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What's On

- **Tuesday June 8th**, and weekly, Beginners womens jogging class 6:45 -7:45 pm £1. Tel Linda McIntyre 843 689
- **Wednesday June 9th**, Lochwinnoch Community Council Elections, Parish Church 5pm - 8pm
- **Saturday June 12th**, Lochwinnoch Open Race. Tel Murray Lawrie—0141 887 8791
- **Saturday June 12th**, Bruce McFee MSP will hold a surgery 9.30am-10.30, McKillop
- **Sunday June 13th**, Hessilhead Open Day, from 12 noon - 4:00 pm. Admission free, Cars £1.

Community Council Elections

Now you can change the future of the Community Council. On Wednesday, June 9 you can vote for who you want to represent the Community Council.

Thirteen candidates are standing for the eleven available seats on the council. The thirteen are: Christine Brown, Graeme Brown, Christopher Gould, Alexander Harvey, John Kirriemuir, Scott McCamley, Robert McCutcheon, David Mellor, Richard Milne, Robert Neilson, Jane Owens, Lesley Scott and Ronald Williamson. Voting takes place in the Parish Church between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. Anyone over 16 from the Lochwinnoch Community Council area can vote, but you must have evidence that you live in the village.

The count takes place immediately after the poll closes.

Viewfield Victorious

Congratulations to local champions Viewfield Rovers. For the first time in their 83 year history they won the Scottish Amateur Cup. At Hampden Park Rovers romped to a 2-0 victory against an impressive Norton House.

As you would expect, Billy Turner who has been associated with the club for 57 years was delighted with the result.

The victorious team returned to the village to a rapturous welcome, complete with piper and a few well earned pints.

The Magnificent Seven

Johnstone High School Netball team won the Scottish Cup last month. This is the first time a team from the High school has won the cup in 41 years.

Seven of the players in the successful team come from Lochwinnoch: Rachel Holmes, Lauren McIlroy, Rebecca Colbron, Vicki Waddell, Sophie Curran, Helen Turner and Deborah Blackburn.

The remaining members, Aildh Campbell, Laura McLeod come from Kilbarchan. Rachel Colquhoun hails from Johnstone.

The Johnstone Junior Netball Club Under 13s were runners-up in the Scottish Consolation Cup.

Sophie Curran, Hannah Holmes, Vicki Waddell, Stephanie Donnachie, Jayne Gallagher and Caran Dunn all come from Lochwinnoch. Congrats to them all.

Return of the Panther

Get the sheep dye out, the cat returns!

A Black cat about 3ft 3 1/2ft long and about 2ft high with a long black tail (sic) was seen (sic) at 6.10am on Sunday, May 30th.

The cat was seen walking up a footpath in front of the summer chalets. It was described as 'fluffy probably with its hackle up as it had been disturbed'. It was seen briefly before it disappeared into the woods.

A witness found a large print and a small print but 'was not sure about it'. The print was described as of a large rounded back pad with 3 toes but no claws. It was about 10mm deep.

A fluffy cat with a big foot, a small foot, three toes and no claws - for-

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Modern Cooking

Hello Darlings.

Ahoy darlings, what a positively ghastly time I have just had. I was sailing with my sis Daphne and her French chap. None of us knew port from starboard (I still don't) so we didn't get very far.

The boat wasn't really a yacht, more a paper hat with a sail. Daphne's squeeze, he's supposed to own a vineyard, was drunk three quarters of the time.

Early on, he developed a habit of falling overboard. He had to be pulled aboard laughing, soaking wet, and ready for more wine.

Darling Daphne was sick most of the time so I had to take care of galley duties, not an easy task when everything is moving.

Really the only thing I could cook, darlings was scrambled egg. Very basic. However, I discovered a lovely recipe for scrambled egg with lashings of grated cheese.

Another accidental discovery I made was that if you drop your vibrating phone into a pot of eggs and get somebody to phone you the phone will scramble the eggs.

At last, something useful to do with a mobile phone.

I'm now off somewhere warm for a few weeks. Have a nice summer, darlings. Happy cooking!

