

Harlawhill Newsletter



Autumn 2021 Edition



Hurrah!!

Yippee!!

We're Back!!

As stated previously, due to the wonderful generosity of the Walk with Scott Foundation (and the lovely Tom Jardine) enabling us to get our new Windows,

We are back in Business.

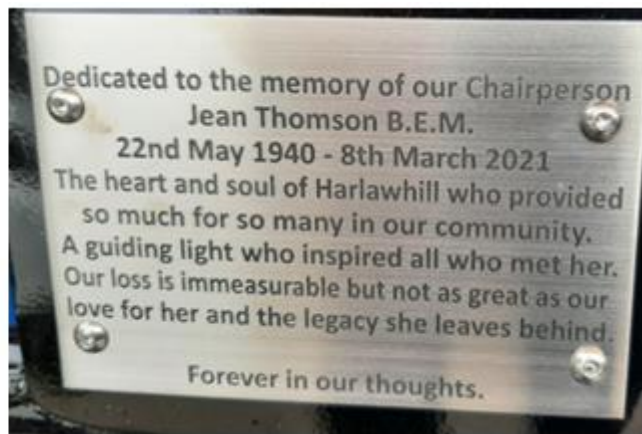


Our Manager Fiona and Treasurer Bill receiving cheque from Karen Kidd of the "Walk with Scott Foundation"

Benches

We have 2 magnificent Benches sitting at the front of our centre. These were purchased with the all the amazing donations in the memory of the late Jean Thomson BEM. One is in the memory of Jean and all the good she did for Harlawhill and the other in memory of our beloved Harlawhill members who are no longer with us. We are planning a wee celebration with Jean's husband Ian and family soon.

Jean's Bench and Plaque



Bench and Plaque of Members Past



Comings and Goings

We have sadly lost two lovely ladies in recent months. **Rose Paxton** and **Lucy Toal** were very good friends and will be sorely missed at Harlawhill.

Anne Thomson, a lovely lady, is sadly not well enough to continue coming to our Day Centre. Anne loved Harlawhill, especially when Elvis was in the building. She was so proud when one of her paintings was selected to be in last year's calendar. We wish her well.

Lots of new faces (with more to come) and they include :-

Arthur Bellany, Elsie Leigh, Margaret Brown, Valerie Bennett, Celia Brydon, Sylvia Stewart, Peter McCulloch, Allison Paterson, Betty Merritt, Molly Morgan, Margaret Duke and David Neilson.

Ladies and Gents strap on your seat belts – you'll have a ball.



Donations (since March 2021)

As always (being a Belter), I am completely in awe of the community of Prestonpans when it comes to fund raising and donating to the Harlawhill Day Centre. The following donations have come in since Easter.

In Memory of Jean Thomson	£4,000+	David and Nessie Kyman	£500
Arnold Clark (Car Dealer)	£1,000	Alex and Nora Hogg	£400
Rose Paxton funeral collection	£204.63	Isobel Jarvis' daughter	£200
Rose Paxton's daughter	£175	Morag Dickson	£150
Dorothy Clyde	£100	Nancy Smith	£90
May Quinn	£50	Christina Hunter	£10
Betty Merritt	£10	Toni Stewart	£10

Wow – almost £7000. These donations are all exclusively used on the members. They pay for the Entertainers, Bingo prizes, Arts and Crafts as well as all the extra's like ice creams, birthday treats, a wee nip of whisky or sherry (sshh), Hallowe'en etc.

Entertainment

It's great to get back into our Day Centre and not live in fear of those seagulls trying to pinch our ice creams. Everyone getting together and having fun. Prior to getting back into the day centre, we had a few bus runs and also a few trips to "Fee's Bistro" – the lovely marquee in Fiona's garden.

But it was back in the centre when we started to feel as if things were getting back to normal. Picked up in the morning, tea and toast, fighting for your favourite chair, a scrumptious lunch, entertained with a wee refreshment and then taken home to rest after a great day meeting old friends again (and new ones)

Just a few of our pleasures are:- (with photo's over the page)

Knit and Natter – where the ladies (usually led by Phyllis) enjoy making squares for our blankets for the Orphanage.

