

Harlawhill Autumn 2025 Newsletter



Centre News and Activities

Lots of great fun had in the summer months. Most days managed a trip along to Fees Bistro for Breakfast or a fun afternoon with entertainment drinks and ice creams. On days when numbers were lower we took the opportunity for lovely bus runs we took the flasks and enjoyed a stop for a cuppa and bacon rolls at the harbour, or a picnic down the bents. We have celebrated members birthdays and enjoyed many great entertainers who come in. This is all paid for through the members account so the donations you read about in this newsletter enable us to continue to treat you to good things.

COMING MONTHS.

We have our yearly fundraiser on Sunday the 26th October a variety show and tickets are now all sold out. If you would like to donate a raffle for this event you can hand it in to the centre.

This money raised is going to our bus fund knowing in the coming years we will need to replace our bus so saving for that is our plan.

Craft Fair

We will be having our Christmas craft fair on Thursday 4th December on sale will be crafts our members have made, and other stalls will be available. So everyone will be welcome to pop in that day from 1pm till 5pm come grab some bargains.

**LOOK OUT FOR OUR
Christmas Newsletter
Coming to you in November
Christmas Quiz
Christmas Party Days
Christmas Entertainment
Guide**



CHRISTMAS CALENDARS.

Our talented artists James Berg, Dorothy Clyde, Betty Merrit, Janis Lumsden, Agnes McLeod, Molly Morgan and Ewan our trustees have been hard at work creating our popular Christmas calendar. The cost this year is £7.50. all profits from this will go to the members art classes we provide throughout the year.



Laura

September we welcomed Laura to complete our team
Laura has settled in well

Arrivals and Departures

We have sadly lost a few members over this period. Jessie Denholm, Isobel Conahan may they rest in peace.

Andrew Davie, Billy Cunningham, Val Bennet, have all recently moved into care homes.

Moira Farley has left us and is in the community hospital she still pays her monthly fees as she just loved her days at Harlawhill so is donating that money to the centre very kind.

We have since the last newsletter welcomed new members

Peter Sibald, Elizabeth Thomson, Neil Anderson, Myra Green, Susanne Hunter, Anne Meek and Margaret Jones,

Fiona Stewart

We say a massive thank you to Fiona Stewart who has been our chairperson for many years.

Fiona has been an amazing support to our centre seen us through some difficult times.

Fiona always said before she left she would always like our centre to have lovely posh loos and she managed to secure us funding to make this happen,

Fiona travels from Kirkliston for our meetings and also has granny duties and still teaches the piano.

So We totally understand its time to retire from her post as chairperson. Fiona will be missed her last day will be Wednesday 22nd October and we will give her a lovely send off.



BUS FUND DONATIONS

Jammies and baffies Castlepark gig £950 raised £750 to the bus fund and £200 to Castlepark as a thank you for allowing us to use their club for 2 weeks when we got posh loos fitted.

Lynne Paton (grace daughter) £1643.51 running Edinburgh marathon

Agnes Hadden £ 50.00

Ian Woods Funeral £925

Bebe Berg £500

Betty Merritt 90th party £1000.

Morag Dickson £100

Ann Gilmour Frances daughter monthly £30 donation.

Karen Garrity kilt walk £500

Lorna our belly dancer kilt walk sponsorship £800

Ewan's friends kilt walk £2286

Saints and sinners £1250

Pat and Jack £200

Islay ride for Grandad £1000

What an amazing amount of donations since our last newsletter

Also we have claimed back £4441.84 from this last years donations with gift aid.

Accounts

Our treasurer Bill is kept very busy looking after our finances and our accounts are audited every year by Paul Ronnan copy's are available in the centre.

Donations Client Fund

Castlepark bowling club £500

Jessie Denholm's Funeral £416.19

Castlepark collection tin £54.90

Fay sunshine's funeral £220

Agnes Hadden £50.00

Aggie & Jack sponsor shave £300

The Davie family £200

LM Scott £50

Monthly donation from East Lothian community Lottery on average £70

Good hub platform online donations £2408.98

Pay pal just giving online donations £915.99



Craft sessions getting ready for our Christmas fair

Christmas

We have a very busy December planned with lots on every day, a wee December planner will follow. Then you know when your Christmas lunch and party's will be.

Our Last day is Tuesday 23rd December we will reopen on

Monday the 5th January



The Edge Group

Intergenerational working with the Edge group. It's a group for autistic young adults from leaving school till the age of 25. They enjoy their visits our members have made good friends. Bebe and Lenny have a great friendship. They made beautiful cakes for Bebes 99th birthday



Church Services

During September we had church services from both Prestongrange church and the lighthouse church, members loved taking part in a lovely service including singing and our driver Dougie on the guitar



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