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**Remember and
Vote at your
Community Council
Elections**

Letters

Here is a letter from a disgruntled traveller:

Fare's no Fair

'I was going to use the new 17c bus service from Johnstone to Lochwinnoch. I was told by the driver that the fare was £2.55 single. I asked if this was a mistake. I was shocked to find out that this was, in fact, the correct single fare.

The driver advised me to buy a Saver Ticket at only £1.90. I declined the offer as I would not be travelling again that day. So, be warned, be prepared to pay a high price for a single ticket on the new service.'

Mrs. Pratt

Church Damage

'There was a time when churches and their grounds were respected, unfortunately this is not now the case. The recent graffiti and burning of a wheelie bin in church grounds was bad enough, now the removal of a large tub of plants from Our Lady of Fatima Church forces me to ask: what next?

A great deal of work is put into making Lochwinnoch village, bright and attractive, however, the efforts of those to improve the village is spoiled by these mindless acts of vandalism. Could we ask that those involved change tack and take some pride in the village and if unwilling or unable to do anything positive, please don't do anything nega-

tive. Finally, to those who removed the plant tub, could you please return it?'

Name and address supplied.

Letters are always welcome. If you are going to criticise any one or any organisation, please leave your name and address. If you don't want your name and address printed, say so.

Open Race

The Lochwinnoch Open Race takes place on Saturday, June 12. This is the twelfth year the race has been run. We expect a good turnout and we hope a great bunch of volunteer stewards. Medals will be awarded to the first local man, lady, girl and boy. So get your running shoes on.

For further information contact Murray Lawrie on 0141 887 8791

Collegiate Church

Activities are under way to celebrate the Collegiate Church, built in 1504.

The church was built by John, the First Lord Semple. When Lord Semple died at the Battle of Flodden in 1513, his son extended the church to incorporate a tomb for his slain father.

You can now gain access to the church from the cycle path. It is well worth a visit, though, please be aware that the area is sur-

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rounded by working farms with all that that entails. So, observe all signs and please keep dogs on leads at all times.

Some of the events such as the St Winnoch Singer's performance of the Armed Man have already taken place, but you can look forward to the School Pageant on Friday, June 18 when children from the primary school will mark the special year with a pageant.

On Sunday, June 20 an ecumenical service will be held in the church. Meet at Castle Semple Centre at 14:00 hours. The service begins at 15:00.

On Thursday, June 24 you can take part in Parkhill Wood Purple Haze. Meet at Castle Semple Centre at 11:40 hours. Booking essential call 01475 712 464 On Saturday, July 10 Derek Parker and the Clyde Muirshiel Park Rangers will take you on a walk with a difference. Meet at the Castle Semple Centre at 13:30 hours. Booking is essential call 01505 842882.

More events next month.....

Joggers

Beginners women's jogging class is now on every Tuesday between 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM. Start at Scotlind's Gym, costs just £1:00 Contact: Linda McIntyre on 01505 843 689 Email: scotlindsgym@supanet.com Web: <http://www.fitnessequipmentshire.co.uk>

The Forum

The Distant Voices section of the Lochwinnoch web site forums allows people who have left the village to contact relatives and old neighbours. In addition, some people post memories of "olden days" in Lochwinnoch, whilst others request ancestral information. Here's a selection of postings:

When I was 7 years old [in 1975] my family (family of Dugald William Wylie) emigrated to Canada. It would be nice to hear from anyone who remembers us. : **Anne Wylie**

I am trying to contact an old teacher of mine from Scotland Called Mrs Innes. Who I believe still lives in Lochwinnoch. She taught physical education and I also believe her husband also taught the same. : **Charlene Williamson, New Zealand**

I lived in Lochwinnoch from 1935-1940 at Laigh Linthills and again from 1950-1955 in Stanley Cottage, Factory Street. Since then, I've been living in Canada, mostly in Montreal but now in a village like Lochwinnoch - Hudson, Quebec. If anyone remembers me, I'd be pleased to hear from them. Any information about my grandfather (who I never met) would also be appreciated. I believe he was called William Gardiner as was my father. My father, born 1900, lived at Laigh Linthills with his sisters Rebecca and Margaret. He married my mother, Kathleen Lambert, in 1933. My sister, Gladys, married John Wilson from Howwood. : **William Lambert Gardiner**

Books—Books

Here are just some of the new fiction books at the library:

