

Spring Newsletter 2023

♪ When it's Spring again, I'll bring again
Tulips from Amsterdam ♪

C'mon, join in – I cannae hear you



What a beautiful time of the year. **Snowdrops** have been out for a while as well as **Daffodils** and **Crocus**, and now **Tulips**

Brighter, longer days and all the lovely colours reappearing on the roadsides and in our gardens.

Oh! Gardens – that reminds me, need to get the lawnmower out and make sure it's clean and sharp for the 1st cut.

Centre News

We had a very successful Christmas shopping night in the centre which raised around £600 – super. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this sum

All our “behind the scenes” helpers are very busy having brainstorming sessions and coming up with idea’s for fund raising events throughout the year. We’ll have our usual Bingo nights, fund raising Charity day **AND**, I hear a whisper on the grapevine that this year’s **Royal Garden Party** may be held in the Marquee in Fiona’s garden – watch this space !!!

Early in the year but we have already had some fantastic celebrations. Burns Night, Valentine’s Day and St Patrick’s Day (since when did St Patrick’s Day last a full week?)
Some of the shenanigans were captured and appear over the page.

By the way, just to clarify a particular rumour that was spread around during St Patrick’s Week – I can categorically say that any sightings of Leprechaun’s in the centre was definitely **NOT** Nora Hogg (hello darling, how are you getting on?....Editor)

We have purchased a great Cinema Projector and Screen and we will be holding movie days where we will be having popcorn and drinks and even dressing up as our favourite characters. Entry fee is a jeely jar (and nae nonsense in the back rows!!)

We will continue with our gentle exercise sessions to get you into shape for Summer while our Arts and Crafts days are always well attended with great help from all our “experts”. Pampering sessions will continue as usual (no, gentlemen, these are for all our lovely ladies, you boys can slaver away about fitba’ or racing doos or whatever tickles your fancy).

And, of course, upcoming we have Easter which gives us another excuse for dressing up and having a party. Our Arts and Crafts nimble-fingered members will be trying to win **Best Easter Bonnet** and we’ll be swimming in lots of chicks, rabbits and Easter Eggs.

Who fancies a trip up Arthur’s Seat to wash their face on 1st May?
Aye, maybe not, but what we do have in May to look forward to is the Kings Coronation. We’ll have our own indoor street party with banners and decorations as well as singing and dancing to our favourite tunes. They’ll probably be the odd sausage roll or two as well as cake...mmm

A selection of dafties



All laid out for our Burns Supper – where is everybody. Must be away out catching the Haggis



John is wondering if his 'Heart' will find a Valentine this year



"Anything John can do, I can do better, says Jim"



"C'mon Fiona, where all the men"

Mair Dafties



You know, you just cannae get the staff these days



Looking good Helen, looking good



Always knew there was a bit of the Irish in Phyllis



Thank goodness for the dignity and decorum of the crafty ladies

Arrivals and Departures

We have seen the sad passing of a number of our members in recent months. We will all miss **Ann Naysmith, Anna Moffat, Frances Clark, George Cummings, John Cormack, Isobel Blair** and **Nancy Smith**.

Our thoughts are with their families.

Roberta Grey, Helen Cherry and **George Scott** are all unable to return to Harlawhill and we wish them well.

Joining us recently have been **Ella Cranston, Chriss Hastie, Molly Antonelli, Jean Veitch, Tam Kelly, Jack Rose, Helen Restorick** and **Helen Ormiston**.

Boys and girls, strap on your seat belts, it's going to be fun.

Donations

We receive many donations from individuals and organisations so apologies if we miss any out. This money goes into a separate account solely used for members for entertainment, treats, and all the extras we need to keep everyone happy, singing and dancing. Our accounts are always available to see and looked after by our treasurer Bill, who treats every £ as a prisoner (just kidding, he's a nice man). Your voice is important so if there is something you would like to see or any other ideas, speak to the staff.

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| In memory of Nancy Smith | 200 | Labour Club | 120 |
| In memory of Margaret Edmonds | 448 | Bebe Berg | 400 |
| In memory of John Cormack | 625 | Nora Hogg | 100 |
| In memory of Ann Naysmith | 400 | Etta Crombie | 20 |
| In memory of Frances Clark | 600 | Bishop Shepherd | 47 |
| In memory of George Cummings | 1000 | Mrs Rose, Jacks wife | 110 |
| In memory of Helen Slight | 235 | Morag McLeods family | 250 |
| Cathy and Mary Jane (Phyllis) | 200 | Anonymous member | 100 |
| Ian, Margaret Brown's husband | 2000 | Evelyn Bellany | 50 |
| Jessie Denholm on behalf of | 2030 | East Lothian Lottery | 338 |
| Friends of Eastern Star | | Rab Kerr | 120 |
| Davie and Nessie | 100 | Molly Antonelli | 100 |

A fantastic total of £9593

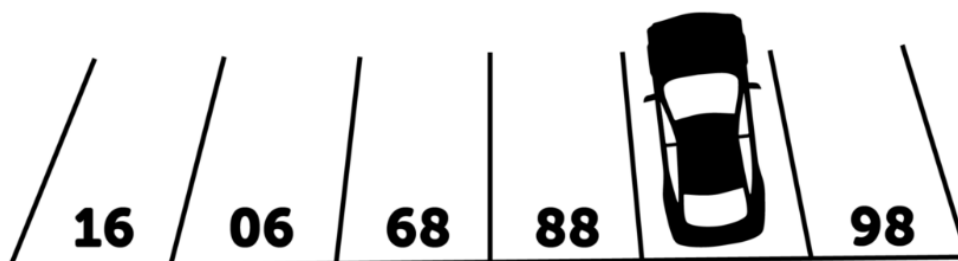
Please accept our heartfelt thanks – this total is going to keep a lot of people very happy for a very long time.

Did you miss us?

Thankfully, our bus passed it's MOT recently although we had to close that day as it took longer that expected. As it was impossible to arrange taxi's due to the school use in the mornings, we put our energies into ensuring that everyone on the day had a lunch delivered to them at home. We always try our best for members but at times, it is outwith our control.

Please speak to staff as they can arrange to refund you for the day you lost if this is something you want.

Puzzle Time



What is the number of the parking space containing the car?

How many Bees are in this picture?

