

CHATTERBOX

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What's On

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Cycle Path

A number of residents form the new houses behind the Parish Church attended the May Community Council meeting.

They residents expressed concern over plans to run a link for the cycle path through the new estate. Keir Homes included the link in the plans for the houses.

The residents are concerned that the link could encourage those who use the Engine Tees bridge at the weekend to use the estate as a convenient thoroughfare.

The other side of the argument is, those who use the cycle path will be safer using the estate to get to the path rather than the more dangerous en-

trance at the lemonade factory. All agreed that the problem was a law and order one and it would only be a minority who used the link who would create problems.

The Community Council agreed to write to Keir Homes and Renfrewshire Council in an attempt to resolve the matter. If you have any views on this matter you can either write to Chatterbox using the envelope in the Library (name and address supplied, please) or log on to the village website at lochwinnoch.info

Lochwinnoch Sustainable Garden

The Lochwinnoch Sustainable Garden will open on Friday 14th May at 3.30pm at Lochwinnoch Parish Church, Church Street Lochwinnoch.

The Sustainable Garden is a multifaceted community project, which has been funded by Shanks Waste Solutions through Renfrewshire Environ-

mental Trust.. It demonstrates and promotes home composting, organic gardening and vermiculture (worm assisted composting) and highlights the benefits of sustainable development through providing a leisure and environmental resource for Lochwinnoch community.

Lochwinnoch Community Council Elections

There are interim elections coming up for those wishing to become members of the Community Council. Nomination papers are available from the Library and, on the community notice board, there is information about the election. Nominations should be handed in to the library by 25th May.

If there are more nominees than places there will be an election - on 8th June, If there are not more nominees than places, then they are elected unopposed at the next cc meeting (1st June).

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Modern Cooking

Hello Darlings.

I'd like to talk this month about Cyril's plums. More specifically what happens to Cyril's plums in the autumn.

In case you are wondering, darlings, Cyril is an ex of mine who, years ago, planted a plum tree in my garden.

During spring the tree is ablaze with delicate, snowy blossoms. Encouraging, I always think, a sign of a rich seam of autumn plums.

During summer I sit beneath the shade of the tree and watch the plums take their first steps to maturity.

In early autumn mornings I squeeze Cyril's plums gently to discover if they are ripening. I calculate how much jam I will be able to produce come harvest time.

Then...before I get a chance to pick even one plum, they are gone. Some overnight marauder clears the lot. All I am left with is a fairy ring of fleshless plum stones around the base of the tree.

Apparently, it is wasps that devour the plums. So, darlings, what I would like to know from any of you of a horticultural bent is, how do I prevent this happening? Nets, sprays? Answers on a pc please.

This summer my sister Blanche has invited me to sail the warm waters of the Med with her latest inamoratos, a French count...well at least I think that's what she said. He could be Belgian. Enjoy summer, darlings.

Fenella Fishlice

Conservation Volunteer Day

**Sunday May 30th, 2004
This is an ideal opportunity to get out, get some fresh air, meet like minded people and do something useful for the countryside all at the same time.**

Tasks and activities will vary throughout the year but could include woodland management, drystone dyking or footpath maintenance. Full instruction, tools and hot drinks will be provided.

Volunteer day takes place on the LAST Sunday of the month. Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park: Muirshiel Centre near Lochwinnoch between 10:00 - 16:00. Bring: Waterproofs, old clothes, walking boots or sturdy footwear and packed lunch.

Bookable: Yes please, tel 01505 842 803

BB Jumble Sale

The BB spring Jumble Sale takes place on Saturday, May 29. As usual we are looking for help in the transport department, if anyone can supply a van for one or two evenings

that will be a great help.

Lochwinnoch Open Race is, as usual run on the second Saturday in June. This year will be the twelfth time the race has been run. We expect a good turn out of runners and we hope our great bunch of volunteer stewards will again be available.

Medals will be awarded to the first local man, lady, girl and boy. For more info contact Murray Lawrie 0141 887 8791

Big Hearted Villagers

The Lochwinnoch Ladies Lifeboat Guild want to thank the generous residents of Lochwinnoch who contributed £851.12 to the recent R.N.L.I house to house collection. The support of the village is very much appreciated.

Hey Fiddle Dee Dee

The Calder Drama Club meets on Thursday nights 8pm - 10pm McKillop Hall. New members welcome. To be or not to be? That is the question. Contact Norma Naismith for further details 01505 842 939 .

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The Forum

This information is for people who do not have access to e-mail. It is a sniff at some of the subjects that concern those who would rather sit at their computers than go out for a drink. Something the editor of Chatterbox is, alas to young to do. Still at the spotty stage. Feel free to join the forums and participate: www.lochwinnoch.info The information was kindly collated by JK.

