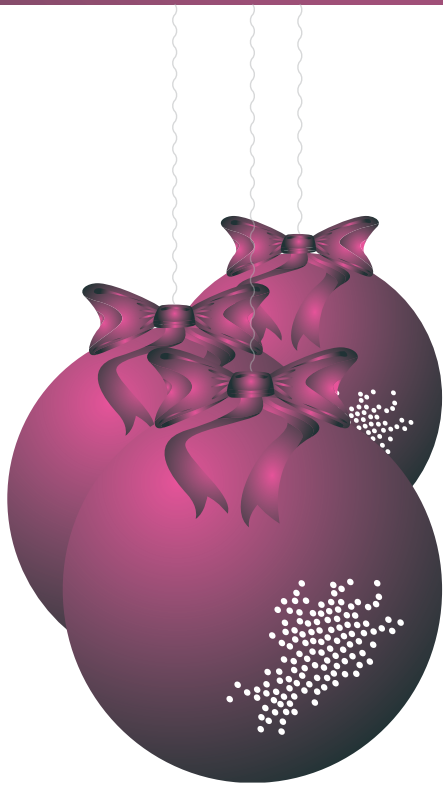


The Stream

Christmas Special

SILVER STREAM HEALTHCARE GROUP CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



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WISH YOU
ALL A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Christmas for residents of Silver Stream Healthcare Group was a time of great celebration, which included spending time with family and friends, decorating with festive cheer, shopping for presents for loved ones and attending lots of great events and activities both in and out of the home.

Because so much happened across the group over the holiday season we decided it deserved its own special e-edition of The Stream newsletter which you, our readers, could send to family & friends. We also invite you to visit our website www.silverstream.ie to add your own stories, feelings and experiences of Christmas.

Our festivities began in early December with the decorating of each home. We decked the halls and put up huge Christmas trees to get everyone in the festive spirit.

The homes began to fill with the sound of music and laughter as we were joined by family and friends at special events which were organised in each home to celebrate the holidays.

Across the group our residents were visited by choirs and orchestras, from primary and secondary school students to professional musical groups. Entertainers, singers & dancers followed as our residents and the families joined in the lively celebrations.

We attended Christmas pantomimes and musicals and even had a very special visit from a world class snooker player!

We celebrated Christmas mass in each home and also held special remembrance masses.

The highlight of the holiday season is always our annual Christmas parties which have become a much loved tradition. This year was the best yet with all of our homes bursting at the seams as residents were joined by their nearest and dearest for good food and drink and plenty of entertainment. Father Christmas even dropped by to each of the parties, with his elf, to kindly give each resident a gift.

In this special edition of The Stream we bring you a roundup of all of the great events & activities which took place across the group over the holiday season.

I hope you enjoy!

Our Residents Come First

Ratoath Manor Nursing Home

MARY KELLY



We had a very merry Christmas here in Ratoath Manor Nursing Home.

With our Christmas tree proudly standing in the lobby and the mistletoe in place, we kicked off the festivities early on December 1st with a concert from our favorite entertainer, Laurence. Centre stage, Laurence belted out classic Christmas songs which got everyone in the festive spirit and excited about the upcoming celebrations.

Over the next few weeks we were treated to a variety of kind and generous groups and schools who visited to the home to perform for our residents.

The Ratoath Children's Church Choir presented a lively session of Christmas Carols and songs, both old and new, and the residents and visitors were delighted to be able to join in and sing along. The cheerful spirit followed through to a visit from Ratoath Secondary School Choir who visited the home dressed in uniform red and clad in Santa hats, and also to a visit from Nora Connelly & her pupils from the Navan School of Music. The Scouts Choir were next to grace the stage, performing a medley of carols as well as taking requests from the joyful audience.



