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What's On

- **Aug 3rd-10th Windsurfing World championships Largs. Racing starts 10am till late afternoon, based at the Yacht Marina – The 'Pencil' would be a good vantage point .**
- **8th August Public Meeting – 7.30pm McKillop Institute, Development in Lochwinnoch**

Lochwinnoch's Champion Wind Surfer adds to his Titles.

Peter Bird from Lochwinnoch has won the North Sea Cup, The Northern European Windsurfing Series. The series was contested at four events Grevelinngen, Holland; Ostend, Belgium; Herne Bay, UK and Wimereux, France. This adds to Peter's growing reputation and the village should be proud of his achievements.

You have a chance to see him in action at the forthcoming Windsurfing World Championships due to be held in Largs between the 3rd and 10th August this summer.

Stop Press Lochwinnoch Dream or Nightmare

The proposal to build 200 executive houses on the cooperage sites – including Veivfield Football field – is bound to cause controversy.

Do we need more executive houses? Will the new houses regenerate the village?

Have your say at a Public Meeting in the McKillop Institute on Thursday 8th August.

Rumanians Visit Lochwinnoch

Last month a group of six from Rumania's University of Targoviste visited the village. They were on a UK tour funded by the World Bank. The group chose to visit East Lochhead Country House to learn about the rehabilitation

of farm building to form an award winning, environmentally responsible tourism enterprise.

Ross Anderson gave a presentation tracing the development of the farm and on the commitment to quality and care for the environment.

The Rumanians also learned of the development of farmer's markets from Howard Wilkinson. They ended their trip by enjoying a Taste of Scotland lunch that consisted of home grown produce from East Lochhead

Calderside FC News

Sunday June 16th was a red letter day for both Calderside F.C. teams. 1989's (under 12's. present squad 16 boys). A 5-2 victory in the National Semi-final over A.C. Scotstoun placed the 89's in the National Final against Kilbirnie Ladeside. After a close encounter, Calderside came out on top with a 2-0 win.

1990's (under 11 present squad 16 boys) With 6 wins and a draw out of 7 games, the 90's won the Campbelltown Football Festival in their age group. Full match reports can be found on www.caldersidefc.org.uk.

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Auld Simons Column

I am on holiday and I hope you have a great holiday. See you all in the Autumn

Auld Simon

Gardening Club

Worms are the subject of this months Green Finger column - very interesting they are too. You may not like them, they may make you squirm, but aside from their peculiar love life - always worth a study - they do have an important part to play in the garden .

Worms casts are a fabulous source of compost. A worm produces half of its weight in casts every day. This fecund productivity is now harnessed and worms are put to work in a wormery. A wormery is a kind of compost heap that uses worms to turn kitchen waste - including cooked food - into compost. Wormeries consist of a top layer where the worms operate. Drop your waste into this layer and the worms turn it into liquid and solid compost. Apparently, the worms work so fast there is no smell whatsoever from the wormery. You could, if you wanted - keep it in your front room. Might be more interesting to watch than Channel 5 on a Thursday night. We in this country lag behind the rest of the world in our

use of wormeries. The Americans and the Australians are enthusiastic wormery buffs. You can, of course, get more information on wormeries over the Internet. Search under 'garden worms'. Incidentally, wormeries, complete with worms - cost from about £ 3 0 : 0 0 . Green Finger.

Quality Awards

In November the education and leisure services host their fifth annual quality awards ceremony. An important in recognising the success and achievement of those working in and with education and leisure services.

Awards are given in four categories - learner, staff partnership and customer service . The Education an Leisure Services need your help. They need of nominations for any excellent customer service which your members or your organisation have received from any of the education and leisure services .

Our services include arts, community education, community halls, community libraries, museums, pre-5 education, psycho-

logical services, quality and service development, schools and leisure facilities. A rich and diverse range of services.

One of our service values is listening to those who use our services. Of course, we have a complaints system so that service users can make their views known when something goes wrong.

My invitation to you to make a nomination for our customer service award. This will give you an opportunity to make your views known when something has gone right .

Nomination forms are available on the council's website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Forms can be submitted in person, by post or by e-mail to quality and service development, education and leisure services, Renfrewshire Council, HQ South, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1LE, e-mails@renfrewshire.co.uk

Early returns of your nomination form will be appreciated. Closing date for forms - Friday 30 August 2002. This will allow time for short listing and filming of the short listed nominees. Video clips of the short listed nominees have proved to be popular at previous awards ceremonies .

Organisations who make nominations of short-listed nominees will be invited to be the award giving ceremony. A buffet will be provided and the presentation of awards will be interspersed by musical items presented by talented young musicians from Renfrewshire schools. The judging panel will be happy to consider nominations for in-

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dividuals, teams or facilities
The award will recognise a consistently high standard of customer service or continuously improving customer service. So get nominating

Every Tuesday night in the

Bowling Club

Bowling Club you can enjoy a game of bingo in convivial surroundings. The eyes go down at 7:30pm.

On Friday nights you can enjoy a session of Line Dancing. The line gets drawn at 7:30pm

Sustainable Communities

Recently you may have heard the term Sustainable Communities rear its head. What does it mean you may ask? I asked Liz Nicker-son. Here's her reply: 'The overall arching theme of sustainable communities is raising awareness of how your community works and operates at all levels. It also seeks to discover ways in which local people can get involved in the decision making process that affects the community'

For a community to operate effectively, local people have to build the necessary learning to affect change that will improve the quality of life for individuals at all levels. It is through locals taking the lead on community issues that a truly more cohesive and sustainable future can be secured for Lochwinnoch.

