

Ben View lunch club goes Doon the Watter - Tuesday, 03 November 2009

The Ben View Lunch Club in Dumbarton is moving along on the crest of a wave ... despite the recession.

Not everything has been plain sailing for the Strathleven Place-based club in recent times though.

Like many charitable organisations in the area, the club is struggling for funds in one of the worst financial recessions in living memory.

And it could do with a few more volunteers to serve the lunches to the elderly clients who come along to the centre every day.

The Ben View Centre serves more than 100 lunches each week and provides companionship and days out for local senior citizens.

One recent outing involved 45 members and volunteer carers taking a day trip Doon the Watter from Glasgow to Largs on board the iconic paddle steamer PS Waverley.

They then went into the world famous Nardini's restaurant and ice cream parlour for a delicious lunch of fish and chips before enjoying some time in the shops in Largs and then making their way home by bus.

Geraldine Rainey, of the Ben View Centre, said: "The trip was made possible by a generous donation from the Lennox 200 Club, which is run by the Rotary Club of Dumbarton.

"The transport was provided by West Dunbartonshire Council's Social Work Department.

"We would like to thank our great volunteers who gave up their time to make this a memorable day for our members.

"We need more volunteers to come along and help us to provide the companionship and serve the lunches to the old folk.

"It's a pleasurable way to get out of the house during the day and to do something worthwhile and enjoy the companionship of all the people at Ben View."

* You can get in touch with the Ben View Resource Centre to volunteer by calling 01389 733030 and asking for Alison, Geraldine or Elaine.

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