



Introducing our new Managing Director

Hello! I am Jackie, the new Managing Director of McFarlane Trust. I am very happy to have joined the team and am looking forward to meeting everyone over the weeks and months.

I have worked in health and social care for 35 years, and learned a LOT! I have been a support worker, a manager, a regional manager, a strategic development worker- and until June I was the Team Manager with Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership; responsible for the councils' learning disability support services.

I am lucky to have met and supported hundreds of people, teams, groups and organisations over the years.

I have been part of several strategic planning and action groups and supported people to attend strategic meetings so they could have a say in the decisions affecting their lives.

Most importantly, I care about what I do; I respect others in their roles, and I care deeply about people having the chance to show what they can do and who they are as individuals.

All change at Head Office

With Alan retiring and Ruth off to pastures new, Head Office has had a make-over! Alan's replacement is Jackie who started with us on 3rd June. We also welcome Derek Moffat as our new Finance Director.



Chartered Accountant, Derek hails from Paisley. He is a keen bowler having represented Scotland in Cardiff at the Indoor World under 25 championships. Read his words below.

"I am delighted to become part of the team here at McFarlane Trust and I am excited to be involved in a new era for the charity. I have met some of the staff and people we support already and will continue to do so in the months ahead.

I have played bowls since I was 10 years old and, as mentioned above, represented my country at the World Indoor under 25 tournament, reaching the semi finals in 2002. In 2014 I reached the semi finals of the Scottish Outdoor singles championship and just in the last few weeks, I was narrowly defeated in the same competition at the same stage, winning my second bronze medal from these championships.

My other hobbies include;

Long distance walking (completed the West Highland Way on more than one occasion) - Going to the cinema (I have an annual Oscars party at home) - Going on holiday (a favourite destination of mine is Orlando, Florida)."

Brendan Somers Memorial Cup

The Annual Golf Outing to Bonnyton Golf Club in Eaglesham was again a sunny event with the silver trophy this year going to Kevin Niven. Staff members, Jamie Gemmell, John McIlharghey, Colin Shepherd, John Tees were joined by Fraser McCreadie, Mike Morris, Gordon McIntyre and Gavin Fisher.



Gordon was pleased to present Kevin with the cup and Alan said it was well deserved as it was his 5th year competing in the competition. Kevin was also presented with a silver hip flask. We have been very fortunate with the weather for this event but we would still like to see more competitors take part next year.



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Jamie Gemmell



"I started working with McFarlane Trust as my mother had worked for the organisation in the past and I fancied a career change. I was employed as a bank worker in Elderslie and worked there for around 2 years supporting Donald, Mary and Margaret.

I moved service around 11 years ago and now work in Gartmore Road. My first shift in Gartmore I remember being out the back door playing football with Harry and Allan. It was very different to Elderslie.

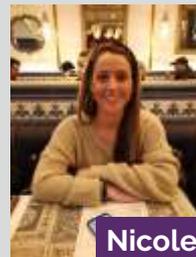
I love my job. I get great satisfaction from supporting tenants to try to live their life to the full."

Someone looks very happy to be celebrating a BIG birthday!

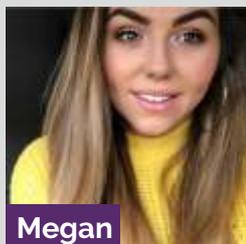


BUSINESS SNIPPETS

- **Nicole Stevenson**, who works at Luckiesfauld, was happy to hear that she passed her 6 month probation period. Also pleased to complete her 6 months is **Megan Robinson**.



Nicole



Megan

- And joining them are four more employees, **Laura Clark**, **Karen Phillips**, **Christy McConville** and **Stephen Glover**. Congratulations!

- After many years with the company **Sally Carroll** and **Anne McLachlan** have decided to retire. Happy retirement Ladies!

- Congratulations to **Heather Dorris** who was promoted to Manager from 15th April. Heather manages the services at Craw Road, Mary Street and Luckiesfauld.

- **Lorraine Cowan** now manages the service Linwood Rd and will manage the new property at Endrick Drive.

- **Denise Hand** and **Marie Deans** are both acting Team Leaders.

- **Kirsty Dunn** has left the company to take up a new position nearer home.

- Congratulations to **Alison Deans** who had a baby girl on 22nd July. Her name is Eloise.

- Well done to **Annemarie Rae** who is happy to tell us she has lost 5 and a half stone!

- **Paula** and **Alex** were part of the interview team for our new Managing Director. They posed their carefully chosen questions to Jackie and the other MD candidates, giving their feedback to the interview panel. Well done!



New Housemates at Atholl



Lai Ling, Susan, Sandra, Lorna

On the 14th of December 2018, Susan and Lai Ling moved from their home at Balgownie Crescent to join Sandra and Lorna in their new home at Atholl Gardens.

All four ladies have known each other for a number of years as they have all attended the Thornliebank Resource Centre.

