

Summer Newsletter 2024

At last – Summer has arrived



It's been a while in coming but hopefully, it will last well into the month of September – and beyond. Time to get out your summer frocks and shirts, and of course, those knotted hankies for gentlemen who are follicly challenged (*baldies, like me...editor*)



Centre News

Your voice is important, your ideas are always welcomed. We encourage choice so if you fancy trying something different or particularly wish to see or do something unusual, the staff will help you achieve this whenever possible. This also applies to any family member or carer that our members have, the more ideas, the better.

We have had many activities over the past months, including **Burns Day**, **Valentines Day**, **Easter**, **Day at the Races**, **D-Day** and the **Football**.

One choice which came from a member was to sample food from around the world and enjoy a theme day from that country. Excellent idea.

We have already had an **Italian Day** and a **French day** which both went down very well. Others Countries coming up include **China**, **Spain** and **India**.

And just wait until we celebrate **Cambodia (fried Tarantula)** or **South Korea (Octopus)** Yum – Yum.

Or how's about a **TRIPE** day – hands up for **TRIPE!!** Yeah!!

Entertainment

Lots of lovely craft activities have been enjoyed in past months.

One activity which went down very well was painting the Biscuit House which was supplied by Ringtons Tea. The end product painted was excellent and many of our members participated (not sure if this was because the house was filled with lovely ginger biscuits). Wonderful teamwork.

We have had a new form of entertainment in recent months from the lovely **Lorna of Cairo** (belly dancer **Lorna**). After giving us all a demonstration in the art of belly dancing, Lorna then put our ladies thru' a "vigorous" sitting down exercise which involved chiffon scarves and arm and shoulder movements. All the ladies joined in and enjoyed their "kid-on" belly dance. The men played dominoes!

Volunteers

We have a new volunteer in **Agnes McLeod** who is a young 89 and is really keen to work with our members to help set-up and clear the tables.

One of our "younger" volunteers **Ina O'Brien**, who has been with us for years and years, has sadly broke her arm so will not be with us for a while.

(must have been a heavy glass **Ina!**)

Donations

As always, the generosity of our community leaves me breathless. People of Prestonpans may need Harlawhill Day Centre but rest assured, we need the people of Prestonpans every bit as much. Many times, different sectors of the community step up when we need them and at other times, donations appear from the most unlikely places. We are truly grateful to each and every one of you. These donations go 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.

Donations received since the last newsletter are.....

	<u>£'s</u>		<u>£'s</u>
Molly Morgan	200	Jackie O'Neil	300
Anne Brannan	350	Dorothy Clyde	100
Rotary Club	100	Jack Rose	250
Grace Thomson	100	British Legion Raffle	320
Jim Herkes, Jiving Jenny's son, bequeathed from her will			5000
Alison Patterson funeral collection			250
Labour Club Dominoes Team			120
Margaret Reid – raffle from Doctors Surgery			420
Rab Lamb (Louise's dad), who is a social volunteer			200
Davie Kiman funeral collection			200
Nessie Kiman in memory of Davie			500
(this will pay for the Mural that was dedicated in Davie's memory, see below)			

TOTAL - £8310 – MARVELLOUS

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



Some of the Shenanigans in recent times

Oh My God! – and she's in charge!!!! 🤪



Staff at our Italian branch



Sad news and better news

Sadly, we have lost some dear friends recently.

We say goodbye to the following members who have moved into a care facility – **Phyllis Law, Helen Ormiston, Elizabeth Wilson, Tam Edmond, John Thomson** and **Dana Zuzeviciene**

Sadly, the following members have passed away – **David Kiman, Mary Pryde, Betty White** and **Peter McKillop**

And the better news is that the following are all new inmates at Harlawhill – **Agnes Potter, Anne Mitchell, David Paton, Agnes Hadden, Margaret McNeil, Grace Philip, Robert Petrie, Teresa Jack, Moira Fairley** and **Nessie Kiman**. Welcome aboard, settle down and enjoy the madness.

Toilet Refurbishment

We are at present working towards getting funding to refurbish and update our toilet facilities – both member toilets and the staff one.

We will keep you updated when we receive any news and will be looking for member involvement in choosing colours, textures etc before we start.

The centre will need to close while this work is completed but don't worry, we will remain open albeit in alternative venues, like Meadowmill Indoor Bowling, the Pans Legion, the Pennypit café etc etc.

We have not received funding yet although we are working hard to get it so it will probably be around October or November but we'll keep in touch.

And then we'll have a grand opening with a "New Loo's Party" Ha Ha!!

Community Awards 2024

We managed to get thru' to the shortlist in the Health and Social Care category of the 2024 East Lothian Courier Awards only to be pipped at the post by a gentleman who has been a Paramedic in East Lothian for 40 years.

Well done to him and we will fight harder to achieve the top prize next year.

Mair Nonsense

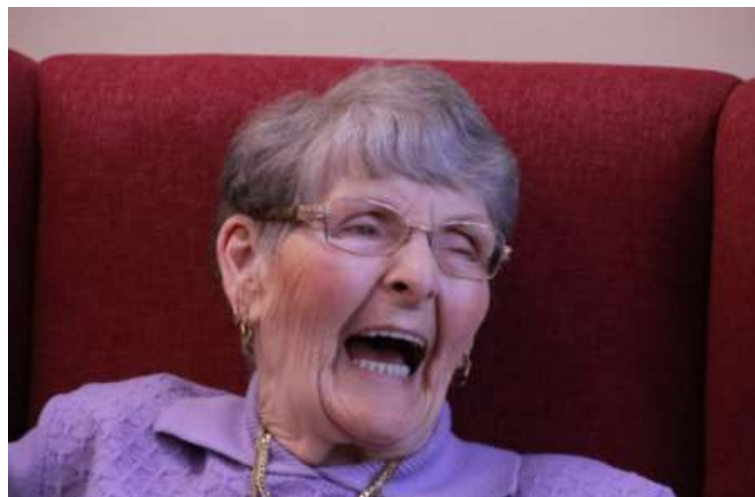


Ladies who lunch on the Orient Express



Jim would rather have a Steak Pie

Smiling Happy Panners



And Mair



Don't ask me – I've no idea



The Smiling Assassin



I'm sure that Beastie is
Fear t' o' Bebe



Too many hands on that table
(and the referee is looking at the camera)

Joke Corner

Why has a Tiger got stripes?Because it didn't want to be spotted

Why didn't the Teddy Bear eat dessert?Because he was stuffed

Money, Money, Money

We are continually working hard here at Harlawhill to retain the existing daily cost to members by absorbing as many of the recent increases as possible. As we all know, rising costs in fuel, energy and many other aspects of life can be quite challenging and now we have a further increase from East Lothian Council for our daily meals.

At present, we are having a consultation period in regard to making amendments and adjustments to try and plug the holes in our financial budget. Nothing to be concerned about at present, we are just trying to be transparent and keep everyone informed of what is happening behind the scenes.

Puzzle Time. If you need help, ask Jackie – she's the Queen of Puzzles



Can you find the DOG in beside the PANDAS?



Which 3 balls need to go into the circles?