Lyn Andrews:	Across a Summer Sea
Campbell Armstrong:	White Rage
Louise Bagshaw:	Monday's Child
Simon Brett:	The Hanging Hotel
Bernard Cornwell:	Sharpe's Escape
Jeffrey Deaver:	Twisted
Rodger Jon Elroy:	Ghostheart
Lesley Glaister:	As Far as you can go
Anna Jacobs:	Twopenny Rainbows
Joan Jonker:	Three Little Words
Prue Leith:	A Lovesome Thing
Peter Mayle:	A Good Year
Alexandra Raife:	Promises to Keep
Phil Rickman:	The Prayer of the Night Shepherd
Marcia Willett:	The Children's Hour
Cathy Woodman:	Under the Bonnet

The library request system gives access to books held in all public libraries within Renfrewshire.

There is a 20p charge to use this service.

Library opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 2:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Tue, Sat - 10:00am 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

Remember and Vote at your Community Council Elections

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Lochwinnoch Village Website. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, News & Events, Information, Clubs & Services, and Sports & Business. The main content area highlights 'Website Awards', stating that the site won the Highly Commended award at the Community of the Year awards. Below this, there are sections for 'Forum Guideleines' and 'New Sections', which lists the Lochwinnoch Art Group and Clyde Windsurfing Club with their respective website URLs. The contact email address barana@lochwinnoch.info is visible at the bottom.

Sustainable Garden

Phase two of the sustainable garden project is now underway in the grounds of the Parish Church.

The group who have worked heroically to get the project up and running now want to encourage more people to 'use, help and enjoy the sustainable garden'. The hope is to attract around twenty people to steer the project into this new phase.

If you would like to be part of the project please contact Ruth Oldrey at the Museum Room or call Ruth on 842615

Sustainable Transport

Taking The Local Transport Strategy as a guide, Community Council member David Mellor has produced a discussion document on Sustainable Transport.

The Local Transport Strategy 'aims to give people the choice of how they travel and encourage them to choose the most sustainable form of transport available to them. In particular the strategy aims to reduce car use and make it easier for people to use public transport or bike or foot.

This being so, Mr. Mellor proposes on-going discussions on the following issues:

1. Train service. Is the hourly service satisfactory in an expanding village?
2. Could the village benefit from a better bus service? (Arriva's 17 service to Glasgow)
3. Is the bus service to the station and Johnstone adequate? The bus

does not always meet the train.

4. Do we need a bus service to destinations other than Glasgow or Johnstone?

5. What about a community mini-bus?

6. Any interest in commuter car sharing schemes?

7. Promote energy saving car purchasing.

8. Is speeding in and around the village a problem?

9. Do we need traffic calming schemes?

10. Are there any other routes that could be adapted for a cycling path?

11. Do we need better pavements?

12. Health implications - should we promote more healthy means of getting from a to b - such as cycling and walking?

13. Is there merit in combining with adjacent villages to promote a local sustainable transport strategy?

These are only the outlines of the subjects a local transport strategy would deal with. If you want to join in the debate, the Community Council welcome any contributions you want to offer.

Calder Church Activities

Here is a list of the main activities in the Calder Church:

Sunday Morning Worship with crèche and Sunday School - 11:00am

Evening Fellowship Group - 6:30pm

ABC's Teen Group - 7:30pm
Wednesday The church is open to

everyone for prayer and meditation - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday Crafts Night Make craft items - no talent required 7:30pm

Last Monday Food for Thought.

First Tuesday Women's Association - 7:30pm

MSP Surgery

Bruce McFee MSP will hold a surgery on Saturday June 12th, 2004 from 9:30am - 10:30am in the McKillop Institute . Mr. McFee is the local MSP for the West of Scotland.

Hessilhead Open Day

Hessilhead, a most worthwhile institution will hold an open day on Sunday June 13th, 2004 from 12 noon - 4:00 PM.

Cakes, books, children's tent with magician and lots more. Car parking £1, admission free. No dogs. Signposted from Beith. Tel 502415 for details..

Voluntary Workers Needed

A Youth Initiative starting up in Lochwinnoch requires Voluntary Workers / Youth Leaders. Training will be given to successful applicants and a small remuneration may be possible. If interested phone Davie on 843507 for more details.

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