

Fairview House

NEWSLETTER

January 2026


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General Manager Focus



From Festive Cheer to Winter Care

As we settle into January and the snowy season, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown. Just a few weeks ago we were busy preparing for Christmas, and now the festivities are already fond memories. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this year's Christmas celebrations so special. There were many wonderful highlights, including our staff coming together to perform for residents in the Christmas Variety Show, which brought so much joy and laughter. Our Beauty and the Beast pantomime was also a huge success, raising an impressive £770 for the Barchester Charity—thank you all very much for your generosity and support. Christmas Day itself was truly magical, with some families sharing Christmas meals with their loved ones, and a special visit from Santa who delivered gifts to our residents.

As we move through the winter months, we are mindful of the ongoing gastric outbreak in the wider community. Please be reassured that we are doing everything possible to keep bacteria at bay. We have enhanced our hand hygiene protocols and kindly remind both staff and visitors not to come into the home if they are experiencing any symptoms. By working together, we can help ensure everyone stays safe and well throughout the winter.

Finally, a gentle reminder to please use our café areas considerately and leave them as you found them, as a courtesy to other users. Thank you all for your continued support. Take care and keep safe.

Mel Shearer

Dates for your Diary

January 2026

9th Jan New York New York Themed Day with Live Music

14th Jan Eating Well with Dementia

16th Jan Health & Wellbeing Event: Free BP and BMI check. Giveaways to first 20 attendees!

24th Jan Open House

25th Jan Burns Night with Scottish Piper

February 2026

2nd-6th Feb Winter Olympics

13th Feb Valentines Party Live Entertainment

17th Feb Pancake Day

20th Feb Elvis Day with Live Entertainment

25th Feb Healthy Heart Talk with Guest Speaker



NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND Fairview House

Outings & Life Enrichment



We recently took our residents, Alec and Eveline, on a trip to the bowling alley—a sport that has been a huge part of their lives. Seeing them return to an activity they love was truly heart-warming and a beautiful reminder of the joy and wellbeing that meaningful activities can bring.

Other bus trips have included fulfilling Tony's wish to watch planes and helicopters taking off and landing, so we took him to Aberdeen Airport. It was wonderful to see the huge smile on his face as he enjoyed every moment.

We also enjoyed a lovely outing to Marshals Farm and Café, where we relaxed with hot coffee and delicious scones. The café was beautifully decorated for Christmas, creating a cosy, festive atmosphere and it smelled absolutely wonderful.



Beauty & The Beast Panto

Our *Beauty and the Beast* Panto was a truly wonderful success! We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended, supported, and helped make the event so special.

A huge thank you goes to our fantastic staff, their children, and the dedicated backstage team—including sound, lighting, and props—whose hard work, enthusiasm, and talent brought the performance to life. The show would not have been possible without their commitment and teamwork.

We are also delighted to share that all proceeds from the event went to the Barchester Foundation, with an impressive £770 raised. Thank you all for your generosity and support in helping us make a positive difference.



We were delighted to welcome live entertainment into our home, with wonderful performances from Roy Rhodes, BobbyB, Music by Cate, Music 4U, Puppet Gang and Angela Duguid. Each entertainer brought their own unique style and energy, creating a fantastic atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. Our residents loved every moment—singing along to familiar favourites, tapping their feet, and even dancing along to the music!

SPOTLIGHT ON

We are incredibly proud of Debbie on her nomination for Educator of the Year by the School of Health, Robert Gordon University. Fairview continues to strengthen its support for nursing education and is proud to now have 5 trained practice supervisors and assessors, providing guidance, mentorship, and assessment for nursing students. This growth highlights our commitment to learning, development, and excellence in clinical practice.



What we've been up to...



Our residents enjoy their weekly Baking Club. From baking and decorating cupcakes to making tasty tray bakes, everyone loves getting involved and having a bit of fun.

The sessions are relaxed and full of chat and laughter, with lovely smells filling the home. It's a great way for residents to be creative, spend time together, and enjoy the simple pleasure of homemade treats.

Fairview Christmas Variety Show

We are pleased to announce that Fairview's first Christmas variety show was a tremendous success. Our dining room was filled with residents, relatives, and friends all enjoying the delightful entertainment provided by our talented employees. It was truly heartwarming to see smiles and joy spread across so many faces!



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**Our best story this month
had 5843 views and 75
reactions!**

Christmas Day Celebration

Santa visited to deliver presents, spreading smiles and festive cheer, and everyone enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal.

A huge thank you to our amazing staff — your hard work and dedication made the day truly special for our residents. We really appreciate everything you do!

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Our festive community events have been full of fun, connection, and cheer! We enjoyed afternoon tea with our GP and specialist nurses. Gillian and friends from Granite City SWI joined us to make Christmas wreaths, bringing lots of laughs and creativity. We were thrilled to receive a Certificate of Excellence from the Care Home Education Facilitator team for our support of RGU nursing students. Neighbours and families enjoyed afternoon tea and wine in our successful Christmas Fayre and Christmas lights switch on. We also welcomed ex-relatives in an afternoon tea, as well as Men's Shed, King's Church, and Danestone Parish Church, making this season full of joy and community.



Thank You

From all the team at **Fairview House** we'd like to say a big thank you to you all for all your support and understanding over the last few months. We'd love you to leave us a review if you haven't already at <https://www.carehome.co.uk/carehome.cfm/searchazref/20006025FAIA>

Celebrations in our home!

Congratulations to Heidi and Marta on completing their SVQ Level 3 and Care Practitioner courses — great job!

A warm welcome to our new and respite residents: Mary, James, Ruth, Clive, Georgina, Barbara, Betty, Senga, and Yvonne.

And well done to Christian from Memory Lane, our December Employee of the Month — thank you for your hard work!



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