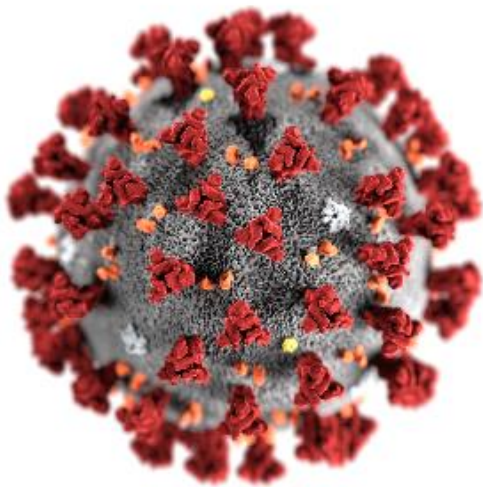


HARLAWHILL NEWSLETTER

WINTER SPECIAL



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WHAT A YEAR.

I said, what a year. I don't think that any of us will forget the year 2020 in a hurry.

It seemed to start off OK. A nice New Year Ceilidh to start us off, followed by Burn's Supper, Valentine's Day and then BANG – we had to close the centre and the whole country was in total Lockdown. For those of you who could remember, it must have felt just like during the War.

Once we had got over the initial shock, and a few months had passed by when Fiona and the staff from the Centre were continually phoning the clients to ensure all was well, we were able to take to the streets. From V.E. Day celebrations to Gala Day frivolities, we tried to get around to everyone's home to let you know we were not forgetting about you.

Afternoon teas followed and then the bus able to take one (or two) clients for a wee hurl and a stop for a cup of tea or an ice cream. But more importantly, a bit of company and some fresh air. Fiona and her husband then went and erected a HUGE marquee in her garden where we could have 4 or 5 clients for tea, sandwich, cake and a wee game of Bingo. Grand. What a way to spend a few hours on a summer's day.

Unfortunately, the marquee had to go away for the winter when we had the first of the high winds but we continued to meet up by going to Lighthouse Café, Merryhatton Garden Centre, Sweet Boutique and the Goth (until the pubs shut down).

And just lately, the Scary Harlawhill Hallowe'en staff were out delivering amazing afternoon treats. A massive thank you to Susan Ralston for donating these goodie bags to our members.

The Scary Delivery Team



By carrying a collection bucket around with us while delivering afternoon teas, donations of just over £100 was deposited in our bucket. Many, many thanks to the community

Some who got a scare on Hallowe'en



Phyllis disturbed at her knitting



Always happy and smiling is our Kate



Looking good Nancy!



Dinnae ken her! Somebody new?



Rose being attacked by the Ghoulies



Ah! If ever a man could eat donuts....

Grant Funding

Fiona Stewart and Morag Dickson are two of our hard working trustees with responsibility for grant funding. We may be closed at the moment but these ladies are busily working towards and securing grants for our centre.

We have secured funding from the **Coalfields Regeneration** for Covid provisions. This is for equipment to ensure our day centre can open safely when we are given the green light. This means ensuring that not only is the day centre building is suitably ready for our clients but also to ensure we have adequate infection control measures in place and going forward.

Fiona and Morag are presently working on attaining funding from the **National Lottery** for the provision of a new electronic front door. With a more secure method of entry (and exit) to the centre, the staff and clients can feel more safe and secure not only from Covid19 but also in case Ana turns up unexpectedly. (we can't have anyone just coming and going you know.....editor).

The paperwork and research for these applications for funding are very time consuming and we thank these two ladies for all their work and diligence.

Co-operative Community Fund

The Prestonpans community and the Co-operative Wholesale Society have always enjoyed a good relationship. And here is another:-

The Coop Blue Card.

Our new Coop Membership Card gives a helping hand to you and your community. Register your card and every time members buy selected Coop branded products and services, 2p for every £ spent goes to you and we'll give the same to support community organisations and local causes

So spread the word and get family and friends to help us whenever they can. NB. This is the Coop up at the Railway Station – not Scotmid (sorry Owen).



A Few Tips to Help

DONATIONS

Of course, all these days out and treats need to be paid for and we thank the following people for their kind donations and financial help, all of which has been paid into the members account for our little treats.

Some clients have been continuing to pay their £10 per day as they feel that they are still getting a great service. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and are very grateful for your donation.