Prior to moving in, Susan and Lai Ling were involved in picking colours for their rooms as well as choosing the furniture which ensured minimal disruption and helped to make them feel at home as quickly as possible.

With having all the rooms now occupied at Atholl it has created a homely environment and all 4 ladies appear to be really happy with the move.

Farewell from Alan

"Hi all,

I would just like firstly to thank everybody for their good wishes and gifts on my recent retiral. We had a party that everyone I have known over the years was invited to and we all had a great time.



The last 25 years have flown by and I am sorry to go, However it's time for me to do something new and I am sure that McFarlane Trust will continue to thrive in my absence!" - Alan

A letter from Kirsty on her last day



"When I joined Netherlee House in 2005, I instantly felt a sense of belonging and soon developed friendships with all ten tenants. I became key worker to the coolest guy I've ever met – Kevin.

As I sit here on the last day of my 14 years with McFarlane Trust, salty tears running down my face, I leave with knowledge, skills and memories that I will cherish forever. To Master Cooper, Kev, Sandra, Billy, Bella, Lynne, Za-Za and Fiona. I will miss you and your families dearly. Thank you for being such good friends to me.

Also, thanks so much to Lesley and all the staff for throwing a surprise party, it was the most amazing day ever. I will miss you all so much but hope to keep in touch. Lots of love and best wishes from Kirsty"

LAURA'S WEDDING



Laura Clark started work at McFarlane Trust in October last year. Here she is on her wedding day when she married Ricky, her partner of 20 years. It was small affair with their 3 children present.

The wedding took place in Oban and this lovely photo was taken high on the hill at McCaig's Folly.

SIMPLY THE BEST



John with Jorg Albertz and Arthur Newman

Lorna Wilson and John spent an evening rubbing shoulders with some of the best footballers in the game enjoying their dinner at one of the top tables in the house. John has been a Rangers supporter all of his life and regularly attended Ibrox with his dad every second week until his dad became unwell and was unable to take him.

John and Lorna had dinner and drinks in the executive suite at Ibrox Stadium and enjoyed hearing stories from the Legendary players Arthur Newman and Jorg Albertz. After a few funny tales and the diners asking the players some questions they got to enjoy spending time with the players up close.



John entered the raffle and won a signed, framed drawing of Ibrox. He was chuffed to bits and as soon as he got home, he put it up, pride of place, in his living room. A good night was had by all.



WELCOME FIONA

And suddenly you know..... It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.



The team at Luckiesfauld would like to offer the warmest of welcomes to our newest tenant, Fiona Cunningham.

Fiona moved to Luckiesfauld in December, after living independently for many years. Her family have always been closely involved in Fiona's support and were anxious about her leaving her home to live with other people and worried about how successful the transition would be.

However, we are delighted to report that Fiona settled immediately and continues to thrive in her new environment. She has established herself as a charming and caring friend to her fellow tenants and staff team; she is charismatic, warm and loving, with just the right amount of feistiness to keep us all on our toes.

Fiona's Cousin, Anna, her Brother, Hugh and Sister-in-law, Rose visit regularly and continue to play a massive part in Fiona's life. We all enjoy their visit's as much as Fiona does, and feel they are part of the Luckiesfauld family too.

Welcome, Fiona!

A LONDON ADVENTURE WITH A VISIT TO MOTOWN

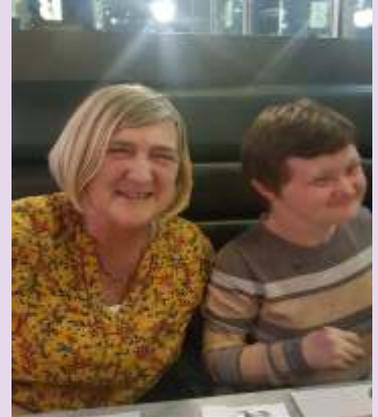
An excited Sandra and Julie set off early to catch the train from Glasgow Central to London Euston. The journey passed quickly and the girls enjoyed playing card games, and chatting. There was lots of laughter with, of course, the inevitable nibbles and Prosecco.



London Tourists

On arrival at the hotel, Sandra and Julie were all smiles and after a freshen up, they headed out for dinner. The ladies chose a burger bar and seemed to enjoy the busy atmosphere before moving on to the theatre to see the sensational West End hit Motown the Musical.

What a show it was and the ladies both really enjoyed it, clapping, shouting out, singing and at the end they gave a standing ovation. An amazing night's entertainment!



Sharon and Sandra

Being tourists in London they took the open top bus to see all the sights and were astonished by everything they saw. In particular, they liked their walk about Buckingham Palace and of course had to stop off at a gin bar for coffee and cake – yes coffee.



On the Open Top Bus



Best Pals



Pals at the Palace



Julie Loving Tower Bridge



Julie & Margaret

On their last night in London the group went to an Italian Restaurant, overlooking the boats and the ladies loved seeing Tower Bridge. They enjoyed the general buzz London has to offer and they all agree that a great holiday went in way too quick!

