

CHATTERBOX

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What's On

- **Sunday 13th - free family event; 1.00 - 3.00pm**

Aren't Birds Brilliant - bird watching at Castle Semple Loch. Knowledgeable birdwatchers on hand to help identify what's on the water

- **Tuesday 15th - family event; 10.00 - 11.45 or 12.15 - 2.00 pm.**

Bugs & Birds - Search for weird and wonderful minibeasts and go birdwatching with our teacher-naturalist. Please book in advance, charge - £2 per child.

- **Sunday 27th - guided walk; 12 noon - 2pm**

Rivers, Lochs, Burns and Meadows - A look at the diverse wetland wildlife around the nature reserve with the opportunity to see many species of waterfowl. Please book in advance, charges apply

- **Wednesday 30th - storytime; 6.30 - 7.30pm**

Suspicious Wildlife Superstitions - come along to the RSPB Visitor Centre and hear about some of the weird superstitions surrounding birds and other wildlife Please book in advance, charges apply

- **Thursday 31st - Lochwinnoch Community Council AGM, McKillop Institute, 7.30pm**

Bird on the Surf

Peter Bird (15) surfed to the front of world class opposition in Austria a couple of weeks back when he won the Windsurfing European Junior Imco Championship.

This was Peter's first entry into this prestigious competition. So it was a great

achievement to do so wonderfully well.

Lochwinnoch Community Council AGM

The Lochwinnoch Community Council AGM takes place on Thursday 31st October in the McKillop Institute. It's a public meeting so hopefully there will be a good turnout.

The LCC is continually looking for new members so if you have an interest in your village and get along on the 28th and join them Community Council.

Community Council News

The total crime figures for September were 8; 4 theft, 1 vandalism, 1 car theft and 2 breach of the peace. Incidentally, this is a considerable reduction on the July total of 26.

The police have targeted the village throughout summer, mainly in order to stem youth disorder. It is an initiative the intend to extend through autumn.

The police are concerned at incidences of vandalism in the village. A recent publicity campaign is designed to show that vandalism is a crime with results that have effects on the entire community.

An initiative is underway to target large and small drug dealers. The police will, of course, welcome any information anyone is able to give them about drug dealing and drug dealers in the village.

The closed circuit camera scheme, abandoned because of civil rights concerns, is once again up and running. Trouble spots in the village can now be overseen by CC

c a m e r a s .
The weight limit on the bridge at the end of Main Street, one speaker said at the meeting, is regularly flaunted. Partly, this is as a result of the restriction notice not appearing before the bridge - but on it. Drivers are not made aware of the restriction until they are actually on the bridge.

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Auld Simons Column

Auld Simon is having an Autumn break

Walking Group

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The Walking Group undertake two walks in this month of mellow fruitfulness. The first, on Sunday, October 6 is to the Greenock Cut and Loch Thom. The second on Sunday, October 20 is to Kelburn Country Park at Largs. Both walks start at 10:00am.

The next meeting of the group is on Tuesday, October 29 in the Museum. You can get more details from Liz Nickerson on 842615.

Country Dance Club

The Lochwinnoch Country Dance Club has begun the new session but it is not too late to join them. The club meet every Tuesday in the McKillop Institute at 7:30pm. Why not go along and join in the fun, listen to the music and meet new friends

Yoga

Lochwinnochies can now relax at two village yoga classes. Yoga has been around for thousand of years. Today it is recognised as a good all-round form of exercise. Apart from the physical effects yoga can improve your well-being

and reduce your stress levels. Catherine McDonald runs a Hatha yoga class in the McKillop Institute on Wednesdays between 7:30 and 9:00pm.

Jinty Carrick teaches Dru yoga in the Primary School on Thursdays from 7:00 till 8:30pm.

Why not go along and try one or both these classes. Just wear loose, comfortable clothes, bring a blanket and say farewell to your troubles.

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The fiftieth year of the Woman's Rural is chock full of interesting events. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month.

Here's the up and coming programme of events:
October 16 Move to Music with Jean Gilbert
November 1 Whist Drive
November 20 The Eye Test - What to Expect by George Gilbert.

