

FOCUS



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Laura's Letter

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the Christmas presents that we received from the Members – once again we are all very touched that you took the time and expense to give us gifts and they were very much appreciated (and enjoyed!).

I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who gave a donation to the Society. I am very aware that the cost of everything has gone through the roof, so for us to receive donations at this time is rather humbling.

We had a very busy time here over the Christmas period with Christmas lunches and our annual Christmas Extravaganza Show. The show was a heartwarming celebration filled with joy, laughter, and festive spirit. It was a great success enjoyed by the family and friends of many of our members who came along to watch.

I have to say that our cook Nicky, took on the challenge of preparing, on two separate occasions, 3 course Christmas lunches for approximately 16 people each time. Needless to say Nicky made it

look easy and thank you so much for providing such tasty food. If you haven't been down to the Society to try one of Nicky's lovely lunches you are truly missing out! Just give us a call and we will fit you in!

The start of January was a little quiet in the Society but the activities are starting to be well attended again – perhaps due to the promise of longer days and Spring on the horizon. However, there's always room for more Members to attend, so please take a look at the Activities Timetable at the back of this FOCUS and if there's anything that appeals to you, please feel free to join us!

We are looking forward to another busy year and we would love to see more of you so please come down and give an activity a try – you might like it!

Hope to see you soon!

Laura

Christmas Extravaganza Fun Drum



Christmas Extravaganza Seated Dancing



Name Change

As agreed at the AGM in October we will be changing our name from Dundee Blind and Partially Sighted Society to **Sight Support and Social Hub**. It was decided that this new name covers everything we do and highlights, that as well as offering help and support, we are also a social hub for all our members to come to and take part in activities, have lunch or just simply have a natter and a cup of tea.

I am pleased to announce that our name has now been officially registered at Companies House so over the coming months we will be rebranding the Society with our new name, but I'd like to reassure you that the name will be the only change. Everything we already offer will stay the same and you will still be greeted by the same lovely staff if you pay us a visit.

If anyone would like to have a chat about the change please give us a call.

Save the Date!

We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 2nd July at 11.00am so we are giving you plenty of time to put it in your diary!

We will be open for all Members to come in and meet the team, try out the activities and sample some of Nicky's cooking!!

We will have more information in the Summer Focus at the beginning of June, but we hope to see you there!

YOUTH AND PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE (YPI)

Yippee, they won! We are delighted to announce that Gino, Miller, Hordy and Alfie made it through to the final of the YPI and made their presentation to the panel of judges in December. They had some stiff competition from other charities in Dundee, but their complete engagement with us shone through.

The boys made several visits to see us. They found out about the various eye conditions our members have and the impact it has on their daily lives, with the members being able to share their individual experiences. The boys combined all of this into an amazing presentation for the judges watched by our Ainslay, who was moved to tears.

A huge heartfelt thanks goes out from all our members to the boys for winning £3,000 for us. All our funding comes from donations and fundraising so this sum is very welcome.

DBPSS & NESS

Drop-in sessions

We will be continuing our collaboration with the Ness drop-in sessions in the New Year, with the first session aimed at giving you help with IT and technology, which may be a great help indeed if Santa has bought you anything new for Christmas and you need a little bit of help.

The date for the drop-in is:

Thursday 20th March 2025 – ICT accessible technology

Clocks Spring Forward!



A little reminder that clocks all move forward one hour on Sunday 30th March. If anyone needs any assistance with clock changes then please let us know.

Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle

It's time for our Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle again!

Tickets are priced £2 available from reception or any of the team.



FUNDRAISING EVENT – FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

We are excited to announce a fundraising event in support of the Sight Support and Social Hub, formerly known as Dundee Blind and Partially Sighted Society. This event aims to bring our community together to raise funds in aid of our charity.



Sight Support & Social Hub previously known as Dundee
Blind & Partially Sighted Society

FUNDRAISING EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP WITH KAREN DOCHERTY

Friday 27th June 2025
Ticketed Event Only
£17.50
7PM START

Craigie Bowling Club
55 Dalkeith Road
Dundee
DD4 7JJ

Tickets can be purchased from
Laura or Helen
by calling 01382 227101



Christmas Hamper Raffle

We were so pleased to be able to hold our Christmas Hamper Raffle again this year!!

Well done to all the winners who are listed below. It is always a popular part of Christmas and again helps to raise funds for the society, a grand total of £396.00 was raised.

The draw was made at our Christmas Show and the winner were as follows:

Large Hamper – Channyn Hart
Luxury M&S Hamper – Ellen Barr
Medium Hamper – Bob Jackson
Small Hamper – Arlene Chambers
Toiletry Hamper – Bob Jackson
Moet Champagne – May
Wine and Chocolates – Scott McEwan
Care Package – Norma Douglas
Wine Package – Jean Wilson
M&S Voucher – Ellen Barr
M&S Voucher – Eddie Piper
Christmas Wreath – Margaret Brannan
Christmas Wreath – Paul Chambers

TANNERS AND BOBS

Back in the days of tanners and bobs,

When mothers had patience and fathers had jobs.
When football team families wore hand me down shoes,
And TV gave only two channels to choose.

