

## Christmas lunch for Ben View Resource Centre clients - Wednesday, 09 December 2009



The Christmas celebrations got off to a cracking start on Wednesday when more than 60 elderly and disabled people from Ben View Resource Centre in Dumbarton enjoyed a superb Christmas dinner at St Patrick's Church Hall.

There were Santa hats and crackers galore as a team of volunteers from the Strathleven Place centre, which throughout

the year provides a daily lunch and weekly bathing service, for elderly, infirm and disabled people, served up the traditional turkey and trimmings Christmas dinner. And there was sherry trifle for afters, of course.

There was a modicum of wine and a plethora of song to go with it all as a children's choir from St Michael's Primary School in the West End put on an impressive show.

They sang a selection of carols from the hall stage, which was decorated with a Christmas tree, fairy lights and an illuminated reindeer plus miniature images of Santa Claus himself.

Ben View Resource Centre chairman, Canon Gerry Conroy, parish priest of St Patrick's Church, and vice chair Tim Rhead, of St Augustine's Episcopal Church in the High Street, sat down to lunch with the happy old folk.

Later Tim Rhead said: "It was a successful and enjoyable day and everyone had a terrific time."

Canon Conroy thanked the St Michael's children and their teachers for the entertainment – and he praised the many helpers who happily volunteered their services to serve up the Christmas fare.