

# **Hark Back Event Good Morning Larne**

## **1940s Reminiscence in Larne**

The most recent event was our Hark Back Reminiscing Event, which we planned in order to promote local services which support older people, to remember Larne in the 1940s, and enjoy a lunch with all our friends. The event also coincided with Good Morning Larne 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and with your funding we were able to make this an even bigger celebration than we could have imagined.

The highlight of the event had to be the Remembering Larne in the 1940s. Staff, volunteers and some clients came with hair, make up and outfits of the era. Many clients chatting about our hair and stockings with the lines, recalling how they or their mothers wore the same styles. We had the venue decorated with bunting made of string, brown paper and doilies, and the tables adorned with flowers from the time, framed photographs of film stars of the period, old familiar sweets as favours for everyone, and each place mat a different local photograph of somewhere in the borough of Larne from the past. Everyone also enjoyed the presentations from invited guests Olivia Nash, Liam Kelly and John and Marlene Ritchie, who took everyone back in time with their local and personal stories of Larne, some of its infamous people, wartime efforts, poems and songs.

Every effort was made by our speakers, as well as our staff and volunteers to give our clients the best opportunity to receive the benefits of sharing stories and remembering with one another and it truly exceeded our expectations.

In addition, the funding towards transporting our clients was vital, as it allowed our clients to safely travel to and from this event to benefit from all the information, food and fun provided. Without this many would have been unable to attend.

The event also provided an additional opportunity for our volunteer team to come together, enhancing our team work, and allowing them all to experience first-hand the rewards supporting our clients bring.

For all of the above we are extremely grateful, and look forward to planning our next project.

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