KATHLEEN CLEARY
ENJOYING THE
CHRISTMAS PARTY
WITH LAURENCE

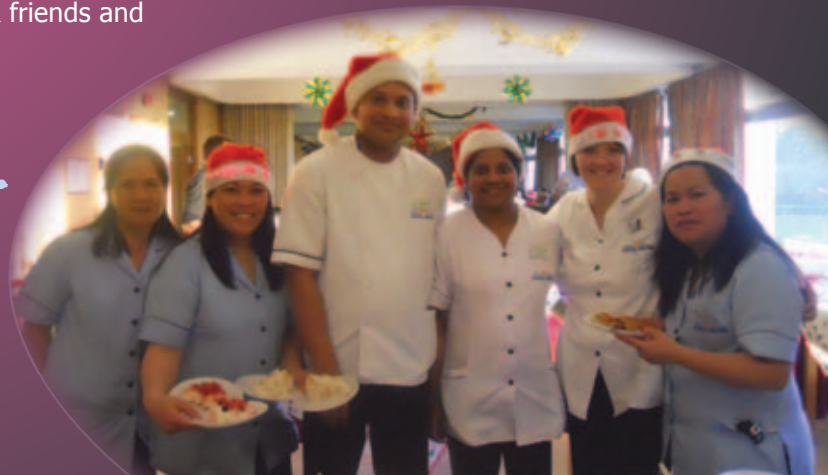
With the sound of music echoing through the hallways of Ratoath Manor it was finally time for our Annual Christmas Party. Everyone was in agreement that this year's party was the best year yet, as relatives and friends came from far and wide to gather in the dining room for the celebrations.

As always, the home laid on a beautiful spread with savory canapés and scrumptious deserts. Drinks were had and the food enjoyed as everyone chatted with their family and friends and sang along to the music.

The final arrival at the party was Father Christmas who was accompanied this year by one of his elves. Santa spent the evening chatting with residents and giving each one a gift from his big black sack, which his poor elf had to drag through the room behind him!

We had a lovely Christmas here at Ratoath Manor Nursing Home and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone including, residents, staff, family & friends and especially to our performers who visited the home.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Leeson Park House Nursing Home

MARIE GLEESON



Leeson Park House residents began the yuletide celebrations with a Visit to Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in The Grand Canal Theatre. Sheltered from the cold and windy weather outdoors, the group settled into the comfy surroundings of the theater to enjoy the musical performance.

The show, adapted from the original movie starring Bing Crosby, is a tale of two cheeky singers, one a romantic and the other a womanizer, who fall for two sisters and embark on a plot to save an old friends inn in Vermont by putting on an all singing, all dancing show.

The thirty strong cast and seventeen piece orchestra entertained the group with dancing, singing and laughter and ensured that all of the residents left the show in a festive mood and looking forward to the Christmas celebrations.

The next big event in Leeson Park House was our Annual Christmas Party. In the beautifully decorated surroundings and under the shadow of the enormous Christmas tree, our residents were joined by family and friends to join in the festive celebrations.

The string quartet gently playing in the background set the atmosphere as our guests enjoyed the beautiful food and wine which had been laid on for the occasion.

The highlight of the day was when we received a visit from Father Christmas who greeted each resident and offered them a gift.

Christmas Day was also a great success at Leeson Park House. Our day began with Morning Mass as Marie sang all of the Carols followed by a lovely sherry reception in the library. A beautiful lunch was served with all the trimmings accompanied by fine wine. The afternoon was full of fun and entertainment with Maurice on the Guitar, while Marie danced and sang and encouraged the residents to join in. For the evenings entertainment we had Karaoke followed by a delightful evening with a variety of different foods and plenty of refreshments. Christmas day was thoroughly enjoyed by all at Leeson Park House.

A big thank you to everyone who made Christmas so special this year in Leeson Park House.

LEESON PARK RESIDENTS WERE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE A SURPRISE VISIT FROM NONE OTHER THAN, KEN DOHERTY, WORLD SNOOKER CHAMPION, ON CHRISTMAS EVE. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK KEN & HIS MOTHER ROSE FOR THEIR GENEROSITY ..IT WAS AN UNEXPECTED AND DELIGHTFUL TREAT FOR OUR RESIDENTS.



Nenagh Manor Nursing Home

ANNA HARTE

THE BIG BUILD UP

Our Christmas festivities begin in Nenagh Manor the moment the decorations are hung. Seven beautiful ornate trees were placed throughout the home. It's from this moment every year that the atmosphere immediately changes in the Manor as the excitement begins to build towards Christmas Day.

Residents usually do an early shopping trip to the Crescent Shopping Centre in Limerick. This trip takes place in late October or early November avoiding the December rush. It might seem a little early to get started but we find that preparation is key (any excuse for a shopping trip!). This year we stopped in at the Mill Restaurant for a meal and hot drinks on route home. It is such an enjoyable day out, with no rushing around we can shop for Christmas gifts at our own pace and leisure.

