

# CHATTERBOX

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## What's On

- **Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5 Adult Dinghy Sailing Course - Castle Semple Loch**  
10:00 - 12:30pm and 1:30pm - 4:00 pm
- **Sunday 5th May, Plant Sale, Castle Semple Loch in aid of Playground Group Funds.**
- **Friday 10th May, Variety Concert, McKillop 7.30 Tickets £5 (B.Y.O.B.)**
- **Saturday 1st June, George Penman, Jazz Night, McKillop. 7.30pm. Tickets £7, Brown Bull, The Junction, Corner Bar.**

## Councillor

comes up trumps

The Lochwinnoch Millennium Events Group (LMEG), who are responsible for the Community Development Worker, Liz Nickerson, would like to thank Councillor Alistair Nimmo for his assistance in securing the Museum as the projects base.

It is ideal, easily accessible and proving a great hit with the community.

## Gardener's Good Night

On April 15 seventeen people turned out for the first gardening group meeting in

the museum. Everyone enjoyed an entertaining evening.

The group are keen to encourage other people to come along and share plants and ideas.

The next meeting will be on May 13 at 7:30pm in the museum. So why don't you come along and enjoy

## Very Nearly New Sale

a blooming good evening.

The O.E.S. are holding a Very Nearly New Sale in the Masonic Hall on Saturday, May 11. The sale kicks off at 10:00am and ends at 12:30pm. Entrance is £1:00 and everyone is

## Variety Concert

welcome.

The Pastoral Care Group from Calder Church are presenting a Variety Concert in the McKillop Institute on Friday, May 10 from 7:30 - 10:00pm. Tea and sandwiches will be served during the interval, you can also bring your own bottle of something stronger if you wish. Most of the artists appearing at the show are local and present a wide

range of musical talents. All proceeds will go to St Vincent's Hospice in Howwood.

Tickets are on sale locally and can be obtained by calling 842042. We are looking forward to a full house for what will be an extremely entertaining evening. We hope you

## Race Night and Disco

will support a very worthwhile cause

Calderside FC are holding a Race Night and Disco on Saturday, May 18. Money collected will help towards funding the two teams this season.

**Carlos Esteban - Ruiz News has reached us about the death of local restaurateur Carlos Esteban - Ruiz a familiar figure in the village and the owner of the popular restaurant The Gable End.**

Ian Kennedy of the Community Council, speaking of Carlos, said this: 'After gaining catering experience around Europe and a few years as head waiter in the Tinto Firs, Carlos, in the late seventies, bought the Gable End. He quickly established a high class restaurant that was appreciated by diners from near and far. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family.'

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# Auld Simons Corner

**Breadmaking machines are one of the greatest inventions of the 20th century.**

Pop in the flour, water and all the other odds and ends that go into making a loaf, switch on and await the amazing results. In a few hours out pops a loaf that will do you proud.

All the while you are baking your house is suffused with the aroma of fresh bread. Ideal if you are showing prospective buyers around. From what I can gather breadmaking machines are popular in the village. Often the local pubs are like a breadmaker's convention. Men - always men - in polo-necked sweater stand around, pints in hand and discuss the various technical aspects of how to produce a loaf.

Pints are downed among heady descriptions of yeasts, herby ciabatta, and parmesan and sundried tomato loaves. In making bread - it is important to experiment. Try something different, occasionally. Different flours, different mixes. Add oatmeal, grains and even cheese. If you produce something that looks more like an offering from the cat, don't despair, use it in bread or fruit pudding - or feed it to the birds.

