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# Our People's Newsletter

## C: Working at McFarlane Trust - Meet Grace



**I am very grateful to McFarlane Trust for the opportunity to work on one of their projects**, which opened in 2019 (Endrick Drive). It has been a pleasure and an honour to be part of a great team who have all contributed to the success of McFarlane Trust. I've received tremendous support from our management team and have also had the chance to contribute in my role by bringing passion and commitment to a job that I find deeply satisfying and truly love doing.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude for the trust and opportunities you have given me to learn and grow. I will continue to contribute to the success of McFarlane Trust.

Happy anniversary, McFarlane Trust – cheers to many more years of success!



## C: Birthdays

**Mary at Endrick had an amazing 78th birthday in April**, with a massive M shaped cake, decorated with roses, strawberries and macaroons to celebrate the lovely Mary. Over at Craw, Marcia and her companions celebrated her birthday with a lovely cake and amazing decor.

## C: Lyoncross

**The ladies from Lyoncross** decided to venture off to Farmhouse Inn for a lovely Sunday afternoon lunch. A great time and delicious food had by all, so much so they had to take some home for a snack later that day.

## C: Business Snippets

- Our lovely Team Leader at Luckiesfaulds, Katie, is away on maternity leave. Covering her will be Evelyn Isong who will do an amazing job.
- We have a new member of staff joining our team at Head Office. Jocelyn Clark will be our new HR Manager and will start at the end of June
- We would like to wish Dennis and John, our Property Consultants, a happy, well-deserved retirement. You will be greatly missed after many years at the charity.
- In November McFarlane Trust will celebrate 30 years with a party which you are all invited to. Invites will be posted out with more details.
- We are pleased to welcome to the team a handful of new staff members from March 25 - June 25:
  - Atholl Terrace - **Sophie Mason**
  - Endrick - **Sushmita Tamang**
  - Lyoncross - **Lucy McGrellis**
  - Lyoncross - **Demi Bennett**
  - Gartmore - **Precious Ekwere**
- We held our People's Forum in April and would like to thank everyone who attended. The main topic of discussion was the 30th Anniversary party, which we are all looking forward to. We shared our ideas and decided to hold a competition to design the party invitation. Everyone then tucked into some lovely pizza whilst having lots of fun catching up with each other.



### Gordon's Kitchen Art

**Gartmore has recently had its kitchen replaced.** Once the kitchen was completed the service users at Gartmore designed some art to help decorate it. Gordon decided on a fruit theme and each service user chose their favourite fruit. After framing they were hung on the wall. Gordon took great pleasure spending several months working on it and proudly admiring the amazing outcome.



## C: Alan Bowie London Trip

**Alan and Rosie had the best experience when visiting London for 5 days in May.** Alan took part in many different adventures from a relaxing river cruise to a trip on London Eye. He greatly enjoyed soaring high above the city on the London Eye, to see the amazing views.

One of Alan's main highlights was the night bus tour that showcased major landmarks with stunning views such as Big Ben, the historic Tower of London, the grand St Paul's Cathedral, and the magnificent Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and Downing Street.

He couldn't leave without exploring the exciting vibrant Camden Market and the charming lively atmosphere of Covent Gardens on his final day. A successful and enjoyable experience was had by Alan.





## C: Easter Competition

**For Easter we held an Easter hat/bonnet competition.** Everyone enjoyed coming up with ideas and making their hats. It was so hard to choose from all the amazing entries that we outsourced this job to Yvonne's daughter, Rebecca, who chose the ladies at Glencally as the winners. Sandra, Paula, and Kathryn each received a large Easter egg and decided to gift the winning bonnet to Rebecca. The ladies and Rebecca were over the moon.



## C: VE DAY

**The Service users at Lyoncross and Atholl had a lovely time celebrating VE Day this year.** The ladies from Lyoncross made their way to Atholl for this amazing celebration, whilst the service users at Atholl decorated the house for this occasion, before they enjoyed some delicious food, Karaoke and dancing.





## Lynn's ABBA experience

**Lynn and Barbara had a fantastic time at an ABBA afternoon tea in April.** This was a great experience with a lovely afternoon tea to fill them up before listening to the ABBA tribute act and playing some games.



## C: Making Memories Event

**Making Memories held an Easter party** and invited some of our people to join them. They enjoyed some delicious food, games, and music. They even got to meet the Easter Bunny. A great time was had by all.

## C: Dennis & John Retire

**Our Property Consultant team, Dennis and John, retired in April.** They have worked with McFarlane Trust for many years. We held a lunch for them at Head Office and many of our service users came to say goodbye and show how much they meant to us, before wishing them all the best for the future and tucking into some lovely pies and cakes. Many fun stories and memories were shared before everyone headed home.

## C: Gordon's Easter Card

**Gordon decided for Easter he didn't want to make a hat, but came up with an even better idea.** Gordon loves to celebrate Easter and usually buys cards to give to family and friends. This year he took great pleasure in making personal cards for his friends and family. What a lovely way to spread the joy of Easter!



## C: John's Glasgow Day Out

**John and Laura had a great day out in March.** They went into Glasgow and boarded the city sightseeing bus. They chose seats on the top of the bus and with their map and earphones in place, they listened to all the information about the different landmarks. John loved it.

They decided to get off at the Transport Museum to have a look around. John was pleased to see a Star Wars exhibition and insisted on getting his photos taken with some stormtroopers. They enjoyed lunch in the museum café before boarding the bus to finish the rest of the tour. After returning to George Square, they made their way to the bus stop where they met a wee dog called Bullseye. He kept jumping up on John and kissing him. John said the whole day was "awesome."



## C: Amochrie

**Paul, Stewart and Alan from Amochrie continue to enjoy busy, active social lives.** As well as joining in with their various social clubs and sports events, they also enjoyed a day out at Dumbarton Castle and a trip down to Lomond shores.

We are also proud to announce that Stewart has won another two trophies, one for bowling and another for football. He'll soon need his own trophy room!





## Pancake Day

**Lots of fun had this year for Pancake Day.** John enjoyed making his own pancakes, whilst Marcia and Karen decorated their pancakes with funny faces before eating them all up.

## Game Time

**Here are some pictures of Paul, Kathryn, and Gregor** enjoying a relaxing night in playing games, working out puzzles, and painting.

## Independence

**Paula loved helping with the ironing at Glencally,** whilst Derek enjoyed helping to cook dinner at Gartmore. Jennifer at Main Road enjoyed a fun afternoon baking some yummy chocolate cakes before relaxing in front of the TV.



## GHA Include Me 2 Club

**John and Susan from Atholl had a nice night at the GHA Include Me 2 Club in Giffnock.** They enjoyed dancing, meeting friends and having a good old chinwag before heading home for a well-deserved rest.

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