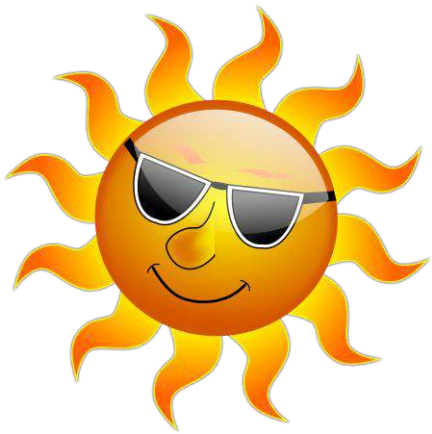


# Autumn Newsletter 2023

Well, what kind of Summer did you have?



Aye, it wisnae that great, was it?



Still, it will soon be time for long shadows and raking up the leaves – what joy! Mind you, some of the colours are amazing as the leaves turn before dropping off. It will not be long before the clocks change (is it forward or back?). Can you remember the wee saying we learnt at school to make sure you never slept in?

**SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK** (remember)!

## Fiona Mitchell

We recently celebrated the fantastic achievement of “the Boss”, Fiona, clocking up **30 years** at Harlawhill Day Care Centre. 30 years, wow, she must have started while still at school. Fiona has seen hundred’s of Panners attending the Day Centre in her time and there will not be many households who have not had their loved ones looked after by Fiona and her amazing team.

Fiona has had some great colleagues over the years (*I was one.....editor!!*) and I have to say that the present bunch are right up there at the top (guid people). She has celebrated birthdays right up to the high nineties, Golden Weddings, Diamond Weddings, births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many, many awards, both personal and team awards, locally and nationally.

Even celebrating Royal Honours in the form of the British Empire Medal, awarded to the late Jean Thomson, who was one of the founding members of Harlawhill Day Care Centre.

Aye, oor Fiona has seen it all – mind you, still as daft as a brush, dances like Roy Rodgers and sings like someone in pain.





## **Fee's Bistro**

Once again this year, Fiona has turned her garden into “Fee’s Bistro” Fun and games under canvas with high tea, entertainment and a wee something to keep the “cauld oot”

The weather is continuing to look good in September and October so we will be trying to ensure everyone gets a visit to Funland (fee’s bistro)



High Tea in the Bistro



Cocktail Hour Ladies?

## **Centre News**

We now have the wonderful Alex Hodgson running the Harlawhill Choir Sessions. This has been going a wee while now and I can tell you, we have some braw singers amongst us. If you are in the centre when Alex is next in, join in – it’s great fun and we have songsheets so everyone can singalong with the correct words (instead of making up your own ha,ha!)

We also have a thriving Art Club where members can draw/paint in chalk, paint or water colour. The following members will have one of their artworks in our calendar – Dorothy, James, Tam, Jack, Jessie, Betty and Janis. Well done. We have implemented Choice Boxes where members can choose what kind of activities they wish to take part in. We are always open to suggestions and changes so if there is something you would like to see or do, pop a line in the Choice Box and we will try our best to organise anything requested.

## Carers Support Weekend

In case you were wondering why some members get out for a wee hurl at the weekends. There was money made available by the Scottish Government to be allocated to support carers in giving them some respite in caring for their loved ones. We try to ensure that all members who live with their family receive a wee “day out” which is paid for from this grant from the government.

If you think that you qualify for this extra treat, speak to a member of staff who will give more information.

We’ve had some grand “days out”



Ladies who Lunch



.....and Louise!!



## AGM

We have our AGM shortly and hope to have an open AGM next year like we did before Covid. If you have a family member who may be interested in becoming a trustee, please get in touch with Fiona who will explain in more detail

## 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, birthday treats, outings 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.

	<u>£'s</u>		<u>£'s</u>
Madge Robertson	100	Margaret Bakies family	150
Anna Moffat Funeral Collection	145	In memory of Chrissie Hastie	100
Nora Hogg	100	George Glynn's Funeral coll.	641
Davie and Nessie Kymen	200	Centre Raffle	156
Jack and Pat Rose	200	Betty Merrit for knitting	50
Tam Edmond	200	by Helen Restrick	
In Memory of Nan Logan	200	Bunty Marriot	20
In Memory of Irene and Tom	500	Helen McLaughlan in	100
O'Connor from Mary (neice)		memory of Rhona Currie	

**TOTAL - £2862 – MARVELLOUS**

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

## Comings and Goings

Our sad news is that **George Glynn** sadly passed away. George was one of our earlier drivers of the bus as well as being our “male dancer extraordinaire” – never off the dance floor. George's spirit lives on in the centre with his daughter Avril, who is our cleaner. Also passed recently **Margaret Peters**, big sister of our own **John McMillan**. Our thoughts are with their families

Members who have stopped attending or moved into care home:-

**Helen Hamilton, Tam Edmond, Margaret Brown (snr) and Margaret Bakie**

Members in hospital at present:-

**Margaret Brown (jnr), Isobel Stewart and Jimmy Redpath**

New Members are **William Cummings, Florence Scott, Isa Ross, Jean Thorpe, Janice Lumsden and Frank McLeod**

## Some of the Shenanigans in recent times





Mary Berry – eat your heart out



Happy Birthday Ian  
Pulled me many a pint  
In Tranent Labour Club



Looks like Phyllis put  
something in Margaret's  
drink



Davie at his happiness  
with a pint in his hand



Nice to see Queen  
Camilla in the centre  
**Volunteers Week**



Green Tree Peebles



Busy Busy Ladies



Every year we celebrate volunteers week with the brilliant, magnificent people who give up their time to assist us in helping our members have the best time possible, whether as Trustees or as volunteer's in the centre. Here are a few of the happy faces which I'm sure you will all recognise.



The lovely Ann



Our hard working Chairperson  
Fiona



Guid Man, Ewan



Jing's, I thought Ina had retired  
when the Red Wine ran out!

## Volunteers

A special mention now, and I know that he is not going to be happy, but many, many thanks to Bill, our volunteer and treasurer, for stepping up to the plate in a time of crisis. A month or so back when Fiona was on holiday for 3 weeks, poor Emma was very sick and off work leaving only 3 members of staff at a busy period. Without hesitation, Bill made himself available for the whole 3 weeks attending to whatever needed doing. Serving food, washing dishes, going shopping - nothing was too much trouble. It's fair to say, without Bill's assistance, we would have struggled to maintain the standard of care we set our sights on. Thank you, Bill



## A few puzzles to finish off

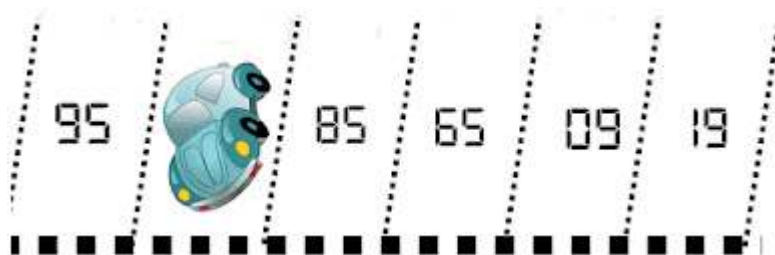
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Whats the missing number?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

On which number the car  
is parked?



Answer \_\_\_\_\_