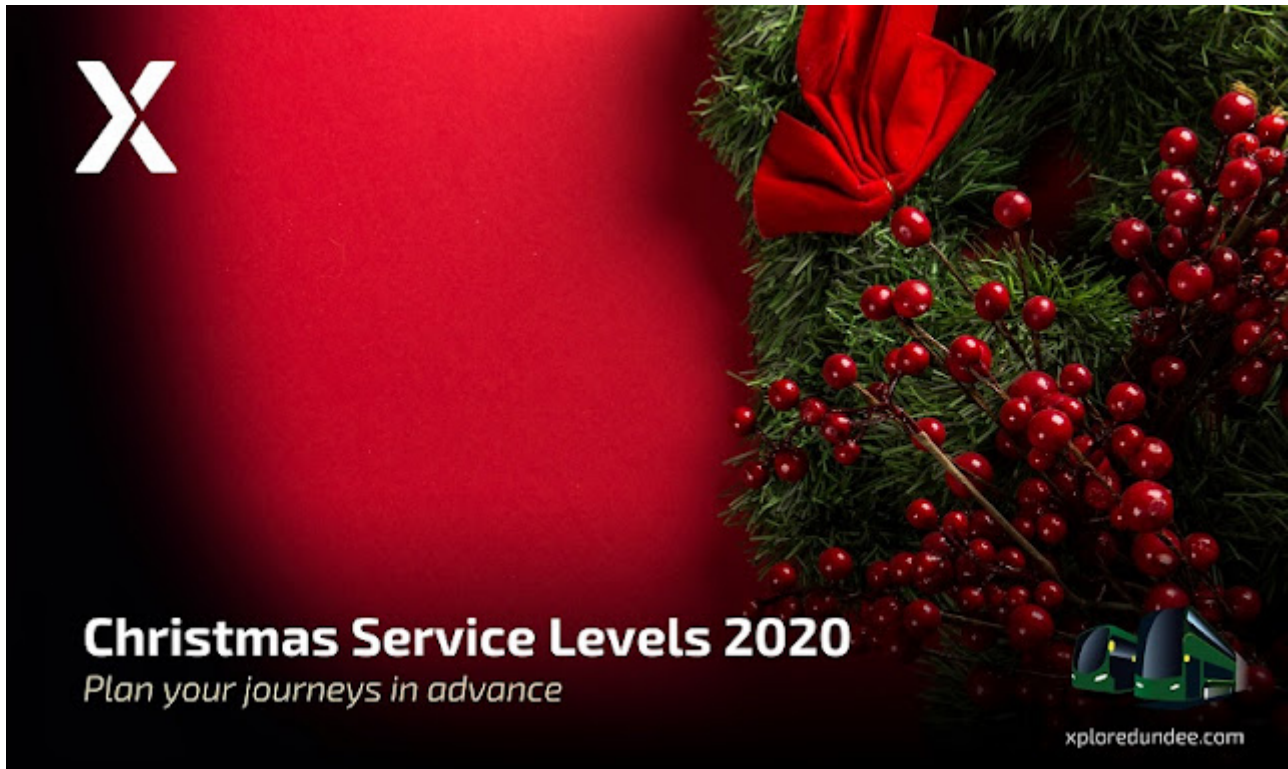


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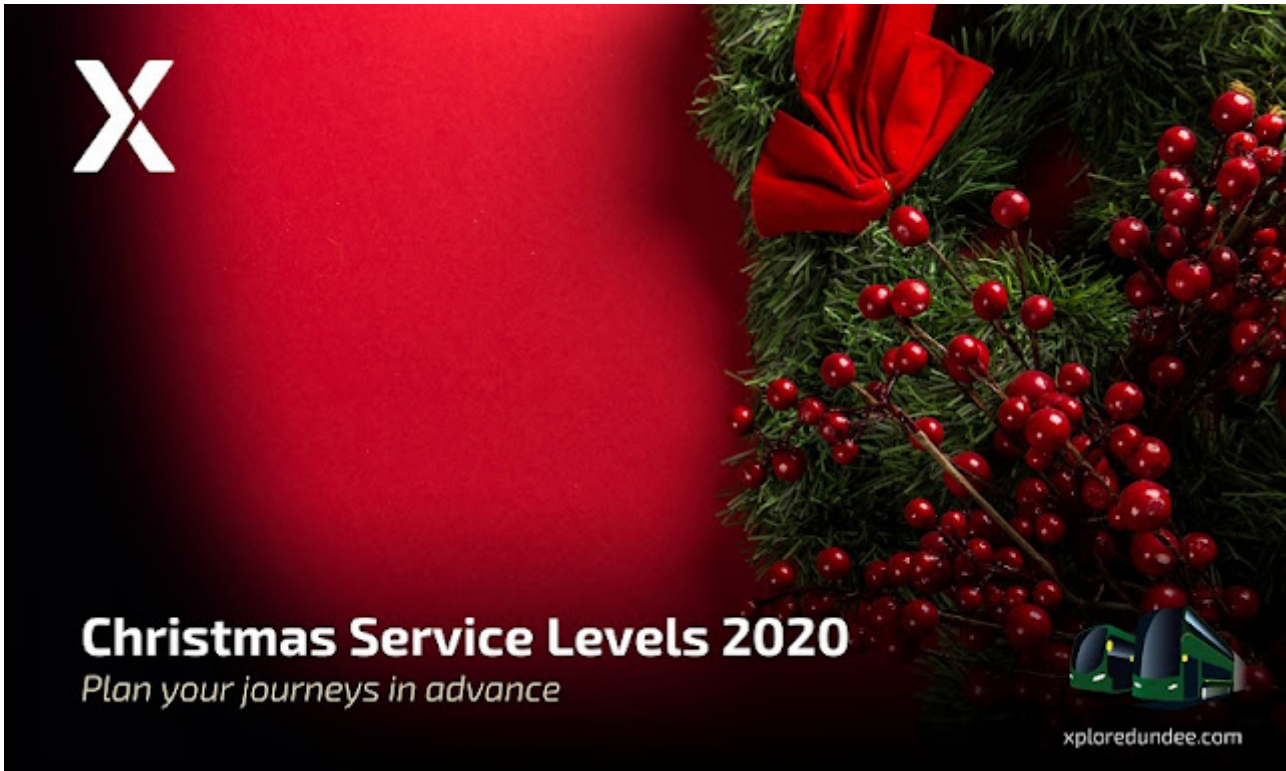


