

Spring Newsletter 2025

♪ 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.

Important Information

Unfortunately, the time has come to increase your daily payments. It is with a heavy heart we do so but with the increasing costs of fuel, heating, lighting and food provision. We have attached a letter to the back of this newsletter. Read carefully and discuss with your family and if anyone has any concerns or questions, please speak to a member of staff and we can address the issue

Centre News and Activities

Oh boy, have we had some fun these past few months. Christmas, Burn's Night (Day) and Valentine's Day. Evidence of the fun and frolics in some of the following pages.

We had a very successful Christmas Craft Fair in the centre which raised around £1,500 – super. Many of the items sold on the day were made by our members. What a talented bunch you are. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this sum.

Also during this period, we sold out on our 2025 Calendar. Again, the quality of work is outstanding. It's always a struggle not to have a wee sneak peep at the next month's scene but I'm managing for now. Many thanks to all the marvellous artists.

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 knows, we may even get a visit from the Easter Bunny

Who fancies a trip up Arthur's Seat to wash their face on 1st May? Just give your name to Yvonne and she'll have the bus at your door at 4.15 in the morning.

Over the past 3 months, we have had all your favourites entertaining us here at Harlawhill including Kirk, Robbie, Alex and Lorna our Belly Dancer. And we have a new man in town – Gary Coupland. This man is BRILLIANT. He was part of the successful group The Singing Kettle so if your lucky enough to see him, you'll laugh till you greet.

Your ideas and opinions are important to us so please feel free to give suggestions on what you would like us to try

Arrivals and Departures

Our longest serving member, **John McMillan** sadly passed away in December. John had been with us a long time and always enjoyed the entertainers - especially Robbie and his cringe worthy jokes – John laughed at every one and his smile was infectious.

A few members have moved into nursing homes and **Helen Wells, Agnes Potter**, and **Margaret Duke** do so with our good wishes.

Recently joining this band of renegades are **Isobel Connaghan, Dot Blythe** and **Rosina McLeod**. Ladies, welcome aboard.

Donations

We receive many donations from individuals and organisations. These donations go into our members fund for entertainment and trips etc and they will continue to do so. We have already started another account for our fund raising donations which will contribute to our new bus which we expect we will need in 2-3 years time. There has been a few big repairs and costs a lot more as it gets older but we will strive to ensure we can keep going for a few more years. Especially as a new bus will cost in the region of £85,000 to £90,000

So, to be clear:- **Client Fund** for entertainment, treats, and all the extras we need to keep everyone happy, singing and dancing. **Bus Fund** for our fundraising for a new bus. Our accounts are always available to see and looked after by our treasurer Bill, who still counts in fathings (how many in a tanner)

Client Fund

Pat and Jack Rose	250	Deek and Jackie McLeod	50
Ann Brannan	50	George and Liz Neilson	100
Chriss Bonnar	50	Bunty and Andrew Mack	50
Robert Petrie	200	Moiria Fairley	100
F. Mills	200	Nan McKenzie	200
Lesley Morgan	100	Calendar Sales	250
Christmas Craft Fair	1500		

Wonderful Total of £3,100

For some perspective, our Christmas entertainment spend was £2,000

Donations (contd)

Bus Fund

Pat and Jack Rose	150	Bebe Berg	1000
Phamie Swan	100	Fiona Ormsby	100
Dorothy Clyde	100	Molly Morgan	100
John McMillan	500	Tam Edmond	307
Funeral Collection		Funeral Collection	

Prestonpans Surgery	950	Monthly donation Ann,	30
Christmas Raffle		Frances Clark's daughter	

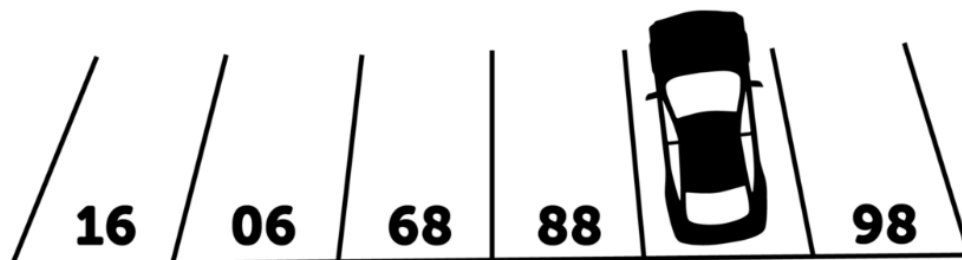
Nicky Murray and family sponsoring a seat on new bus	1065
Steven and Erica Thomson	100

Wonderful Total of £4,602

You Panners are really something else when it comes to helping the elderly in the community. Please, please, please – give yourselves a huge pat on the back

Puzzle Time

Now, take a breather – if you need help, ask Emma, she's a guid counter



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

Some Shenanagins



YES!! Selection Boxes



Steady Moira



Arty Betty



Crafty Jessie

More Shenanagins



C'mon Ian, nearly dinner time



Looking good Andrew



Tuck in Rosina



Oh Robert, I'm so Jealous

And More Shenanagins

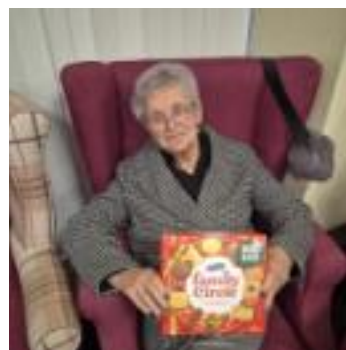


Auld Yins and Young Yins enjoying being together at Xmas



**“whaurs they wimmen wi ma
Haggis, Neeps and Tatties”**

**Jack and David
looking for “lurve”**



“Nae wonder I cannae find a biscuit tae dunk in ma tea”

Are you feeling clever?

How many Bees are in this picture?



Songs of the War

Fill in (or sing) 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"
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"