

## **Prospects Across Scotland**

Newsletter

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#### **Christmas Cards**

Our Christmas cards for 2022 are now available to purchase. The winner of our design competition this year was Catriona Bell, Muir of Ord. They look great and are printed on good quality card. The verse inside reads -

A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. Isaiah 9:6

The wording inside is -

May your Christmas be blessed

with peace, joy and happiness

They come in packs of 10 with envelopes at the cost of £4.50 per pack plus p&p. If you would like to order them please contact Jennifer at

admin@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk

A great way to support and highlight the work of PAS.

They will also be on sale at the Annual Celebration on 22nd October.

## **Memories of Tulliallan Holiday 2022**

We drove to Tulliallan Police College for a Prospects weekend. When we arrived, we were greeted with hugs and lots of laughter. We were so happy to see everyone. Douglas was a surprise, all his friends had only seen him sitting during Zoom meetings. They were surprised at his height and of course remembered his colourful shirts.

# Bible Buddies and Precious Gems



Bible Buddies is a bible study group, aimed at people with learning disabilities, which is held on Zoom. There are two groups running and they have been well attended and a blessing to those going along. Anyone who would like to join one of the groups should contact lvy by email.

Precious Gems is our Zoom group, primarily for those who don't have a Prospects group in their area or are unable to attend one but anyone with a learning disability is welcome.

Those attending have enjoyed praise, prayer, learning about Jesus, great fellowship and much more. Again, contact Ivy if you would like to join this group.

**Friday evening** was Prospects news and music with Graham. Douglas and I closed the meeting with prayer.

**Saturday morning** was a celebration led by Kinross All Friends Together Group. **Saturday afternoon** was a selection of Workshops. Alison and Sarah led the Craft Workshop (crafts for 120 people) which was a great success. Douglas and I went to the Puppet show only to find we had to take part. Alison managed to see the final show. My shoulder has yet to recover.

**Saturday Evening** the fabulous Ceilidh led by The Square Wholes. The room was full of fun, laughter and love. If only we could bottle it! To see Douglas dancing with his Zoom friends doing the Gay Gordons was lovely.

Sunday morning, the service was led by the Kirkintilloch Group. Much work had gone into the planning.

**Sunday lunch** and time to say our goodbyes and looking forward to more Zooms and Tulliallan next year – thank you to the Organisers.

**Prospects Across Scotland** is indeed good news for people with learning disabilities in Scotland for indeed we are all God's children.



**Blessings Margaret, Alison & Douglas** 

#### **New Post**

We're recruiting a new member of staff to work alongside lvy and Jennifer. The closing date for applications is past with interviews at end of October so we hope that a new person will be starting later this year or early next year.

We can then make contact with more churches and more people with learning disabilities will hear the good news that Jesus loves them.

It's an exciting time in Prospects Across Scotland – please pray God will guide us in it all.

### **Fundraising**

Our desire for the coming year is to expand and develop the work of Prospects Across Scotland. To fund this, our aim is to raise £15k through a variety of ways.



The campaign has been kick started by Lindsey Rowlands, our Treasurer and Trustee in PAS, who raised an amazing £2,250 by completing the Kiltwalk recently. She had a great day and her 12 weeks of training paid off as she walked 22 miles in 5 hrs 42 mins

Irene Munro, Trustee, has also hosted a Tartan Tea and raised £440 and Iris O'Neill and team organised a Pop-up charity shop event which raised £500. Grateful thanks for all the hard work and effort put into each of these events.

We would value prayers for this undertaking but also your help. If you are willing to fundraise in any way please get in touch with Ivy. Every little helps and God willing we will reach our target.





Lindsey at Kiltwalk, Edinburgh

## **Supporting the work of Prospects Across Scotland**

- By praying if you don't already get our prayer diary please ask Jennifer
- By giving financially either a one-off gift or by monthly standing order - see details on our website or contact lvy
- By shopping—we are now registered with Amazon and Give as you live https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ https://www.giveasyoulive.com/ Please remember to use our full name **Prospects Across Scotland** when registering
- By offering practical help as a Trustee, in groups and at events.

## Dates for your diary

- Advent Carol Concert 27th November at 2.30 pm - Westwoodhill Church, East Kilbride
- Holiday weekend at Tulliallan 12-14th May 2023

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## **New Website - Coming Soon**





Charity Pop-**Up-Shop** at **Brightons** Parish Church



Fun at Conon Bridge Tartan Tea event