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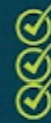
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# PLANT BULBS WITH US!

Join us at Ninewells this December as we create colourful spring bulb displays across the hospital grounds. Booking essential.

- No experience necessary
- Bookable 1.5 hour slots
- Bulbs and equipment provided
- Please dress for the weather and bring own gloves

COVID secure  
Keep active  
Pollinator friendly



Sign up to book your slot at  
[www.bit.ly/ninewellsbulbs](http://www.bit.ly/ninewellsbulbs)

Or contact [Josh.lawton@tcv.org.uk](mailto:Josh.lawton@tcv.org.uk)  
for more info.



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[Pen Friends Project!](#)

WOULD YOU BENEFIT FROM  
A NEW FRIEND? DO YOU ENJOY WRITING  
LETTERS?

## Then why not join our **Pen Friends Project!**

- You will be matched with a young volunteer who shares the same interests as you
- We will provide you with paper, stamps etc.
- You can respond to letters at your own speed

**To get involved, or to refer  
someone, contact us at:**

01382 305757  
volunteer@dvva.scot



From Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action :

“We are pleased to announce a collaboration with the Companionship Society at the University of Dundee and are overwhelmed by the number of students keen to be pen friends with older people. They have their pens and notepads poised but we need pen friends for them to write to. Can you help?

Why not make it our New Year’s resolution to sign up to something completely different and make friends with someone you wouldn’t normally be in contact with.

Do you know someone who might like to do this? Why not sign up yourself or refer a friend. You will be matched up with people bases on your hobbies and

favourite pastimes.

We will provide you with paper and stamps and you can reply at your own leisure.

Get in touch on with Clare on 07983 707168 or Jordan on 07983 706626 if you would like to find out more.”

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## [Ancrum Road Primary pupils connect across the miles this Christmas!](#)

With thanks to Mary McGowne, a great update about Ancrum Road Primary School pupils!

The Overgate Centre is keeping the Christmas spirit alive this year with a heartwarming initiative to connect local children with new friends in twin city Alexandria in the USA.

Overgate Air Mail has seen 76 pupils aged between six and twelve years old from Ancrum Road Primary School in Dundee write a letter of festive cheer to new pen pals at Charles Barrett Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia. The campaign is part of Overgate’s DUNDEE’S 7 CITIES initiative which aims to strengthen ties between Dundee and its twin cities across the world.

The pupils from Ancrum Road Primary, guided by teacher Kayleigh Anderson, have been busy writing their letters and documenting their experiences of the last twelve months to share with their new American pen pals, along with how each plan to celebrate Christmas this year.

The recurring themes throughout many of the letters demonstrate that no matter if in Scotland or the USA, children share the same dreams for Christmas (mainly presents from Santa!) and have been faced with similar challenges throughout lockdown (annoying siblings, the Scottish cold weather and remembering to socially distance) but remain optimistic for a brighter 2021.

The letters have been collected by Overgate’s Christmas elves who, by the magic of Overgate Air Mail, are ensuring safe delivery to Charles Barret School in Alexandria. Once the pupils in Alexandria return their own letters to their new Dundee pen pals, a display of the letters that is sure to bring much festive cheer will be created in Overgate for all to enjoy. To complete the campaign, three local winners from Ancrum Road Primary will be selected at random to each win a £30 Overgate gift card.

Picture 1 (two boys standing in red)

Jack Campbell, Joshua Lee, Ailey Mathieson, Gracie Gollan and Chloe Doig.

Picture 2

Hannah McInnes, Lucas Sword, Millie Garrick-Orr, Emily Mitchell and Halle McKenzie.



