

Dympna's 104th Birthday 🎂



**Born in 1922
and still
first on the
dancefloor**



Dympna has called Castleross her home since 2016. Her birthday celebration in Creevy House was filled with music, 'craic' and dancing – all passions of Dympna's. A birthday cake baked by the Castleross Chef and his team, festive decorations and live music by Gerry McMahon, ensured a memorable occasion- with Dympna proudly among the first on the dance floor.

Happy Birthday Dympna!

We celebrate everybody's birthday here in Castleross, with a lovely cake baked in our kitchen for all our residents and celebrated in each house along with staff and residents.

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Back January a fantastic evening of appreciation, connection, and celebration was held.

The Heart Award nominations were made across the different nursing homes, recognizing the incredible dedication and compassion shown across our teams.

An award was presented to a staff member from each home, and we are delighted to share that Alex, our wonderful Household Coordinator from Killanny House, received the award on behalf of Castleross.

We are so incredibly proud of Alex – she is an amazing Carer and Household Coordinator, and this recognition is so well deserved. Well done, Alex, and thank you for everything you do



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our dear colleague, Sheila. Everyone in Castleross has been deeply affected by her loss, and she will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Sheila was an exceptional carer who showed genuine compassion and kindness to every resident and colleague she worked with. Her warmth, dedication, and gentle nature made a lasting impact on so many lives. Beyond her work, Sheila brought joy and energy wherever she went — she was a brilliant dancer and was always ready for a jive or a line dance, lifting spirits with her enthusiasm and smile. She will be greatly missed, but her kindness and vibrant spirit will always be remembered.

Rest in Peace Sheila ❤️

Castleross Tunnies

January
February
March
2026

Bringing the "spring" into Castleross with some beautiful colourful flower arrangements, created by our residents



St. Brigid's Crosses



*"It is the first of February,
the day of Brigid's Feast.
We weave the crosses with care,
and set our hearts at peace"*





Love was in the air for Valentines Day

We started our St. Valentine day celebrations on Thursday 12th February with "Afternoon Tea" & a 'hoolie' held in our Coffee Shop / Village Square.

Thank you to our Kitchen Team who provided scrumptious sweet treats over the few days of celebrations.

And to the wonderful Samantha from the Coffee Shop for the Tea & Coffee.

Our residents really enjoyed themselves and love to mingle with other houses on their trips to the coffee shop in the Village Square.

On Saturday 14th of February our residents received flowers for the ladies and bags of chocolate & sweets for our men.



Brandy made a much-anticipated return to visit our residents after popular demand! Everyone loved seeing him sit up beside them for photos – isn't he just so photogenic? Some residents even treated him to a wee biscuit afterwards. Brandy is Frances' (our Activities Coordinator) adorable little dog, and at 9 years old, he's as friendly as ever and knows his way around Castleross perfectly! We're already counting down the days until we can welcome him back again.



Did you know Castleross has a BAR called "Molly's Bar". The 'hard stuff' served in it is fabulous coffee & sweet treats. Molly's Bar is beside our Reception in an area we call 'The Village Square' that also has hairdressers Kathleen & Laura in Aoife's Salon! Residents' families and friends are always invited for a chat and a cup of tea. Our residents love to visit the coffee shop to mingle with other houses and enjoy some delicious tea or coffee made by our lovely coffee shop staff or some afternoon tea made in our kitchen.



As you know Sunday March 15th was 'Mother's Day'. Here in Castleross we like to call the day 'Ladies' Day' as not all our ladies are mothers. So the tradition here is that each of our Ladies receives a gift from Castleross, in honour of the day. This year each lady received a beautiful flower that was kindly donated from Churchview Flowers, to which our Activities Coordinators added a beautiful hand-made Tag. The celebrations on the day included an Afternoon Tea Party in each of our four Houses made by our Kitchen Team & was enjoyed by all - including our men. All our ladies had a lovely day with lots of reminiscing and new memories made.

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