Anne Naysmiths family	£200	
Nora and Alex Hogg	£200	
Sam, son of May Quinn	£250	
Frances Clark and family	£540	
Isobel Jamieson's daughter in memory of her mum	£200	
Isa Gilbertson	£50	
Tam Edmond	£80	
Isobel Jarvis' daughter, Janice	£100	
George Cummings	£100	Total £1,470

We thank you all very much for your generosity. You are the reason we are able to continue to offer the wee extra's which brighten up folk's life.

We are blessed to be part of such a great community who have always come together in times of adversity and these unprecedented times have been no different. Local businesses have provided us with provisions; the community has provided us with funds and donations of cakes, gifts and games to hand out. We are continually thinking of our members

Two Sad Farewells

It is with regret that we say goodbye to two members of our Cookie Crew.



Jimmy Smith passed away in hospital.
Lovely man, will be well missed.
R.I.P. Jimmy 🍷

George Glynn has moved into Fidra Nursing Home. We need a special man to fill his dancing shoes.



The Good News

“Scotland Loves Local” is the slogan for these past few years. The Scotland Loves Local campaign is a national initiative designed to encourage all those who live in Scotland to think local first and support their local town centres and high streets safely and in line with public health guidelines.

As part of the Scotland Loves Local campaign, we are celebrating our High Street Heroes. The awards recognise the people, businesses and local organisations who have gone above and beyond to support their communities during the coronavirus restrictions.

We are very pleased to announce that in the East Lothian section of the awards, Harlawhill Day Centre was Highly Commended and received an Award Certificate. Well done to Fiona and all her staff for going the extra distance for her clients. Just one event Fiona and team done this year (done that many, don't know what this one is)



More Good News

As we saw from the front page, it looks like a vaccine will soon be available to act against Coronavirus. All going well, Christmas will be here with us again this year although it will have to be a bit different from what we usually do.

Planning has already started with a HUGE Christmas Hamper raffle being put in place with the proceeds going on treats for all of our lovely clients. And rest assured, we will be making sure that everyone will be sampling those lovely Xmas dinners, albeit in a smaller group and some may be indoors at home or the centre while others may be out at one of our local eating establishments.

Yum Yum

And Even More Good News

The management and trustees have been busy working away in the background with East Lothian Council in trying to get the Day Centre open again although it will not be like it used to, at least for a wee while anyway. The Council will only allow us to partially open with very limited members and those members who East Lothian Council see as being those with critical care needs.

Sadly, this is something that we have no control over at present. However, we need to start somewhere and the rules are changing as the weeks go in so we will persevere.

Our aim is to try and provide every member with one day a week until such times as our numbers are allowed to increase.

It is important to keep you all informed and updated to all that is going on. Please remember that the days you attended previously will not be guaranteed when we reopen as, although we have lost some members, we are limited for numbers and many people have been on the waiting list for over a year.

Please be aware we are striving to do our utmost best to ensure everyone is treated fairly and equally.

2021 Calendars

Once again, we are producing our super duper Calendars for 2021. Each month's scene has been painted by one of our talented artists we have here in Harlawhill. They are sure to be in demand so make sure you don't miss out. Speak to Fiona, Gillian or Louise to reserve yours now.

Puzzles

I'll leave you all with a few puzzles to keep your little brains busy when you are having a rest from knitting or watching Tipping Point.

If you get stuck with any puzzle, you can always ask Gillian (good luck with that)



Match up the numbers with the place names :-

Fort William
Port William
Peebles
Auchtermuchty
Aviemore

Stornoway
Aberdeen
Lockerbie
Oban
Hawick

Songs of the War

Fill in the next line of these songs

1. "pack up your troubles" _____
2. "it's a long way" _____
3. "they'll be bluebirds over" _____
4. "kiss me goodnight" _____
5. "we'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when"

6. "going to take a sentimental" _____
7. "knees up" _____
8. "we are going to hang the washing" _____
9. "you'll get no promotion this side of the ocean" _____
10. "daisy, daisy" _____
11. "keep the home fires burning" _____
12. "wish me luck" _____
13. "all the nice girls" _____
14. "don't sit under" _____
15. "come, come, come and make eyes at me" _____
16. "I've got a lovely" _____
17. "who do you think you" _____
18. "keep right on" _____