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Dear Caroline

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Cabinet's Year of Food and Drink reception in Stirling, and for contributing to a superb showcase.

It was good to meet you and I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to sample some of your excellent cupcakes.

I, along with the rest of my Cabinet colleagues, very much enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to meet with a range of people, and taste some excellent local produce. I hope there will be many more events across the Stirling region, and Scotland, throughout the Year of Food and Drink to further boost Scotland's reputation as Land of Food and Drink.

Nicola Sturgeon
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p.s The cupcakes were delicious!



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28th April 2011

Dear Caroline

Thank you very much indeed for the wonderful cake that you supplied for the 30th Birthday Party of the Hospice. We were really impressed that you had managed to get our logo on the cake so effectively and the cake looked beautiful and was delicious to eat.

We used the cake in our photograph and the Falkirk Herald, Alloa Advertiser and Stirling Observer all took photographs of the cake and some of our original staff cutting it. As you know, we had a Tea Party for about 20 members of staff who worked here on the very first day that the Hospice opened 30 years ago, and they were delighted to come back and reminisce and were thrilled that we had gone to the trouble of procuring such a wonderful cake. The cake was then eaten by patients, visitors and staff throughout the weekend.

Thank you once again for this very generous gesture.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Irene McKie
Director





SPECIAL DAY: Current managing director Irene McKie and matron Marjory MacKay are pictured holding the cake with staff and friends from 30 years ago.

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Hospice celebrates 30 years of caring



FORMER staff and friends of Strathcarron Hospice took a trip down memory lane recently when the Denny-based hospice celebrated its 30th birthday.

Since its opening on April 21, 1981, the hospice has provided palliative care for patients across central Scotland but the idea of a hospice and the planning started back in 1975 when Dr Harold Lyon met with a few friends to consider whether their vision of "professional excellence and Christian compassion in a place that would be a home from home" was achievable.

The hospice purchased the house, Randolph Hill, in 1978, and spent nearly £250,000 converting it to provide 12 beds but there was always an aspiration to have a purpose-built in-patient unit as well as day care, home care and education services – all of this has been achieved gradually over the last 30 years.

The annual income and expenditure for the first year was from £79,776 – the current level is £5,285,000.

Photos and articles from the past 30 years were displayed on boards, giving former staff and friends the chance to reminisce.



BIRTHDAY CAKE: Top, Irene McKie with hospice administrator Billy Andrew and Marjory MacKay and above, former matron Molly Parsons (centre) with ex-nurse Cathy McRobbie and cook Jean Kemp, who has worked at the hospice since day one.

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To Caroline

I know this is about 6 or 7 weeks late (the cards took forever!) but we would like to say a huge thank you to you. You're a star ☆

Our wedding cake was gorgeous to look at and to eat. There was none left at the end of the night. Think everyone loved it. We have some photos if you would like some or you could look on our photographers website. Think she can e-mail you some if you would like to use them. Just e-mail and ask, she's lovely. Hope everything's going well with the business. We would definatley reccomend you. Love
Lynne & Abin.

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28th February 2011

Dear Caroline,

Thank you for coming into our classroom and giving up some of your time to talk to us.

We enjoyed when you told us about how much a wedding cake would usually cost. We also enjoyed when we got to try some of your yummy scrummy cupcakes!

We had a successful wedding and reception, it was a shame you couldn't come. The winning group was Dunblane Hydro, and they were really happy! Lots of parents left comments and many of them mentioned your display cake!

I think when I'm older if you're still doing the cake business I'll buy a wedding cake from you

Yours Sincerely
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