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We begin this edition of GH News with the announcement that our new Superfast WiFi network within Grange Hall is now complete. This means there is now Internet in every corner of the building with thanks to our maintenance team for installing the new system.

This will have huge benefits for us in terms of functionality as a service provider. Our care planning & recording system will now be realtime so anyone with access to our relatives’ gateway can see what type of care/interaction their relative has had.

Thanks to our maintenance team Residents themselves will now be able to have internet in their bedrooms so they can use iPads, mobiles or even smart TVs. Hopefully this eases some direct communication worries as video/audio calls to your loved one are now more accessible.

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Gastronomic Events:
25th July 2020 - Canadian Day
14th July 2020 - Argentinian Day
1st August 2020 - French Day
17th August 2020 - Japanese Day
22nd September 2020 - Indian Day
1st September 2020 - Italian Day

Wedding Anniversaries:
July 2020 - Olga & Tom McLeish 61 Years!
August 2020 - Anne & Watt Falconer 58 Years!

Activities:
There will be lots of fun activities on show in this edition including: Residents’ Summer BBQ, Dominoes, Concerts, Arts & Crafts, Therapet, Sewing Circle, Baking, Indoor Gardening, Flower Arranging, Knit & Knatter, Pancake Tossing, Film Shows & Many More!

Residents’ Birthdays:
July 2020 - Ann Darling, Watt Falconer, Nancy Euman, Mary Lunn, Doris Crosbie, Jessie Miller & Betty Ruthven.
August 2020 - Margaret Melrose & Adeline Elliot.
September 2020 - Sheena Barron, John Douglas, Marion Wall, Jessie Muir & Morag Redington.

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Mary Lunn      Doris Crosbie     Jessie Miller    Betty Ruthven
Margaret Melrose      Adeline Elliot            Sheena Barron
John Douglas     Marion Wall  Jessie Muir   Morag Redington
Activities

Jigsaws, Puzzles and Brain Teasers, it’s all there. The winners get some homemade tablet from our local volunteer Stella.

Arts & Crafts is another activity that’s enjoyed twice a week at Grange Hall.

Here we have Bill Hiscock on centre court. The umpire is saying “juice” but that could mean one of two things...

As you can see there are various different activities that happen on a day to day basis at Grange Hall, including fishing for ducks, bowls & indoor tennis which you can see in the photos.

Head Chef Adam takes a break from the kitchen to catch up & discuss the new menus with the residents for the coming season. The residents have been enjoying some outstanding food of late, and Adam and the team are constantly trying to better it.

Summer Days.... The residents made the most of the sun when it came to visit. Garden Parties, Games & sometimes just enjoying the coffee whilst taking in the spectacular views that are on the doorsteps of Grange Hall.

A group of residents love to help with flower arrangements for around the care home.

Grange Hall nurse Allan often brings his black lab puppy “Ripley” in to see the residents.
What a day it was! The sun never showed up but it didn’t matter, the residents and staff had a great day full of music, games, food & fun!

Stuart Anderson performed an array of classics with his accordion for our residents.

The maintenance team did a fantastic job setting up all the equipment and gazebos along with cultivating the beautiful garden and flowers.

The Residents enjoyed a variety of food and treats on the day. Grange Hall’s Head Chef prepared a great BBQ spread including burgers, hotdogs, grilled onions & coleslaw. Grange Hall’s candy floss machine went down a storm, a different kind of treat for our residents. There was also a variety of ice cream with a selection of toppings. I think the favourite thing was of course the Pimms & lemonade, as seen in the photos.
Grange Hall Summer Concert

Thank you to Overlangshaw dairies for providing ice cream for our residents, they really enjoyed it.

Grange Hall Concerts

More Outdoor Concerts at Grange Hall. Jimmy Gold helps keep the residents' spirits up in the absence of families.
Grange Hall Concerts

Grange Hall invites a host of performers including some regulars too. Jimmy Forrest performs for the residents in these photos.

Grange Hall hosts a weekly event in the social centre which consists of concerts, film shows, live theatre & many more.

Outdoor Activities

Christine hosts various indoor & outdoor Activities every day, including bingo. If the Sun’s out, the residents are out (if they want to that is).

Outdoor Dominoes!

A residents’ favourite gets some sunshine. Our residents LOVE dominoes, so much so that it is played a few times a week. When the sun comes out, you have to take advantage of it.
Over lockdown our residents’ hair started to get a bit long and we obviously were not allowed our local hairdresser Hetty's of Melrose back in yet. So we improvised. Dawid was a trained barber so he was put to task while some of the girls helped curl, straighten and style our residents’ hair.

Visiting at Grange Hall is still ongoing via different methods. As you can see in the pictures above our visiting area, located in the social centre is still being used and is running well. We can currently make up to four appointments per day, seven days a week. We are currently looking and planning on how to expand this to make visiting even more accessible. We can also offer Skype calls, window visits & garden visits as seen below and on the next page.
In these difficult times we are trying our very best to keep a good level of communication and interaction between our residents and loved ones, whilst also keeping everyone as safe as possible. As you can see from the photos below visiting is happening all of the time, just in different ways.
COVID-19, PPE & News

COVID-19 & PPE
As everyone will be aware the Coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing and will be for the foreseeable future. At Grange Hall we have and are doing everything and more to keep it away from the care home and to ensure we can do so for the foreseeable future. The Scottish Government has advised that over the winter period which this year will include Brexit and COVID-19 we should ensure that we have a four week stock of PPE and supplies. Grange Hall has exceeded this and we are on our way to having more than a six month stock of PPE and various other supplies. Our amazing staff are being continually tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis and have been nothing short of fantastic thus far.

VISITING
Please continue to book by appointment over the phone or by email. When you arrive for your visit please phone us or ring the the front door bell to let us know you are here. As Christmas is on the horizon we are looking to see how we can add to our already fantastic, safe ways and methods of visiting. We are hoping to expand on our current set up to hopefully allow more visits on a daily basis so residents can see their loved ones on a weekly basis.

UPGRADES
Over the past six months the maintenance team have been working hard on updating the decor in the care home. They began with updating the staff areas and laundry so we can keep a high standard of cleanliness for infection control purposes. There have also been six bedrooms refurbished and redecorated in the period along with the remainder of the garden and top floor public areas.

Our Next GH News will be issued in January covering events from October through to Christmas. Thank You!