Pictured celebrating at Nenagh Manor Nursing Homes Christmas Party on 16th December is resident Kathleen Geaney and her son Michael. Kathleen, who has been a resident with us since 2008, says she thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. Annually our residents enjoy a Christmas Party all of their own - it's a chance for residents, family members, friends and staff of the home to get together and enjoy each others company and of course the build up to Christmas. As always Tony Geaney (who is a brother in-law of Kathleen's), Joe Hackett and Dan Larkin delighted the crowd with music for the afternoon with some of our own residents even taking up the mic. Michael Molloy is also pictured here with Fianna a family friend at the festivities. This was Michael's first time to experience a Christmas Party in Nenagh Manor and while he couldn't be persuaded to join in the 'hokey pokey' he did say he had a great day! Michael hails originally from Tynagh a small town outside Portumna. He is, as he would say himself, a proud Galway man but because he is so adored we have decided to make him an honorary Tipp Man also.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families and friends, all who attend our Christmas Partys and events. We find that Christmas is wholly enhanced by family members and friends who carry the buzz of Christmas from their own homes into ours, with stories of Grandchildren's nativity plays, family visitors arriving from near and afar and funny tales of shopping lists, shopping trips and sometimes near shopping disasters.

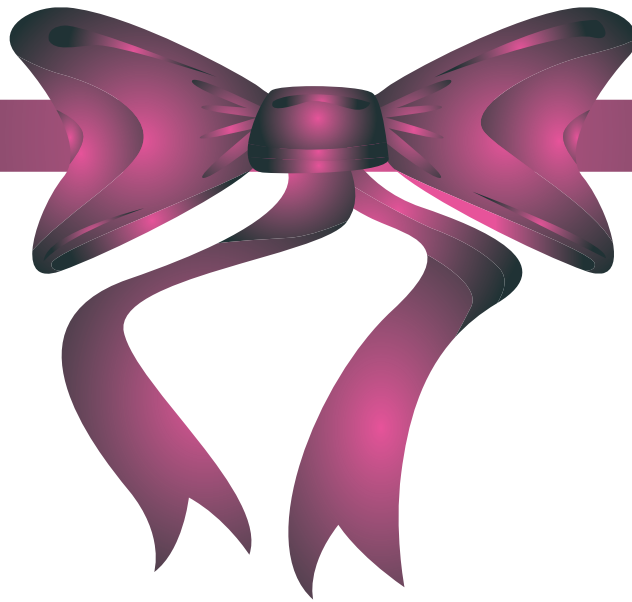


KATHLEEN &
MICHAEL GEANEY



MICHAEL MOLLOY
& FIANNA





CHRISTMAS DAY

Nenagh's Christmas Mass and Church Carols ring out over the radio transmitter for those of us who have not ventured out to St. Mary's (Mass can be received this way on a daily basis from our local church of Saint Mary's). All the while beautiful smells of warm spices and cooked meats drift upstairs from the kitchen below.

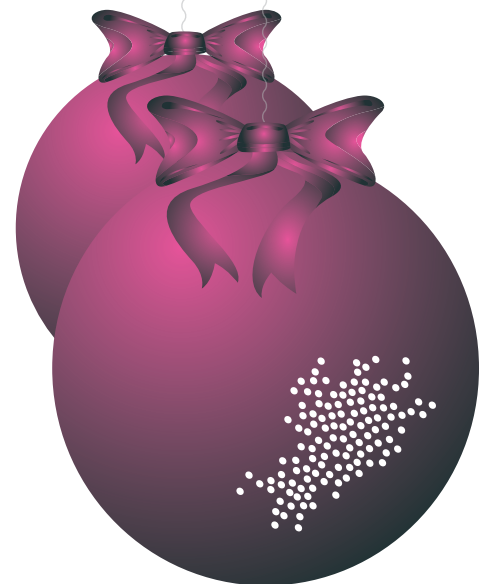
Christmas Day Dinner was amazing at the Manor this year so a huge thank you to all the catering staff. Christmas morning, hair is freshly coiffed, shoes are shined and we don our Sunday Best to attend. After Christmas Day Mass pre-dinner drinks are served as dining tables are ornately set with rich red and gold cloths –each table aglow with candle light. Dinner is always a sumptuous affair on Christmas Day – we have all the trimmings. Soup to begin with, then mouthwatering turkey and glazed ham, brusselsprouts and carrots, goose fat roasted potatoes along with creamy mash. A festive choice of Traditional plum pudding or sherry trifle to finish. Drinks are again served after dinner and into the evening.

It's such a wonderful time for our residents and their families we are already trying to think of ways to extend and enhance the holiday season for this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone including, residents, staff, family & friends for making Christmas in Nenagh Manor Nursing Home such a special occasion.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY TRIBUTE BY RESIDENT, MAURA POWER

We, the residents of Nenagh Manor, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Proprietor, Joe Kenny; Director of Nursing, Sandra; Assistant Director, Margaret, and especially, Nurse, Malgorzata, who brought great honor to Nenagh Manor Nursing Home by winning The NHI's, Nurse of the Year Award 2011.

