

# OUR NEWS

Scottish Borders Branch

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"AN AWARENESS WEEK SPECIAL"	AN AWARENESS WEEK TO REMEMBER
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Saturday</u></b></p> <p>Awareness Week for us kicked off on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April for the Borders Branch with an information table and collection at Tesco's in Galashiels, and what a day we had, Gary supported by David Brydon, Helen Byers and her sister Anne, never stopped all day.</p> <p>In saying that Anne managed to fit in a walk up Gala Hill, then a visit to Auld Gala House as well as helping us out with enquiries from the public.</p> <p>Mr. Brydon has been entered into the Guinness Book of Records for the most stand-ups in a 6-hour period!! (a stand-up is where a person goes from a seating position to a standing position then back to sitting down), as people saw our table as they came down the escalator, then saw Dave who had just sat-down, then</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hello Dave, how ye bin? Stand-up Bye Dave sit-down Oh, hi Dave stand-up</p> <p>Mr Brydon managed an amazing 1,415 stand-ups in 6 hours!!!! At the end of a busy day it was time to tally up the collecting tins and the total donated on Saturday was <b>£384</b> amazing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p>A new one for the group having an information table on the Sabbath, Gary was joined by Tony Taylor for a bit on Sunday, and by now we were getting the hang of the walkalator!!</p> <p>It does move quite slowly and Gary sussed out if you make eye contact with someone as they come down the walkalator, the guilt takes over and as they near the bottom the guilt takes hold and they find it hard to walk on by!!</p> <p>Terribly cheeky I know, but it works!!</p> <p>At the end of the day the counting of the tins revealed a staggering <b>£262!!</b> So, the total for Tesco came to a fantastic <b>£646</b> not bad for 8 hours work and a superb start to Awareness Week a big Thank You to our volunteers and Tesco, also a big Thank You goes to the customers for making our 2 days there a success.</p> <div data-bbox="619 1697 943 1939" data-label="Image"> </div>

## BORDERS PARKY'S WHAT'S ON GUIDE

### DIARY DATES

#### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm - 4pm**

Chaplaincy Monday Meeting,  
Chaplaincy Centre, BGH

PARKY BRAIN ON THE BORDERS CUP  
QUIZ

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE  
BORDERS?

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm - 4pm**

Hawick Cuppa Ana Chat, Frank  
Scott Court, Hawick

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6.30pm - 8pm**

Young Parky Buddies Meeting,  
Wetherspoons, Galashiels

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 10am - 12pm**

Peebles Cuppa Ana Chat,  
Community Centre, Peebles

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – 1pm - 3pm**

Newcastleon Cuppa Ana Chat,  
Health Centre, Newcastleon

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm - 4pm**

Chaplaincy Monday Meeting,  
Chaplaincy Centre, BGH

SINGING WITH PARKINSONS  
WITH WENDY TAYLOR

#### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 2pm - 4pm**

Hawick Cuppa Ana Chat, Frank  
Scott Court, Hawick

NORMAL NEWSLETTER SHALL RETURN  
NEXT MONTH.

# COMING UP...

## Monday (the day of the I.T. blips!!)

Onto the Monday and the 10<sup>th</sup> April saw us setting up a table in the BGH, courtesy of Margaret Shiell and Jennifer Brown, who had baked for Britain!!! Also on sale we had a selection of goods from Walkerburn Craft Club!! During the morning members of the group had dropped in with some home baking for the table, in the morning Margaret and Jennifer were joined by Co and John from Peebles till 1, oor Gary had to depart just before half eleven to check on ticket sales for Saturdays big concert, his parting words to Jennifer were there's folk here at 1 pm Jennifer an ah'll be back 2'ish. On arriving back at the BGH, Gary found Jennifer at the table alone, the back shift hadnae turned up, or was it an I.T. blip from oor Gary, me and the rest of the Borders Branch put their money on it being another one of Gary's by now legendary I.T. blips!!!

Thankfully, Jennifer stayed on till the end of the day. Thankfully for Gary. While Jennifer an Gary were having a blether about Tuesday Gary suddenly checked his diary to find out who was joining him on Tuesday for the day, then realised he was babysitting Olly an Jack all day!!! A job he does every Tuesday and Thursday but he had forgot he was doin' it.

He and Jennifer were trying to think of a way around this when the emergency 24 hour 'Gary's made another deliberate mistake helpline rang!!!' We are very grateful that Margaret Sheill and Billy Duff were going to join Jennifer, Gina Allan, Malcolm Slorencia at various times of the day (phew!!) When it came to totalling up the takings for the day, the sale of home baking totalled a stupendous £204!! That's a lot of home baking by the way!! A tremendous amount of hard work had been put in the day so thank you to all.



## Tuesday

Day two of the home baking table some donations oahome baking got handed in on the morning, then Elizabeth from Kelso arrived with baking from herself and also, we think from everyone in the street, this alongside other goods on sale helped bring the total of takings taken for the day £186!! The total for both days came to £390, to all who donated goods or gave up their time to help out, a big Thank You, and to all patients and staff of the BGH a big Thank You for helping us achieve such an awesome amount. As Joanna Lumley would say £390 for 2 days at the BGH is "absolutely fabulous!!"

## Saturday (the next one)

This was the day of the big Scocha fund-raising concert, ticket sales had really gone great with the Sold-Out sign having' to be put up before Saturday. The public poured into the Volunteer Halls in Galloping Shiels buying Raffle tickets by the dozen as they entered, for the first prize, which was a 3-foot-tall chocolate bunny!!

By 7.30 the Volunteer Halls were bursting at the seams, and extra tables and chairs were being put up.



Scocha didn't disappoint, an everyone who brought their dancing shoes made guid use oahem. At the interval, we found out the 3-foot-tall chocolate bunny had been won by George Douglas oah Selkirk. George then came up wi the idea of auctioning off the bunny, the bunny sold for £70 and was purchased by the table from Liliesleaf (Leaf Crew). Who then invited Gary to join a couple from the Leaf Crew, Lesley and Gerry Graham on Sunday at the BGH as they were going to present this 3ft bunny, now christened Jive to the children's ward 'Noah's Ark'. They also gave a cash donation to the ward from the Leaf Crew!! Absolutely Magic!!

Saturday night was a huge success, and cash is still being totalled as we went to print so watch this space. But this Charity Concert didnae just happen, a tremendous amount of hard work went on behind the scenes not only on the night but prior to the 15<sup>th</sup>. So, we would like to say a muckle big Thank You to Oor Nurse and Fund Raising Specialist Jill Anderson and her family an friends, David Chapman of Scocha, Niki's Bar in Gala, and everyone else who helped in any way even if only bought or sold a ticket, thank you to you all!!

All in all, one of the most successful 'Awareness Weeks' the Borders Branch has had.....

How do you follow that???

## MORE INFORMATION

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