

NEWS BULLETIN from Shopper-Aide January 2021

The Shopper-Aide Virtual Tea Parties

Date	Sponsor	Goodie Supplier
13 th Jan	Age Scotland	Coop
17 th Feb	Independent Age	Tan Black
17 th Mar	West Kintyre	Food for Thought



Christmas window

A Happy New Year to one and all for 2021

While not the start of the year we had hoped for we do know that the vaccine is on its way & we can only hope that we do not have to wait too long. In the meantime we soldier on but to warn you, be aware of a scam with regard to the vaccine. You will be contacted by your local surgery who already know your details and will NOT ask for names addresses, dates of birth or other details because they already know them. Neither will you have to pay for it so you do not need to give any bank details.

Keeping occupied during Lockdown (again)

There are many different ways we can keep ourselves busy over the next few weeks & while waiting to get the vaccine.

- Stay in touch with others – phone, social media, Facetime, send a letter & chat across the fence.
- Keep busy – you can only do so much housework – we have books, jigsaws, arts & crafts materials, wool, photo albums & memory books so please just ask, your phone buddie or call us on 01586 551600.
- Get Active – if you can get out for a walk do so but wrap up well, however, if not make sure you move around as much as possible.
- Look after yourself – if feeling down – tell someone & don't neglect your physical health. The NHS is still open.
- Help someone else – we are all in the same position so giving someone a call, sending a letter or a socially distance chat will not just boost you but others.

Shopper-Aide is lucky to have many volunteers who help support our work in many ways including over the Christmas period. So a special thank you to those who provided their time, gifts & funds.

Joy Bidmead made all the cards you received & with her sister, Debbie, made the felt & woollen figures for the decorations which were put together by Helen Dick, Morag McMillan & Joan Stewart.



Figures made by Joy and Debbie to be attached by Helen, Morag & Joan.



Morag dressing our window with the houses made by Primary School and Learning Support Grammar School children to make up our Wee Toon.

A big thank you to all the children who contributed to making our window so festive.

The Christmas Raffle was a great success (£1,383) so thank you to everyone who bought tickets.



The first 3 prizes went to Chris McNeil, Shona Anderson & Lesley Harvey.

(Picture shows Directors Susan Paterson & Hamish McMillan with the first two prizes).



The West Kintyre Community Fund has purchased a new vehicle for us named Westie & will be exceptionally useful to us. (Pictured Margaret Pratt (Convener, Susan Paterson & Alistair McMurchy)

Since lockdown on 23rd March to 31st December we did over 3940 shops.

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