I have a confession. Mrs Simon and I like to experiment in the kitchen, we try different methods, methods of kneading, rolling and shap-

ing. Mrs Simon prefers the long French type, I prefer the traditional square loaf. Sometimes we are happy with the results, other times we are crestfallen as nothing rises and the entire time spent is wasted. In these cases it is the birds that win out. The sparrows around the Simon place are beginning to look like emus. I only hope people look out below when the birds are overhead. Have a good month

## St Vincent Home Care Nurse

*Auld Simon*

**Why not go along on Saturday, May 11 from 10:00am - 4:00pm to Our Lady of Assumption and support a worthy cause.**

Have a cup of tea or coffee, take part in tombola all in the interests of raising money for a home care nurse at St Vincent's

## Elderly Forum

Hospice. Tickets cost £1:00 - all are welcome.

**The Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum is a small group of over 55's who hold informal meetings on the last Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in the Chapel Hall opposite the library.**

The forum do out best to help with any problems in the village and any problems that may upset villagers. We also get speakers from different backgrounds to answer questions on a wide range of subjects.

If you have any problems or ideas that you would to discuss with members of the forum please come along to one of our meetings - bet-

# WVRS

**The WRVS Meal on Wheels service is one of the mainstays of the community's care for the elderly and housebound.**

The service provides a hot nutritional meal to those who are not easily able to fend for themselves. The service offers more than that, though. The person who delivers the meal may be the only person a housebound person may see from one week to the next. So the deliverer is able to check if there is anything wrong.

If someone doesn't answer the door the M.O.W. contact the Social Work Department and they make sure everything is O.K.

The M.O.W. in Johnstone and Paisley are in need of volunteers to keep the service running. If you would like to volunteer for this valuable service call Mary or Jaqui on 0141 889 7645.

## Rural Transport

**The Scottish Executive have currently supported over 100 Rural Community Transport Schemes. These schemes can help older people who live in rural areas to get out and about.**

In Perth and Kinross the scheme has supplied a village hopper service that transports passengers to the larger shopping and recreational centres.

From what I can gather, the money is supplied by the

Scottish Executive, but the scheme is operated by users. There is a web-site you can visit that gives comprehensive - i.e. longwinded - information on the scheme, the address is [www.scotland.gov.uk/library3/transport/rat-00.asp](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library3/transport/rat-00.asp)

## Letters

library 3/transport/rat-00.asp  
Dear Chatterbox,

**Just a note to thank everyone for their support as we trained for and then ran the Marathon des Sables to raise money for charity.**

The Marathon was all it was cracked up to be: hard, hot, windy and long long long ! ... but despite the 150 feet sand dunes, the 13 kilo rucksack, the snakes, scorpions and 50 mph hour winds we made it and returned from Morocco last week with blistered feet & aching muscles but great memories of an incredible week.

The fundraising is going very well and we are well on our way to give sizeable donations to the National Autistic Society, Save The Children, Yorkhill Hospital and Facing Africa.

A special thank-you to Scott and Lynda at Scotlind's Gym ... their encouragement kept me training through those cold and wet winter nights !

Thanks again to all ...  
cheers ... David McCusker

**Arthritis Research Campaign would like to thank everyone who, either by giving, buying or donating to our charity shop helped to raise the wonderful total of £2,442.91.**

A special thanks to Mr & Mrs Robert Currie who, by very gen-

erously donating the use of their shop considerably cut down the overhead costs. Thanks should also go to

McKays (Johnstone), Littlewoods (Paisley), McKillop Hall, Calder Church and Parish Church for use of display equipment.

A special thanks to the lady helpers without whose help this excellent result would have been impossible

## Books, Books~

**This month all the books are fiction.**

Virginia Andrews - End of the Rainbow  
Jake Arnot - He Kills Coppers  
Pat Barker - Border Crossing  
Charlotte Bingham - Distant Music  
John Connolly - White Road  
Doris Davidson - Back of Beyond  
Kate Fenton - Too Many Godmothers  
June Francis - Someone to Trust

Alexander Fullerton - Torch Bearers  
Olivia Goldsmith - Bad Boy  
Jack Higgins - Midnight Runner  
Stephen Hunter - Pale Horse Coming  
Joan Jonker - After the Dance is Over  
Ed McBain - Money, Money, Money  
Denise Mina - Resolution  
Sheila O'Flanagan - He's Got to Go  
Jefferson Parker - Red Light  
Anne Perry - Southampton Row  
Jenny Pitman - On the Edge  
Kate Saunders - Marrying Game  
Michael Taylor - Eve's Daughter  
E.V. Thompson - Seek a New Dawn  
Dee Williams - A Rare Ruby  
If any item you require is not available, our request system gives access to stock held in all public libraries within Renfrewshire. There is a 20p charge per item for this service.