One of Lochwinnoch's

New Mine Hosts

finest watering holes will have new mine hosts from this week.

Jim and Pat McKeon who have built up the Brown Bull over the last decade are retiring gracefully (just from the pub we hasten to add). Now under control of Enterprise Inns, – new landlords Laura Hunt (current manager) and her partner Fergus Brown look forward to continued support from customers old and new.

Pat and Jim were great supporters for all sorts of causes in the village and we wish them well for the future and we are sure we will be bumping into them at the other side of the bar.

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Letters

Lochwinnoch Cemetery I was shocked to find when I visited on Sunday, 15 September that the grass had not been cut for some time.

This looked terrible to anyone visiting the cemetery or to anyone who has had a loved one put to rest there. The cemetery was also very untidy, it looked as though no one had been looking after the area.

I hope something is done about this because I always commented on how well the cemetery was looked after in the past. I now have had a change of heart. Margaret Paton.

Who was the last person to score three penalties in a row at Hampden Park - home of Scottish Football? Well, it was Michael McKinnon of Cald- lerside FC. And well done to him!

Hat Trick Hero

During the holiday weekend Cald- lerside 1990's (under 12's), took part in Queens Park's Football Festival on Saturday 28th at Lesser Hampden.

The team enjoyed a successful day and won 4 out of 5 games. Part of the day included being led to the ground by a squad of skirling pipers. The team also tucked into a free lunch and a tour of the Football Museum.

During half time of the game between Queens Park and Albion Rovers a player from each of the youngster's teams was invited to take 3 penalties against an under 16 Queens

Park goalie.

Michael McKinnon scored a hat trick, entered into the record book and savoured a moment of great success.

Both Cald- lerside F.C. teams have had a good start to the season in the East Ren- frewshire/North Ayrshire leagues.

Both teams have current pools of 17 boys for the coming season.

One of Lochwinnoch's oldest social events will cease due to lack of support.

That is the prediction for

New Year Dance in Danger

The New Year Day Dance held annually in the McKillop. It is in danger of being scrapped because numbers have been dwindling over the years and the lack of enthusiasm for the event has caused a rethink.

If you are interested in helping promote the next dance or wish to attend please phone

01505 842 368.

For the devotees of a fine cup of tea or coffee at the Junction there will be

Junction Time Change

a slight change in the opening hours as from the 22nd October (winter clock time change).

The Junction will open Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed.: 9.30 to 5pm.

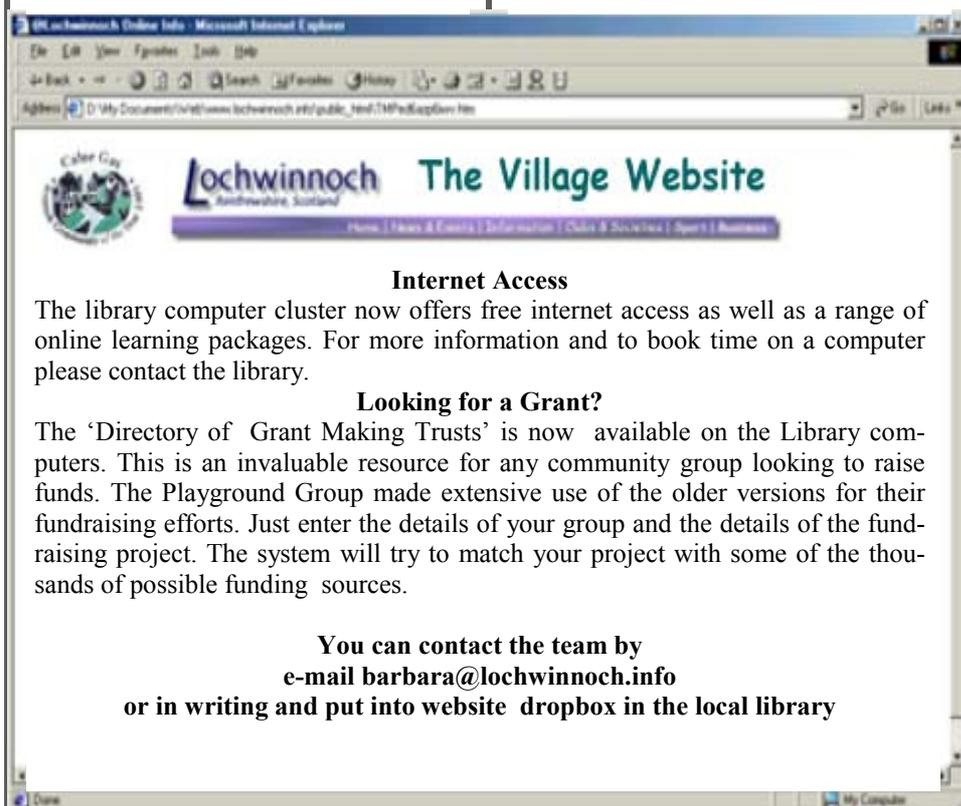
Café and Bistro :Thu., Fri., and Sat.: 9.30 am – 9.45 pm.