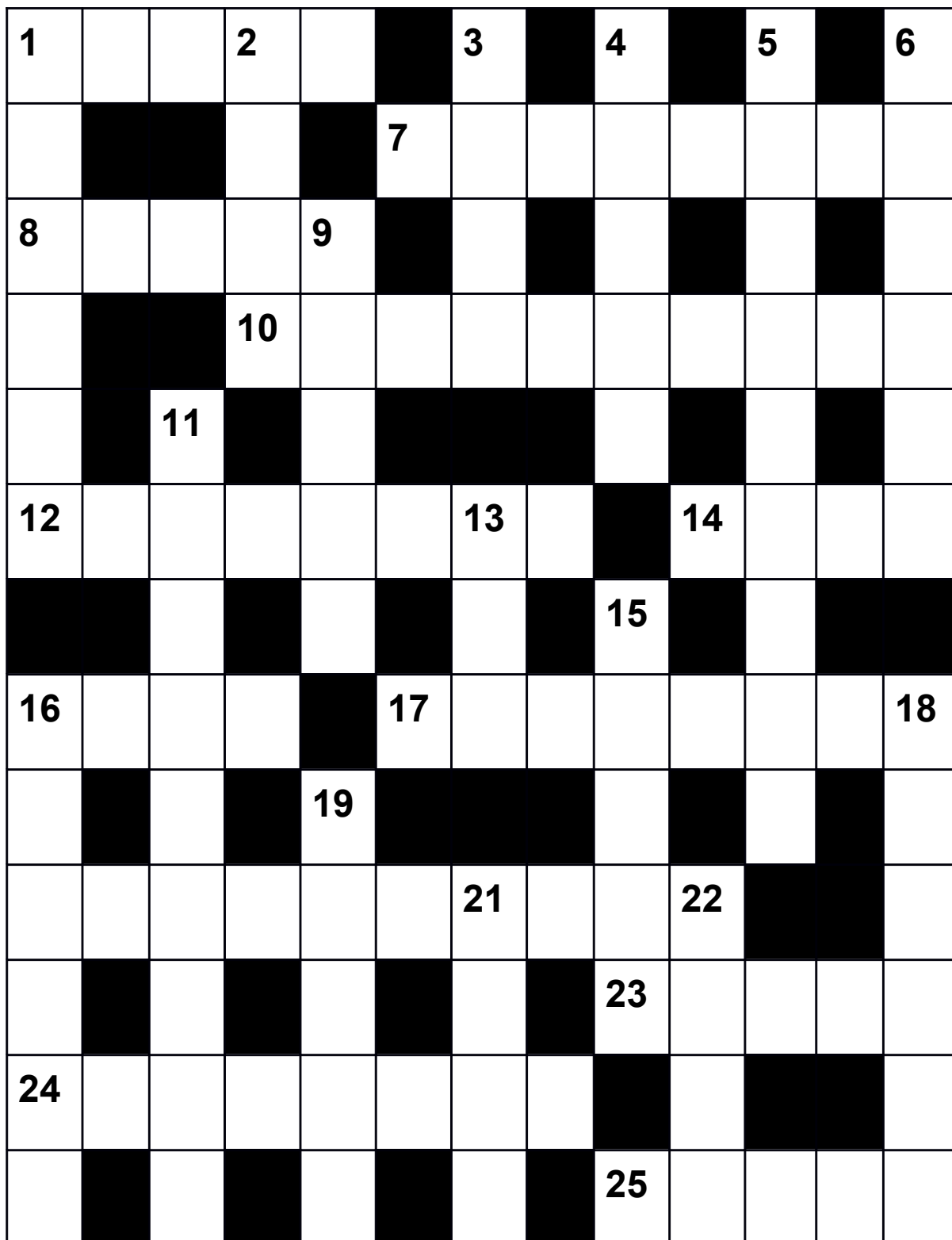
Back in the days of threepenny bits,
When schools employed nurses to search for your nits.
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted
And all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.

Back in the days of hot ginger beers,
When children remained so for more than six years.
When children respected what older folk said.
And pot was a thing you kept under your bed.

Back in the days of Listen with Mother,
When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.
When cars were so rare you could play in the street.
When Doctors made house calls; Police walked the beat.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Puzzle Time



CLUES ACROSS

1 – HONESTY (5)

7 – SINGLE MAN (8)

- 8 – LARGE STREAM OF WATER (5)**
- 10 – DELICIOUS (10)**
- 12 – AWFUL (8)**
- 14 – BRISK PACE (4)**
- 16 – JAPANESE WRESTLING (4)**
- 17 – DATA PROCESSOR (8)**
- 20 – ABSURD (10)**
- 23 – STAR OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (5)**
- 24 – COCKTAIL WINE (8)**
- 25 – ANECDOTE (5)**

CLUES DOWN

- 1 – CASTLE TOWER (6)**
- 2 – TETHERED (4)**

- 3 – GLEN (4)
- 4 – JIMMY _____, SNOOKER PLAYER (5)
- 5 – HIGHLY DETAILED (9)
- 6 – TOP-PRIORITY (6)
- 9 – SEND (5)
- 11 – ONE-HUMPED CAMEL (9)
- 13 – ACTOR, _____ MCKERN (3)
- 15 – GUSH (5)
- 16 – TRY HARD (6)
- 18 – ACTUALLY (6)
- 19 – THESPIAN (5)
- 21 – THIN STRIP OF WOOD (4)
- 22 – CARBON DEPOSIT (4)

WORD SEARCH

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WORD SEARCH – BOTTLE IT!

ARCHERY

ATHLETICS

KARATE

LACROSSE

**BOBSLEIGH
BOXING
CANOEING
GYMNASTICS
HOCKEY
JUDO**

**LUGE
NETBALL
ROWING
SHOOTING
SKIING**

So-Duko

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Puzzle Time

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