

Harlawhill Newsletter

Winter 2021

Xmas is Back!!!

Remember this?



And this?



Wha's the wee wummin in blue?

Yes, Yes, Yes

After Queen Nicola cancelled Christmas last year, we are very pleased to say that “**Christmas is Back at Harlawhill**” this year. We are really excited to tell you that we have a full Christmas calendar of great entertainment EVERY single day. There will also be Christmas parties, Christmas lunches, hats, balloons, Crackers and lots of fun and games. We may even be lucky enough to get Santa Claus to drive our bus. Wow!!

We are going to make up for missing last year – Yippee!!!

Christmas Raffle

We plan to give every member £10 of raffle tickets to sell for our great Xmas Raffle – loads and loads of great prizes. If you manage to sell out your raffles, just ask a member of staff for some more, there are always plenty to sell. All money taken in goes straight into our members fund which is used for all the entertainment we have as well as any little treats that come our way. Hic!!

Christmas and New Year Holidays

After closing at 3pm on Thursday 23rd December, we will be reopening on Monday 3rd January 2022. As well as giving the staff some time off after a hectic schedule in December, this gives our members the opportunity to have time with their family over the festive period – mind you, the staff are already planning for activities in the new year such as Burns Night and Valentines Day.

Comings and Goings

Sadly, **Alex Hogg** passed away recently. Alex was a lovely wee guy who was well liked by everyone, both staff and fellow members. Alex loved coming to Harlawhill Day Centre and while he enjoyed the vigorous and noisy participation in the “Penny Arcade”, he was a man who excelled in arts and crafts as well as winning any Domino trophy that was up for grabs (ye hud tae be guid wi’ the bones tae gie Alex a game). Alex and Nora have been tremendous supporters of Harlawhill and we look forward to seeing Nora at our Bingo nights and other events we plan.

Also in recent times, we said goodbye to **Ina Berrick**. Ina joined us after her husband George passed. Like George, Ina enjoyed many happy years at Harlawhill, enjoying the company, the music and being pampered by the ladies. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

New members recently arrived at Harlawhill are **Margaret McNeil, Margaret Murray, Margaret Blaikie, Margaret Stanuil, Betty White** and **Anna Moffat**

Ladies, you are in for a treat.

Some of the shenanigans of recent weeks



Hallowe'en – jing's, some scary faces there



Harlawhill ladies making poppies – lovely. We will remember.

Scottish Health Awards 2021

These are awards held every year for all healthcare throughout Scotland and they are sponsored by Daily Record and NHS Scotland. Harlawhill Day Centre made it to the final 3 of the category “Top Team” in Scotland, an award that was sponsored by Unison Scotland. And would you believe it :-

WE WON

Unbelievable. Of all the big organisations in Healthcare all over Scotland, we Harlawhill Day Care Centre were declared “Top Team” in the whole of Scotland. At a sumptuous gathering at the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh attended by all the chiefs of various health organisations, celebrities, newspapers and high heid yin’s, sitting right in the middle was our own Fiona and Gillian. They were wondering whether they had time for another wee gin before they caught the bus back to the ‘pans when the announcement was made. The winners are

“Harlawhill Day Care Centre”



Gillian and Fiona before the Gin bottle got a right guid hammering



Fiona makes it back to the day centre with trophy and certificate

All frivolities aside, this is an absolute tremendous result for Harlawhill Day Centre. All of Prestonpans knows what Fiona and her team have done over the past 18 months like celebrating Gala Day, 75th anniversary of VE day and individual members birthdays by performing song and dance outside members homes – well, all of Scotland now know as well.

As always, we who know, will continually shower Fiona and her team with praise and plaudits for all the fantastic effort and work that goes into looking after our elderly panners but Fiona herself will say that she is only accepting the award on behalf of her team, volunteers, trustees, sponsors, members of the community and panners everywhere.

Everyone – take a bow!!

Donations

As always, we are totally blown away with the generosity shown to us by the community of Prestonpans. On this occasion, our heartfelt thanks go to the staff and customers of Mid Road Co-operative, Prestonpans who have been donating to local causes and presented us with a cheque for £2,566.45. What a fantastic amount, which will benefit our members by funding activities and equipment for them. To live in such a caring community is truly humbling.



Other donations in this period are :-

Allison Paterson	50.00
Robert Dickson (in memory of Jean Thomson)	50.00
Ann Clark (Frances' daughter)	150.00
Cecilia Brydon's daughter	200.00
Phamie Duncan (in memory of Charlie)	200.00
Nora Hogg (in memory of Alex)	500.00

Grand Total	£3716.45

Absolutely fantastic. On behalf of everyone at Harlawhill – thank you 

Harlawhill Calendar 2022

This year's calendar is dedicated to the memory of Jean Thomson. It's a beautiful calendar full of different prints of paintings by two local celebrated artists who also happen to be members of Harlawhill Day Centre. Enjoy the wonderful talents throughout the year of Dorothy Morrison Clyde and James Berg.

Available soon at £8 or 2 for £15 (panners do love a bargain)

Staff News

I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming Emma Hillhouse who is our new member of staff. Emma started on 1st November and is already whipping those rowdy pensioners into shape (you know who you are). Welcome aboard Emma.



Sadly, Trish is still off sick waiting on a date for surgery. We keep in touch and hope she can visit at Xmas (*mind you, it's a lot quieter eh!.....editor*)

Bad news – Donna's 6 month contract finishes on 30th November

Good news – Donna is staying on until the end of December which is great as she'll be here for all the fun coming up.

Word Search – Find the biscuits in the grid below:-

Blue Riband, KitKat, Rich Tea, Hobnobs, Caramel Wafer, Breakaway, Club Custard Creams, Timeout, Yoyo

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