Sorry, last months notice about the address book had the wrong telephone number. You should contact 01505 842 653

Reprint of Address Book

Back soon

This year, 2002, saw the second summit take place in Johannesburg where



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Lochwinnoch Village Website. The page title is "Lochwinnoch The Village Website". The main content area features a section titled "Internet Access" which states: "The library computer cluster now offers free internet access as well as a range of online learning packages. For more information and to book time on a computer please contact the library." Below this is a section titled "Looking for a Grant?" which states: "The 'Directory of Grant Making Trusts' is now available on the Library computers. This is an invaluable resource for any community group looking to raise funds. The Playground Group made extensive use of the older versions for their fundraising efforts. Just enter the details of your group and the details of the fundraising project. The system will try to match your project with some of the thousands of possible funding sources." At the bottom of the page, there is contact information: "You can contact the team by e-mail barbara@lochwinnoch.info or in writing and put into website dropbox in the local library".

Teen Spot

world leaders came to-



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Millennium
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gether to discuss 'Sustainable Development'.

Basically they feel that the world is facing huge problems such as famine, poverty and climate change. Given the massive issues raised, it could seem that the agenda they were discussing was far removed from local people living in Lochwinnoch. Issues such as :

- Reducing the number of people who are still very poor.
- Giving everyone better health care and clean water to drink.
- Protect the worlds forests, our oceans and the whole environment.
- Manage the global economy and make trade fairer for all our countries.

Looking at the grand scale of the issues the world leaders and organisations want to achieve, its difficult to believe individuals or communities like Lochwinnoch can make any difference at all, or indeed if we feel we have to?

The truth of the matter is that these huge issues cannot be properly addressed without YOU. Each one of us on earth have a part to play and collectively we can turn around these issues to make them positive and our environment a safer place to work, rest and play. Small changes in our lives will go a long way to help secure our future as custodians of this planet. Make a

start now by:

- Cutting down on the rubbish you and your family produce
- Recycle materials such as paper, cans, bottles, clothes and composting
- Work out how to save energy in your home by using energy efficient bulbs, draught proofing and installing double-glazing.

Action speaks louder than words. Make a contribution to your environment by reusing, reducing and recycling your waste!

As most of you will be aware, Christine Brown is staging her annual Art Exhibition throughout the month of October in the Museum. However if you want to contact me about anything, I will be sitting down at Castle Semple's café on Monday's 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Drop down and see me or call me on 84 2615.

Sustainable Lifestyles Garden

It has been proposed that a Sustainable Lifestyle garden is to be built behind the local Parish Church on Church Street. This proposed garden would be fully operated by community

and church members. The main theme of the garden will be focused on 'worming compost' and education about our environment, mainly through hands on gardening work.

The money to fund this project is from landfill tax credit scheme – were the bulk of the groundwork costs will be met. The project is very much still in its infancy and will be subject to confirmation from both Renfrewshire Council and Church of Scotland head office.

If you would like more information about the garden or would quite like to be involved, you can pop into the museum for a chat or give me a call.

See Ya Liz

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