

Summer Newsletter

Summer is here!

For most of us, this is a good time of year to get out and about and at JCS we are taking advantage of the better weather to have outings with the club members and we all enjoyed a day out in Troon last month.



We are busy with a wide range of outdoor events too – the Kamares Garden Opening was a great success and we have the JCS Golf Day coming up soon.

Sadly, not everyone finds it easy to get out even when the weather is kinder and the nights lighter. We are so grateful to our dedicated team of befrienders who faithfully visit clients in the community to help brighten up their day. Sometimes it's a case of taking

someone out of the house for a while but other times the befriender is just there to chat and to listen and to bring a little sunshine into the client's home.

Is this something you could do? Our befrienders come from all walks of life and give a couple of hours a week to help make life so much better for an older person. Do contact Jennifer Watson on 0141 620 1800 if you would like to get involved in this rewarding volunteer work. We have clients who are waiting for someone like you to come along.

A heartfelt thanks to all our supporters, volunteers and staff who together do so much and enable JCS to bring sunshine to so many lives.

Best wishes,
Kevin Simpson
CEO

AGM and Minibus Update

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the minibus appeal. We have been extremely honoured by the response from our supporters.

We have made tweaks to our programme which means we will now operate with two minibuses and a wheelchair accessible car. We will be revealing our brand spanking new vehicles at our AGM which will take place on **Sunday 4th September** and everyone is welcome to come along.



Day Centre News...

Our **Aviv club members** tried their hands at flower arranging on Wednesday 20th July.

Our Community Engagement Officer, Sarah Rushbrooke, trained as a florist before working for JCS and was eager to share her expertise with the club members.

Sarah showed them all how to make hand tied vase arrangements and shared some helpful tips

how to care for flowers.

The selection of flowers included red roses, chrysanthemums, gypsophila as well as some wonderfully scented stocks.

The class really enjoyed themselves and learnt lots of floristry tips; they also got to take home their arrangements.



Troon Outing

Our annual summer outing to Troon took place on **Thursday 16th June**. The Thistle and Aviv club members, along with a team of dedicated volunteers and staff, travelled by coach and minibus to spend a delightful afternoon at the **Troon Walker Hall**.

The hall was decorated with fresh flowers by volunteers and Kosher Kitchens catered the event. Club members were treated to a lunch of poached salmon and cocktail chopped fried

gefilte fish with salad. This was followed by apple pie and cream.

After lunch club members enjoyed musical entertainment and some even had a dance! The rain held off for the afternoon so people were able to venture down to the sea front.

The outing was finished off with tea, coffee and home baking.



Volunteer News

We held our **Volunteer Appreciation Event** on **Wednesday 8th June**, as part of Volunteers' Week. Volunteers were treated to a buffet catered by Mark's Deli and cake provided by Newlands Bakery.

Kevin Simpson thanked everyone for all their hard work and highlighted how important volunteers were to JCS. The guest speaker, Alan Stevenson, gave an entertaining talk on his experiences with volunteering and what it meant to him to be a volunteer.

The evening also included a quiz about JCS, a quick introduction to Facebook by Sarah Rushbrooke, Community Engagement Officer, and a goody bag to thank everyone attending.



A blooming success!

JCS were the beneficiary charity for the Kamares Garden Opening for the second year running. The opening was a huge success; we raised over **£1000**.

Kamares is the home of Laura and Derek Harrison. Their beautiful garden includes a well-established pond, a collection of acers, colourful mixed shrub and herbaceous border.

We are extremely thankful that Laura and Derek chose JCS to be the beneficiary charity again. Despite the weather we had over **100 visitors** and sold **110 strawberry teas**. We would like to

say a huge thank you to all the JCS volunteers who helped on the day and donated baking, to all the visitors who came along to support us and to Scotland's Gardens.



Getting to know: Helen

Helen Provan recently joined the JCS team as a Social Work student.

Q: What's your favourite thing about JCS?

A: Everyone who seeks support whether practical or financial is not turned away

Q: If a genie gave you one wish, what would you wish for?

A: Someone to fill in all pot holes in Glasgow

Q: What is the most interesting thing you have in your purse?

A: Photo of my daughter

Q: If you were famous, what would you be famous for?

A: Homemade soups

Q: What do you like to do on a rainy day?

A: Sit on the sofa and read a good book with my cats curled up beside me

Q: What have you done that you are most proud of?

A: I left a permanent full-time job and became a full-time student at 40 and surviving!

Caring for our community since 1858



How you can help

Keep up to date

Lots of great things happen at JCS and we love to share these with our supporters and fans on social media.

If you want to keep up to date with all our news you can find 'Jewish Care Scotland' on Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn or @JCareScot on Twitter.

If you have a story or event you want to feature online please get in touch with Sarah Rushbrooke on 0141 620 1800 or sarahr@jcarescot.org.uk



There's many different ways you can show your support for **Jewish Care Scotland**:

- Make a donation
- Leave a gift in your will
- Volunteer with us
- Take on a challenge
- Join the 500 Club
- Attend one of our events

For more information please contact Elspeth Campbell, Fundraising Manager, on 0141 620 1800 or email elspethc@jcarescot.org.uk



Upcoming events

So far we have had a very successful year for fundraising events. Don't worry if you missed them as we have more planned for the rest of the year!

Next up will be our first every charity **Golf Day**. This will take place on **Thursday 15th September** at Bonnyton Golf Club. The entry fee is £350 per team of 4. We're also looking for sponsorship and prizes for this event.

If you want to get involved with this event, or would like to hold your own fundraising event then please get in touch with Elspeth Campbell on 0141 620 1800 or elspethc@jcarescot.org.uk.

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