The main aim of the Sustainable Communities project is to encourage local people to use local facilities - shops, community centres, local businesses and local transport.

Losing such amenities in a small village like Lochwinnoch will have detrimental effects on the social, economic and environmental outcomes.

It won't matter to those who have transport to the supermarket giants, but for those who have to rely on public transport the everyday task of buying a loaf could be very difficult

Another important facet of village life is how the village looks and how people feel living in it. The Sustainable Communities project will encourage people to take pride in their local environment. If local people are unhappy with certain appearances or aspects of the village they can enforce change by direct action. Small changes - community clean-ups, fence painting, weed killing and the provision of youth facilities - all these go a big way to improve village life.

The Sustainable Communities project will endeavour to achieve such processes with locals who want to get more actively involved with their community. Through smaller projects such as the youth club, composting scheme and gardening group steps are being taken to pave the way to sustainability.

Here are the latest fiction additions at the Library.

Books – Books

Baker, Anne	Goodbye Liverpool
Burke, Paul	Father Frank
Cheska, Anna	Love-40
Collier, Catrin	Swansea Summer
Deaver, Jeffrey	Hell's Kitchen
Eggleton, Clive	One Man Running
Fforde, Katie	Highland Fling
Hamilton, Ruth	Saturday's Child
Jacobs, Anna	Down Weavers Lane
Kennedy, Jemma	Skywalking
Manby, Chris	Getting Personal
Parker R. B.	Widow's walk
Pilcher, Robin	Starting Over
Shaw Rebecca	A Village Dilemma
Tranter, Nigel	Triple Alliance
Trow M.J.	Maxwell's Reunion

Library opening hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
2:00pm - 5:00pm, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday and Saturday:
10:00am - 1:00pm, 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

Crime Figures
The village crime figures for

Crime Figures

May were:
2 vandalism, 1 reckless conduct, 9 thefts of attempted thefts, 2 road accidents. 1 drunk and incapable. Three crimes were committed out-with the village, there were six detections.

We would like to say a

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Lochwinnoch Village Website. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, News & Events, Local Services, Clubs & Societies, Sports, and Business. The main content area is titled 'http://www.lochwinnoch.info/Business' and contains the following text:

Check out the new online business directory. We have tried to list all the local businesses with a short description and links to websites. If your business does not appear or if you would like to add further information please let us know.

If you don't have a web page then we can create one for you and host it on the site in the directory. Please contact us for further information

http://www. Lochwinnoch.info/Community
Community groups are being added to the website. The Heritage Forum, Play-ground Group and LMEG are already listed. More to follow shortly.

You can contact the team by
e-mail barbara@lochwinnoch.info
Or in writing website drop in box in the local library

Teen Spot

big thank you to Lochwinnoch Nursery for donating £200 to the youth club. Now we have £500 after the £300 we raised from the sponsored clean up .

We have been able to buy some of the resources teenagers want in the youth club. So far we have got snooker and pool, table tennis, art equipment, out door swing ball, hockey and indoor football. But you can just come along to meet new people and have a chat or a game of something with us (we're a right friendly bunch, honest).

When: At the annex in the park

Time: 7:00pm till 10:00pm

Cost: £1.00 (But bring extra for juice and crisps) It would be more comfortable if you if you wore trainers, because you might want to play football or hockey or something .

Come along to the junior multi-activities week on 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th of July. Kids can learn and have fun trying out activities such as canoeing, sailing, mountain biking and raft building - all with qualified instructors. The activities are on at Castle Semple Centre Lochwinnoch .

Times: 10:00am till 12 noon and 1pm till 3:30pm. If you come along could you please bring waterproof clothing warm clothes a towel and a change of shoes and clothing? It is essential to book this outing. An advanced pay-

ment is required, to book phone 01505 842882.

Mountain biking course Sun June 30th 1:30pm until 3:30pm - also at Castle Semple Centre

If you have any information you would like to be added, or any achievements you would like everyone to know about, drop it into the Chatterbox envelope behind the desk in the library and it will be included in the next issue of Teenspot.

Liz's Patch

Summer holidays are



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Events
Group

upon us once again. Although at the moment as I write this the rain is pounding off the streets .

Nevertheless, rain hail or shine the garden still demands attention. Good news for all the people who put their name towards a compost bin from the project. The bins have arrived. If you still haven't received yours yet, give me a call and we can make arrangements to get it picked up

For those of you who are

about to embark on your first home compost making and are not quite sure of what to do, help is at hand. Pop in and see me and we'll set dates for a composting talk.

I am sure you read the excellent article in last month's Chatterbox about home composting: it contained valuable tips on how to get your bin started .

Don't worry if you missed out on the free compost bins this year. Next year the project will be giving another 100 free bins away .

The gardening group meets again on Monday 8th July in the museum at 7:30pm - all are welcome to attend .

The walking group have met and have walked a few times since last month. If you are interested in future dates or general information - give me a call.

The youth club will operate through most of the summer. A few trips are being planned. The group is for 13+ and meets on a Thursday night in the Annexe from 7pm till 10pm. Cost £1:00. The Club will be closed on Thursday 4th July for a wee holiday but it will start back as normal on the 11 July.

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