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CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR CARE AGENCY DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY

The ever popular Christmas lunch for the people attending the Care Agency daycentres was held again today at the Calpe Rowing Club. Approximately 80 attended the lunch, the senior citizens members, Care Agency staff, Community Care Officers and volunteers. The service users were treated to carols sung by Governor's Meadow school choir as well as dancing by the Sequence Dance Group and many ended up joining in the dancing.

The party also received a visit from the Guides who have prepared gift packs of toiletries as part of the 'Adopt a Grandparent Campaign' coordinated by the Citizens Advise Bureau. They also stayed to chat with the service users, something which both groups found interesting and beneficial.

The Care Agency recently opened the new, purpose built Day Centre at Waterport Terraces and amalgamated the different centres that previously operated and this will greatly improve and enhance the services offered.

Minister for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly, Samantha Sacramento said 'Once again those who attend the day centres have had a fantastic time at today's party. Day centres are a great way for elderly people to socialise and today they have all come together as a big group. I am very excited about the increase in capacity and services the new purpose built daycentre will provide to some of the more vulnerable in our community. I am also grateful to the staff and volunteers and drivers who work so hard to provide a quality service to the elderly throughout the year. I would also like to thank the children and staff of Governor's Meadow School for the lovely carol singing, the Modern Sequence Dance Group for providing the entertainment and the Guides who attended.