During the Christmas Party we, the residents, delighted in presenting Malgorzata with a little gift for all the kindness and dedication she has shown us throughout the years. We wish all the staff here a Merry Christmas, health and happiness and a prosperous New Year.



St Pappin's Nursing Home

MARTINA DOWLING



Our annual Christmas Carol service took place on Tuesday 20th of December at 11.00am. The children from the local Gael Scoil arrived with their teachers to perform Christmas carols "as Gaeilge" while our residents and staff sang and clapped along.



After their performance the children presented all our residents with a Christmas present which they had saved for and bought themselves. They visited the residents who were unable to attend the service and it was lovely to see the smiles on the faces of our residents with the kindness shown by the children.

After this the children enjoyed some snacks and lemonade as a thank you for their thoughtfulness shown to our Nursing Home.



We would like to say a huge thanks to the children for their kindness & generosity.



The Croft Nursing Home

DEBORAH CARRION



The Croft Nursing Home celebrated Christmas with a whole weekend
“Mulled Wine & Mince Pies”
Party.

Due to the tremendous support from relatives at all of our events we decided to hold the Christmas celebrations over two days to ensure that everyone would have the opportunity to enjoy the festivities.

The home was filled to the brim each day as residents were joined by family and friends to celebrate. With only standing room our guests enjoyed a visit from a local choir who sang festive Christmas carols.

We were then fortunate enough to have a visit from Santa himself who visited each resident, giving each one a special gift.



Killiney Grove Nursing Home

VINA LOPEZ DONOHER



Christmas is always a fun time of year and a time which everyone looks forward to. While at first the idea of organising a massive Christmas Party for all the residents & their family & friends seemed overwhelming, we did our utmost to bring Christmas spirit to the home and to each and every resident.

Upon arrival of our guests and visitors, we had our very own waiter on hand to serve canapés, beverages & chocolates in the reception area. There was a joyful ambience in the home with the Christmas tree glowing and all the decorations; and the happy smiling faces of all the visitors and staff made for a very pleasant afternoon.

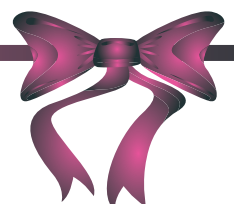
Led by Mrs. Carrolls, a daughter in law of one of our residents, a group of volunteers sang Christmas carols. This was followed by a beautiful buffet of hot and cold treats, pastries, assorted cakes and plenty of Christmas goodies for the children! A big thanks to our chef Dennis Loftus and the catering staff for all of their hard work which went into the preparation for the big event.

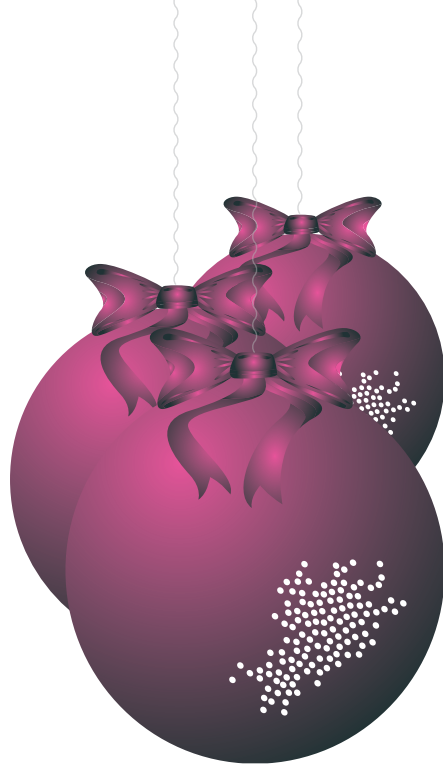
With our tummies full, it was time for the entertainment where we were treated to a performance by a lady singing and dancing to Christmas carols followed by our very own Mafe singing a lovely Christmas hymn.

As the evening progressed we had a very special visit from Santa who gave each and every resident a gift. For those who were unable to attend the main event we made sure that they didn't miss out and each one received a visit from Santa in their room and were then joined there by staff who sang Christmas carols.

Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the time they spent with family and friends. It was wonderful for us who work in the home to see the residents smiling and happy and thankful for everything they received..love & sharing is the spirit of Christmas.

A HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE PARTY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND LOYALTY AND TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN THE ORGANISATION..A JOB WELL DONE!





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