

Summer Blossoms and Excursions!



Peter has been all around the county and neighbouring hills, valleys and coastlines over the last few months in the Castleross bus. We have made the most of the warmer days to experience the local amenities and all that our county and surrounding areas has to offer. We have been to places like Anaghassen, Clogherhead and Greenore.

Let's Celebrate!



Happy 60th Birthday to Mary Keenan, who works in our kitchen. She is a very special lady who is always willing to help anyone, and we want to wish her a great year ahead!

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We also had a wonderful visit to Blossoms Tea Rooms and Garden Centre just outside Kingscourt. After tea and homemade scones, we sat outside to admire and take in the breath-taking scenery.



*To plant a garden
is to believe in tomorrow!*
AUDREY HEPBURN

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Summer Leaves

Come walk with me
on a Summer day,
up a logging road, a long long way,
Summer leaves are all you can see
So lovely and healthy
and green as can be.
The tall green treetops are ever so high,
Almost touching the bright blue sky,
Come walk with me
in a Summer breeze
And find joy, like sunlight,
shifting down through the trees.

Okie Howe



Lambing Season

Early May saw the arrival of two young four week old lambs to Castleross. Our maintenance team created a lovely enclosure down by Killanny House to accommodate these animals for the weeks that followed. Their arrival brought so much joy and something truly special for many of the people living and working here.

These lambs, fondly named Beauty and Beast, were fed morning and evening, with the help from Patrick who lives in Killanny House. With his farming background and knowledge, Patrick gave us all lessons in how to look after these animals. They stayed with us for just over one month, until they outgrew their enclosure, and needed more green grass area.



happy easter

Easter Sunday was the 17th of April with wonderful celebrations and parties in all houses, and an opportunity to wear some of our homemade Easter bonnets.

There was plenty of chocolate, treats and cakes, with singsongs for all to join in.



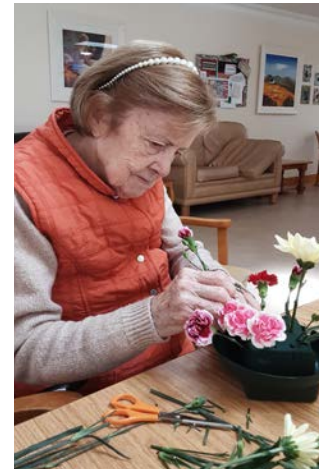
Summer Projects



There has been a flurry of activity around our gardens this last few weeks, with a push to tidy up our courtyard gardens to enjoy over the Summer months. Our residents from Creevy House helped to paint their garden hut, opting for a bright and cheerful colour scheme. The old wood needed to be cleaned and sanded and then we applied a first coat of paint. It was wonderful to spend quality time outdoors in doing this job together. We got lots of help around the houses to paint and decorate our window boxes, which now look beautifully colourful with lots of begonias.

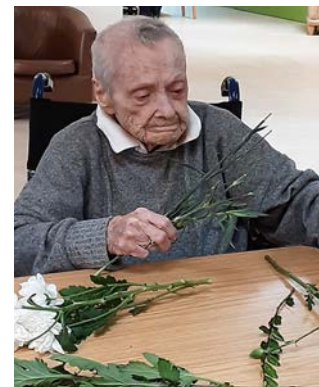


Flower Power!!



Flower arranging is always a bunch of fun!!! So many of the ladies living in Castleross had done some form of flower arranging before, and it was clearly evident in the beautiful creations they put together.

We had gathered lots of greenery from the gardens here in Castleross, with a few carnations and chrysanthemums added for colour. We had great discussions around flowers and gardens, with one lady Ann, telling us how she had won a prize for best garden a number of years ago.



Musical Magic!!



Music is such an important part of life here in Castleross, and we have been very lucky to have enjoyed the wonderful talents of musicians like Paddy, Padraig, Ellen, and members of the Mobile Music Machine, including Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns, who have all shared their own unique skillset with us, having us clapping, dancing and singing along.

