



Friday 6th January 2023

Hi Everyone,

Well, what a night!

The big happening this week was of course Thursday evening's fundraising event - An Evening with Lorna Luft and Worbey & Farrell.

We welcomed an audience of over 260 to St Andrew's & St George's on George St where Kevin & Stephen (Worbey & Farrell) got the evening underway by treating everyone to a highly engaging opening 45 minute set - from classical piano standards, through boogie woogie to a singalong Bohemian Rhapsody! Mesmerising musicianship. A superb start.



Then Lorna. A Broadway star. Daughter of Judy Garland. A voice that has filled and filled Carnegie Hall, there on stage performing for us. We all know the great show tunes, of course. But here was someone so profoundly connected to those very tunes sharing stories and singing those numbers! Who would have thought it?

You may have been here at Granton when Lorna visited us Monday; learning more of our story, sharing soup and making friends. Well, on the night Lorna was at pains to tell our story and was emphatic about continuing to support what we do. We have a new friend!

So, whilst these things tend to be measured by the funds raised. That's the point, right? The magic, the real magic, is in the endeavour, how everyone comes

together, the experience, the widening of understanding and connecting to the cause, the forming of new relationships. In these and in every other respect, the evening was a success. If you were there, and many of you were, thank you and we hope you felt the same.



The night would not have been possible without Mike & Sandra Clay who's friendship with Lorna, Kevin & Stephen enabled all of this; for the idea, for the generosity of connecting us and for facilitating the venue....Without Emily, who pulled all of this amazing evening together, thought of everything and organised everyone....Without Scott & Fi and all involved in the preparation and cooking of the delicious Supporters' Dinner - we held afterwards....Without Dylan and all who, faced with a que of hundreds, ran the bar impeccably....Without Mary-Margaret from St Andrew's & St George's for all her help, patience and understanding on the night....Without Lisa Stephenson for her wisdom, guidance, and passionate encouragement.....

And finally, without the volunteers who helped us make it happen on the night, who welcomed, ushered, poured and served, cleared and cleaned, listened, cared and helped.....Marianne, Lynda, Fiona, Moyra, Sally, Sylvia, Maureen, Christine, Olivia, Celine, Jackie, Lynn and Marta. You were all absolutely fabulous.

Bravo Everyone!

Now, how on earth do we follow that?

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mike, Janet and Martin