

Wheels in Motion

News

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The year started well, with the 'Wheels in motion' on New Year's Day!

With Christmas and New Year falling on a Thursday, we decided we would keep the Wheels in motion, and serve the most vulnerable in our community during what can be a particularly difficult time for them. For some, it is a time when the reality of absent family and friends feels particularly hard to bear. So with many willing volunteers, and the support of local butcher Pollock Williamson, we served 'Rolls in Roast', Trifle, and copious amounts of hot drinks and cakes! To add to the atmosphere we had a cheery sing song, with everyone smiling and joining in – around 15 people attended, both on Christmas night and New Year. A simple gift of a chocolate plaque was given, and everyone showed such appreciation, which was very humbling.



Goodbye Jimmy...

In the past months we have had to bid farewell to one of our most committed,



enthusiastic and entertaining service users, Jimmy. Jimmy had his regular seat on the bus, week after week. Sadly Jimmy passed away, and a real void was felt at the bus. Some service users have found it difficult to come back, as it is a place that they associate closely with him. Please pray for those who are grieving. Jimmy loved his music, and just a few weeks before gifted me his tape player, so I could hear some of his home made tapes...he was a character, and is sadly missed.

Volunteers

Over the years, we have been blessed by more and more volunteers becoming involved with Wheels in motion. The most delightful thing is the range of people, ages and different backgrounds – this means everyone brings something unique, and different people connect with different service users!

Just as all the volunteers are different, so are the service users, and God is using our differences to minister to people from all walks of life.



Hope!

You may remember we have mentioned James before, with many prayer requests for him as he completed Christianity Explored, and seemed to be really searching for a relationship with God. The good news is, the search is over! James became a Christian in May, making a choice to commit his life to God and accept him into his heart as his own and personal Saviour. Since then James has regularly attended New Prestwick Baptist Church, coming along to both services on a Sunday as well as additional events, and has begun a Discipleship Explored course. We give God the glory for James' salvation, and are grateful for the volunteer support he continues to provide for Wheels in motion.



Say cheese!

Working full time as an Oral Health Project Lead, I recognised an opportunity to work in partnership with Wheels in motion to support people to attend a Dental Clinic. For many, poor oral hygiene plays a big part in low self esteem and lack of confidence. Teaming up with Stevie McLean, Volunteer Peer Worker (and previous service user of Wheels in motion!) we put a pilot in place to support those who are struggling with homelessness or substance misuse to access a dentist, by arranging appointments and facilitating travel. Currently four service users are undergoing treatment, and three have already completed their treatment – all said what a difference it has made to them! This is all fitting with our practical approach, aiming to show love in action.

Christmas Fayre

Following the success of last year, we will be holding another Christmas Fayre, with a number of exciting stalls where you can start your Christmas shopping! You will also have the chance to enjoy some tasty home baking and hot drinks. The date is Saturday 14th November at New Prestwick Baptist Church, from 10am - 1pm. Save the date!



Birthdays!

This summer we had the opportunity to celebrate two special birthdays, as Billy turned 50 and Jean turned 60! Both seemed delighted with their cards, cakes and presents, with Jean enjoying the attention slightly more than Billy! We wish them both a Happy Birthday and pray that they will get to know Jesus, and be able to celebrate another birthday when they accept him as their Saviour.



Blessed are the 'piece' makers

Another huge help recently has been Eleanor and Jim Wilson taking responsibility for making up the rolls has been a huge help of late, and we are very grateful! With around 100 rolls each week, it can be quite a task, but this practical gesture is just another way that our volunteers show their commitment to Wheels in motion. We have no doubt that God will bless them for this, as well as their continued support attending the bus too.



Prayer requests

Continued guidance and provision for the future

Safety for both volunteers and clients.

That we can continue to act as a bridge to Broken Chains, and other local services.

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“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in”
Matthew 25v35

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