Must say I don't mind the walk to/from the station at all, I quite enjoy it - it only takes 10 - 15mins. What I DO mind however is drivers splashing me at the puddles. : abmw

New Street Lighting

I don't like it, far too bright to try to sleep. Looks like daylight through the curtains! Bring back the comforting orange glow!! : peachy

Coopage Development

There is no mention of any of the Coopage site being retained for community use. The site is central to the village - is it not worth considering community use even as a small exhibition/museum space in part of the retained building? The history of the place needs to be told. PeterL

St Winnoch Singers

Well done to the local choir for their great rendition of Karl Jenkins "The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace". I really enjoyed it. : Ho Chin (clown)

Diversity

In Lochwinnoch there are Scottish, English, Welsh, Irish, French, Germans, Americans, Canadians, Finnish, Argentineans, Italians, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Poles, Swedes, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Taoists, Sikhs, Hindus, Gays, Druids, Hippies, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christians, Atheists, Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, Buddhists, Conspiracy theorists, Goths, Neds, even Con-

And a lot more I inevitably don't know about. Plus, there are an unbelievably large number of clubs, societies and groups - you name it, Lochwinnoch has it. : Gemini

Wall to Wall

Chatterbox - April 2004 - 'Keep Our Wall'. You must be joking! Most of it is not that old. It is an eyesore, the sooner it is flattened and replaced by cottages the better. : Rigel

Down the Hole

If that pothole at the bridge at main street gets any bigger we'll all be able to go on holiday to Australia without a plane! : Miss Scarlett

Housing

Isn't it better to promote higher value housing and "upgrade" the village to make it more exclusive to "higher" income earners who might bring more business to the village? If cheaper homes/council homes become available, don't you think "neds" will be tempted to move into this haven? : bo (The vast majority of council houses and cheap houses are positively NOT occupied by neds. In fact, some neds come from 'higher value housing' Ed)

Falling Arches

As you see the bridge in Main

Street is restricted to 7.5 Tonne (basically no HGV can use it so to most buses). We were informed at the CC meeting by the council representative that the bridge was classified as having a 24 Tonne weight limit (who knew this?).

When asked what the weight limit of the "Humpy Bridge" was the official did not know, it had not been classified (they were really very impressive) : Tartan Terror

To help the discussion here are a couple of the facts that came out at the CC meeting. New Bridge estimated cost £480,000. According to the Council's chief engineer, the annual road maintenance and bridge budget for whole of Renfrewshire Council is £4.5m : Head Above Parapet

How many residents in Church Street know of the proposed plans to put double yellow lines all the way along the street? Probably none. Where are residents to park? How ridiculous. : Tinkerbell

Picking up the Poo

I can't see any excuse for not doing so - you don't forget the dog or the lead, just shove some bags in your pocket when you go for a walk with your dog: Moonflower

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, Sports, and 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, it lists 'Forum Guideleines' (sic) and provides instructions for posting. At the bottom, there are 'New Sections' listed, including Lochwinnoch Art Group and Clyde Windsurfing Club, along with an email address: barbara@lochwinnoch.info.

Community Council Communications

The Community Council have a prime duty to act for the community and keep it informed. What better place to keep the information the CC has but on the website? It will allow everyone access to it. Either via their own PC or in the library. The library can print out such information and display it if required. : Ho Chin (Clown)

Home Closure

I find it difficult to retain my anger on hearing that St Joseph's nursing home is to close. St Joseph's won the tender to run the day care centre in the McKillop.

The day care centre users have just settled into the St Joseph's routine, now they will be uprooted. It is a scandal. Why did St Joseph's tender for the long term contract to provide day care then pull out? : Head above Parapet

Kid's Activities

For youths there is Muirshiel Park, fishing, cycling and a windsurfing club. There is a basketball court and football pitches and good access to city with its pubs, cafes

There is also a vibrant website. A unique wireless network over the whole village that before long will offer the ability to play computer games and interact 'virtually' between each other. Radio broadcasts may also be on the horizon What other place of 4500 residents offers this list? : ElRatner

High Street Stream

Honoured as I am by the naming of the wee stream whose

source is outside my house, I cannot hope it is a temporary title. The stream appeared some months ago. At first it was hard to distinguish the new stream from the rain water which barrels down the High St. The stream was reported to the proper authority. Someone came. Looked, then someone else stuck a notice on a lamp post that claimed the fault would be attended to.

A week later a leaflet was delivered to local doors saying that work would start on Monday. A lorry arrived but a car was parked too close to the stream. The lorry left. Someone else came and erected a barrier; we expected the lorry to return, it didn't. DaveM

MP Surgery

Discuss any topics or problems you may have with Jim Sheridan on Friday May 14th, 2004 between 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM in the McKillop Hall. Mr Sheridan is the Member of Parliament for West Renfrewshire.

Buddy Can you Spare the Time

Why not call in to the information Morning in the Old School, Library and

Museum, Main Street Lochwinnoch on Wednesday May 12th, 2004 from 10:00am—12:00am.

The meeting is for potential learners or volunteers/tutors who might want to join a free learning session starting in the village for adults who want to improve their writing, spelling and numeracy.

For more details contact Shelley Mellor or Ian Campbell on 0141 848 6755 Email: buddiesapex@hotmail.com

Green Fingers

The next meeting of the Gardening Group takes place in the museum on Monday May 10th, 2004 between 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Contact: Anne Nicholl 8 4 2 6 3 2 . E m a i l : anne.nicholl@btopenworld.com. The Gardening Group meets on the 2nd Monday each month to discuss matters of gardening interest. Guest speakers, free plants, raffles, garden visits in summer.

MSP Surgery

Bruce McFee MSP will be available on Saturday May 15th, 2004 between 9:30am -

10:30am in the McKillop Hall. Mr. McPhee is the local MSP, he covers the West of Scotland.

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