Indoor Bowls – bring out the competitive spirit of our members. Jings, I never knew we had as many guid bool'ers in our centre.

Dominoes – a game for all and where we have had numerous winners. Watch out for the old "domino on the floor" trick. One or two experts here.

Arts and Crafts – whether it is painting or drawing, making Easter Bonnets or Xmas Cards, or celebrating Burn's Night, Valentine's Day or St Andrew's Day, everyone loves to get all sticky and glittery.

But mostly – Our Entertainers – it's great to hear the sound of music once again in the centre with the dancers on the floor, the jokes of Robbie, the sing-a-longs with Stevie and Kirk and a lovely service with the Salvation Army and singing hymn's.

It's good to be back !!

Our Centre (and all the young yin's)



More natter than knitter



Dorothy hard at work



Looking good Nancy



Arthur on his way to the Men's Championship
watched by an enthralled crowd



Yes, Elsie, you HAVE won
the Ladies Championship



Alex wins the Domino Gold Medal
with Phamie and Ina 2nd and 3rd



Phyllis in charge (as usual)
during a tight domino contest

The White Heather Club Dancers



Well done ladies – That’s how to get all the dancers on the floor



The staff ladies putting on an exhibition of the “Slosh”

Pit that tongue away, Missus

Now, pay attention

Edinburgh September Weekend is **Friday 17th September** to **Monday 20th September** and the Day Centre will be closed on these 2 days while the staff have a wee rest. If a Monday or Friday is a day you usually come to the day centre and you would like to come on another day for the one you miss, then speak to one of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate this

We still need to follow Scottish Government guidelines in regard to Covid. So remember, 1 metre social distancing, regular washing your hands, use the hand gel provided and always wear a mask in the Bus.

Our risk assessment at present for members per day is 12/13 people. This is a great improvement from the beginning a few months back when it was 6 people, then 8, then 10 and now 12/13. Soon be back to capacity if we all follow the guidelines.

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out our recent feedback questionnaire. It is important that we ask for, and receive, feedback so we can take your comments on board and always strive to provide the very best person centered care. Please remember, we are always looking for idea's and suggestion's from yourself and your family to improve how we do things at Harlawhill. Your voice is important.

A word from Fiona

"I would just like to say a great big "Thank You" to all the staff at Harlawhill for all your recent extra support while my husband was in hospital. Mitch contacted Covid, and after suffering at home, was taken into hospital where he was put on oxygen constantly. It was a very worrying time for the family, made worse by the fact we could not visit or see him and did not want to tire him out on face time. And then Owen, my son, got Covid and although was pretty rough for a week or so, managed to stay at home.

And thanks to the volunteer trustee's who helped out by making extra visits to the day centre and helping where required. And the funding group who work hard at getting us grants and donations – you are all absolutely amazing. You have my heartfelt thanks".

Job Vacancy

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic person to join our team as a Carer/Bus Escort. This is a permanent post of 30 hours per week, working Monday to Friday between 09:30 and 16:00 hours on an early/late shift pattern.

It is essential that the applicant has a minimum of SVQ Level in Health and Social Care. The post pays £9.64 - £10.21 per hour depending on qualifications and/or experience. Application forms can be collected at the Day Centre and completed forms back to the same place. Closing date Friday 17th September.

East Lothian Community Lottery

Buy the East Lothian lottery and help Harlawhill at the same time. With a weekly draw, tickets only cost £1 per entry of which 50% goes to Harlawhill if you state you are a supporter. We have already had quite a few winners from the Harlawhill camp totalling nearly £500. Ask your family to have a look at www.East Lothian Lottery.co.uk and search for Harlawhill. Good Luck.

SCVO Scottish Charity Awards

As you all know, our manager Fiona Mitchell has been as one of only 5 finalists in the Employee of the Year Award in the SCVO Scottish Charity Awards 2021. As well as that, Fiona has also been nominated for a People's Choice Award.

All voting has taken place and the winners will be announced on 1st October. Fingers crossed that Fiona will be successful as I'm sure you'll all agree she deserves it.

Wordsearch

If you need any help with this wordsearch, see Gillian – she's a wizard

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