



## Wednesday Club

Our membership at the club is still growing and we hope that everyone is enjoying our afternoons.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> November, Zetland Entertainers made a return visit and we had a lovely afternoon with music, songs and funny readings.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Many of the Wednesday Club paid a visit to the Livingston Shopping Centre. I think we must have chosen the wildest day of the year – weather wise – but apart from the weather, it was a successful trip.

25<sup>th</sup> November. Ann and John Cruickshank from Airdrie entertained us with a selection of Scottish songs and readings. Ann told the story of how many Scottish songs originated.

27<sup>th</sup> November. This was our annual Age Concern Fund Raiser, and the entertainment was provided by The Crossford Music Group. It was an excellent evening and voted the “best yet.”

2<sup>nd</sup> December. Frances and her team of Scottish country dancers, with Doreen Thom at the piano, came along to give us a demonstration of country dance. Nanette Hotchkiss read a selection of amusing poems between dances to give the energetic ladies a welcome break.

9<sup>th</sup> December. We were entertained by Laurieston Primary School children who were absolutely excellent singing and acting out their Christmas songs led by Mr Cowie, their headmaster, on the guitar. This was definitely a most enjoyable afternoon.

15<sup>th</sup> December. We were invited to St. Margaret's School for the Primaries 2 and 3 Nativity Play. The children delighted everyone with their singing and acting out the Christmas Story in their own inimitable style. We were then treated to afternoon tea with shortbread, Christmas cake and mince pies, which we all enjoyed. Our president, Betty Glen, gave the vote of thanks to the children and teachers involved in giving us a lovely afternoon.

16<sup>th</sup> December. Our Christmas party went very well with entertainment by children from St. Margaret's school, and again we enjoyed Christmas songs and carols. Santa paid a visit before they returned to school. After a lovely tea, the “Wednesday Club Choir” sang a selection of Christmas songs by candlelight. Mrs Waugh

played for us and hopefully this helped our singing!

A big “thank you” again to all our helpers. They all work really hard and I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break.

Unfortunately, the weather conditions cancelled our first day in January but we met again on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

*Sandra Gow*



## News from St. Margaret's House

Over the festive season the volume of entertainment for the residents increased greatly with the in-house pantomime taking pride of place. Once again the staff and friends displayed their hidden talents to the delight of all.

A visit to Polmont Old to enjoy a choral concert heralding the approach to our Victoria Fayre Weekend was another highlight.

Redding and Westquarter Guild handled a delightful afternoon tea supplying mouth watering home baking.

St Margaret's Primary School performed their Nativity to their usual high standard, as did the “1<sup>st</sup> Adventurers Nursery” with their rendition of popular carols.

“The Friends of St Margaret's” - a group of volunteers - are most appreciated for their assistance, by the permanent staff, by helping out distributing teas and coffees, fund raising, “holding the fort” during staff meetings etc., and most importantly, befriending the residents.

If you have an interest in this worthwhile activity, please contact the writer.

*Richard*



“Thank you Lord for all the love and help you have shown me throughout my years. I have felt you beside me when my days are darkest.”

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“Please look after any lonely people this Christmas.”