Alan's retiral party - a night to remember

After 25 years working with McFarlane Trust, Alan has decided it's time to call it a day. He has loved every minute (well nearly!) working with tenants and staff. Here are some pictures of the evening at Giffnock North.



Left - Doug Haggart, one of our Trustees, makes a speech while Alan listens on intently. Then Paula read out a few lovely words for Alan, with Anne looking on.



Alan responded with heartfelt thanks to everyone and said how much he has enjoyed his years with McFarlane Trust.



GORDON'S WONDERFUL TRIP TO DUBAI

– MAY 2019 by Jamie Gemmell



Gordon enjoys the flight

Gordon and I set off for a 5 night trip to Dubai. We flew on an Emirates A380 aircraft which had been Gordon's dream mode of travel. After the 8 hour flight we checked into our hotel and had a nap. We then got up and went for a long walk along the Dubai creek and watched the boats. We returned to the hotel for dinner. The day ended with a few drinks in the hotel bar and a relaxing night.



On the Dubai Metro



Dubai Creek

The next day we went on the Dubai Metro and also travelled on a monorail to the Atlantis hotel where we visited the large aquarium.

We then got the tram to Dubai marina and walked around the lovely marina admiring all the fancy boats.



At Motiongate Theme Park

We also visited Motiongate theme park. We went on several rides including a Shrek ride, a Madagascar roller coaster and also enjoyed a water ride. We then had some lunch and watched a few shows. We got the Metro back to Dubai mall and had a nice evening watching the fountain shows.



Jumeirah beach



Fun on the Water Ride

Gordon said he would like to visit Dubai airport so we got the Metro to Dubai airport to watch the vast array of planes. Gordon loved seeing so many aircraft he hadn't seen before. We then got the tram back to Dubai creek and travelled on a local Acra Taxi boat to the Arabian market. Gordon enjoyed walking around the market and bought a few gifts.



Plane Spotting

After lunch we went to visit the Burj Khalifa - the tallest building in the world. We visited the 125th floor and Gordon enjoyed the amazing views.



125th floor of the Burj Khalifa

We travelled back to Glasgow on the Emirates A380 and Gordon said he had the holiday of a lifetime.

Susan and John's Holiday to New York



Day 1- We had an early start to the holiday and arrived at Glasgow Airport at 6.00am for our 9.00am 7-hour flight direct to Newark airport. We both enjoyed the selection of films on board.

We arrived at 10:45 am and after going through security, got a taxi to the Wellington Hotel on 7th and 55th Street in midtown Manhattan.

**Hello
New
York!**

We went out to see what was happening in New York and walked to Times Square. After dinner we strolled down to Central Park.

Day 2- After a good sleep and a lovely breakfast we went with Marie and Lorna, our support staff, to the hotel travel centre and selected an open top bus ride. The weather wasn't too good and we got a bit wet before boarding the bus. We arrived at The Empire State Building and went on the lift to the 86th floor.

It was very blustery and cloudy

outside so our view of the city was a bit foggy. We both enjoyed the tour and the shop inside the tower and continued on with our bus tour of the city. Although it was still raining, we got to see a lot of the area and landmarks. The bus dropped us at the 9-11 memorial and it was nice to see the big waterfall structure.



After lunch we went for a walk to the Hudson River then got a boat trip. It took us along the river to the Statue of Liberty and to the Brooklyn Bridge.

Day 3 – Susan's Birthday. We decided, as the day was good, to have a trip to Central Park and the Zoo with a picnic lunch. The best part of the zoo was the tropical area with the birds walking and flying around us. Lunch was nice and relaxing and we all sat taking in the surroundings at the carousel.

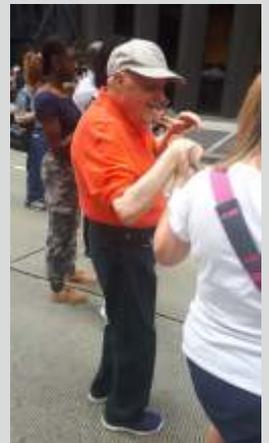


That evening we went for a meal and to see a Broadway Show to celebrate Susan's Birthday. We saw Aladdin and the dancing and music was really good. We stood

clapping and dancing at the end. We walked home through Times Square admiring the lights.

Day 4 - We decided to walk to 5th Avenue and look at the shops. We all loved the jewels in Tiffany's and visited some famous landmarks - St Patrick's Cathedral and Trump Tower. We had a hot dog at the fountain at Central Park. It was very warm today and we went back to the hotel for a nap before dinner at a nice Italian restaurant.

Day 5 - another sunny day and we discovered there was a street market on 6th avenue with stalls selling all different things, street performers and bands playing. We all had a dance in the street and enjoyed the atmosphere.



After going to Macy's department store we had lunch and sat in Bryant park..

Day 6 - We went to buy our souvenirs at the subway market and the gift shops. Our taxi collected us from the hotel and we went to the airport and said farewell to NYC.