**Excellent news! We have**

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Lochwinnoch website. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, News & Events, Local history, Clubs & Societies, Sports, and Business. The main content area is titled 'New for the web this month...' and lists several updates:

- ◆ Read about the Lochwinnoch Heritage Forum and their plans to restore the Bridgend Falls.
- ◆ Chatterbox on the Web... read the online version of Chatterbox
- ◆ Community Calendar.... a section for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park showing dates of events at the Castle Semple Centre and Muirshiel Centre.
- ◆ Forums... the RSPB grapevine keeping you up to date on the wildlife activity in the area

Below the list, there is a call to action: 'We are looking for help to build a history section for the website. Just think of a topic and write down on paper a few pages that we can take and use for content. eg. how many mills were there in the village at one time? Where were they? What did they do and how many people were employed? If you have anything you would like to contribute just hand it in to the Library or e-mail it to [barbara@lochwinnoch.info](mailto:barbara@lochwinnoch.info) if you have access to e-mail. It's your website - use it'

# Teen Spot

been lucky enough to get some support from the kind people of Community Education. So we have complete use of the Annex on Thursday nights starting from May 2. Sadly we do not have access to the resources young people of our age would like to have, but it's a start.

I'm sure we will all come along and join in with a sponsored community clean up at the loch side on April 28 at 5pm. We hope to finish by a r o u n d 7:30pm. Renfrewshire Council Environmental Services are kindly donating industrial gloves and bin sacks.

If you want to come along to this community event, then get your parent/guardian to fill in a consent form. You will find these at the museum beside the library. If you can't find any forms, ask Liz the person in charge of the y o u t h c l u b . F u n D a y

A chance to have some active fun at the Castle Semple Centre on Monday 6th May. Come along and watch the kite surfing demonstration. Why not even have a go at sailing, Canoeing or archery? Or hire a pedalo, and aqua bike or a mountain bike. There will be trampolines and face painting for the younger kids. The fun starts at 11:00 till 1 6 : 0 0 .

You will probably need a towel and a change of clothes. It isn't necessary to book, but try to come a bit early to avoid disappointment.



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Millennium  
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Group

## Liz's Patch

Since the last chatterbox I've been busy going about setting up a youth club for the young people. I'm glad to say that one will be starting up in the Annex on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.15pm for 13 years and over. In the meantime young people will be thinking hard about what they are going to do for sponsors to enable them to buy some equipment for the club. Look out for the posters or as usual pop in or see me for more information.

The first gardening club meeting took place a few weeks back. A big thanks to Terry for her hard work and support in getting the group started. I'll let you know next month how things are going.

I have been asked on a few occasions what is happening in the Museum. Well, the room is being used at the moment to accommodate the Sustainable Communities Project for the

next 3 years. The project is a community led project and will be used to facilitate meetings, groups and special events. The projects main objectives are to:

- Support in developing youth activities and facilities
- Support businesses to halt the economic decline
- Encourage locals to use local transport services
- Promote environmental issues, sustainability and recycling
- Support the community to take positive action
- Create a sense of ownership and work in partnership with local people.

In addition to this, there will be opportunities for local groups and individuals to show their goods and creations in the community room. Should you want to know more, please contact me.

Before I go, can I say a big hearted thank you to the young people who helped me organize the room and sweep the car park at the back of the museum, it looks a hundred times better now.

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# George Penman

## Jazz Night

## McKillop Institute

### Saturday 1st June, 7.30pm, Tickets £7.00