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What's On

- **Until October 23rd, Art Exhibition, Museum**
- **October 23rd, Brown Bull, from 9pm live music:** Iain Morrison and the Sleepy Cafe Band.
- **October 25th, Lochwinnoch Community Council AGM,** Bowling Club 7.30pm All welcome, refreshments.
- **October 26th, Country Dancing,** 7.30pm McKillop.
- **October 28th Weight-watchers** 6-7pm McKillop.
- **October 28th, Senior Forum** Contact Sheila/John Haris 843162
- **October 29th Fiddlers Rally 7.30pm.** Parish Church Tickets £4, children £1.00 contact Norma Bell 84258
- **October 30th, Brown Bull, Halloween, Grease Lightning, Fancy Dress.**
- **November 8th, Gardening Club** 7.30pm Museum.
- **November 18th, Historical Society,** John Gallacher.M.A gives talk on RSM Titanic
- **November 19th, Calderglen Sportsman's Dinner,** 7.30pm Lochwinnoch Golf Club.

No Mast Here

Residents may not be aware but there are plans to site a 64 foot mobile phone mast within the grounds of the telephone exchange in Burnfoot Road.

If you are concerned about the mast you should contact the Planning Office.

In addition to the obvious eyesore this will represent in the village there are concerns about the possible health risk such masts pose.

A government commissioned enquiry found there were no provable

health risks but added that the lack of research suggests a precautionary approach to locating masts should be adopted.

The report, bolstered by the opinions of leading academics, claims there is a potential adverse health effect, particularly to children under eleven.

One section in the report reads 'We conclude, therefore, that it is not possible at present to say that exposure to RF radiation levels, even at levels below national guidelines, is totally without potential adverse health effects, and that the gaps in knowledge are sufficient to justify a precautionary approach.'

If you have any thoughts or concerns about this you can get further information on the following websites:

www.planningsanity.co.uk/forum/masts/telemasts.htm or from www.mastsanity.org.

Community Council

After a month when the village was beset by rather serious criminal activity the police section of the meeting was met with interest.

In response to questioning the police said that the problems we experience were the same as those experienced by everyone throughout the country. The crime levels in the village, they added were no worse than anywhere else in Renfrewshire. This one villager described as 'scary'.

One problem the police identified

was created by youths hanging around the Cross. The police did add, though, that people making noise in the early hours of the morning were not committing a crime.

The said if anyone sees an incident they should report it to the police. This will give the police a more accurate picture of crime in the village. If you don't report a crime it isn't a crime.

Total crime figures for September were 16. The person who held up the Spar shop and the post office was arrested.

Councillor Alistair Nimmo reported the historic building in the disused cooorage in Church Street is to be demolished. So too is the cooorage wall on main Street.

No accurate number of houses to be built on the site is as yet available. Building traffic using the site will be advised to use Johnshill, as the bridge on Main Street has, after a couple of years, still not been repaired.

One Community Council member questioned the logic of carrying out repair work on Johnshill (to begin soon) when the road will be used by heavy building traffic. The solution to problem, one Community Council member said, was to repair the bridge before building work begins.

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Johnstone High School

Here is a press release from Bob Turner.

On the grounds of value for money, Renfrewshire Council has decided to remove the refurbishment of schools from the PPP programme. The PPP proposals would have brought some improvements to the High School. Such as improved access for wheelchairs. It would also have tackled health and safety matters like ventilation and lighting. The change in the Council plans offer an opportunity for parents, Councillors, MSPs and others to argue for the best educational provisions we can get.

The Johnstone High School board think the new Council procedure offers parents and children a chance to improve the quality of provision for throughout the area.

The board was concerned that the original PPP plans would have left children from the area no access to a full-sized games hall. This is in contrast to Linwood with games halls in two new schools and access to Linwood Sports Centre.

The remarkable sporting achievements of the High School pupils has been featured in the local press. The under 18 boy's soccer team won the Scottish School's Cup, the under 15 girl's won the Scottish School's Cup 1 and the Renfrewshire District Cup.

If the plan to demolish St Cuthbert's School goes ahead in 2006 the opportunity for teams to practice games indoors in regulation size halls will be restricted.

The School Board, meeting on September 8, expressed its concern on the possible impact of these plans on sporting activities. It hopes that the Council will consider how a full-sized games hall can be incorporated into the refurbishment plans for Johnstone High School.

For more information contact Bob Turner on 843068.

Senior's Forum

Lochwinnoch Senior's Forum meets on the last day of the month except in July and August.

Dates for future meeting are: October 28, November 25, January 27, 2005, February 25, March 31, April 28, May 26 and June 29. For more details on the Forum call

Historical Society

Sheila or John Harris on 843162.

The next meeting of the Historical Society is on Thursday, November 18. The guest speaker is John Gallacher M.A. His illustrated talk is RSM

Titanic it's passengers and crew. An entertaining evening is anticipated. John, a regular visitor to the group, is well known for his interesting and informative talks.

New members are always welcome. Individual visits cost £1:50, annual membership is £6:00.

Community Garden

The Community Garden is situated at the back of the Parish Church. It's a sustainable garden project designed to educate and spread the word about sustainable gardening techniques.

It's aimed at all age groups, and is the only one in Renfrewshire and one of a very few in Scotland. Most crucially it is for the community of Lochwinnoch.

The project is run by a local independent community management team, not the Parish Church, LMEG or even Renfrewshire Council, though all of these groups are involved. The money for the garden came from Landfill Tax.

As well as attractive flowers and a pond there are composting facilities which use worms (yes worms!) and a huge 40ft Poly tunnel ideal for potting plants and gardening demonstrations.

Answer: The garden is open every day of the week for visitors from early morning till dusk. Simply open the gate and go in! Wednesday night is beginner's night. An experienced gardener will show you around and let you know how you might get involved.

If you want to talk to anyone about before visiting or want to do work other than on a Wednesday night call

Gordon Nicholl on (01505) 842632 Or send an email to

anne.nicholl@btopenworld.com.

I find it difficult to comprehend why anyone would want to continually wreck this super project, yet it happened again.

It was just sheer vandalism, breaking chairs etc. It's not as if they were in stealing plants.

Come on parents what are your youngsters up to when they wander Lochwinnoch in the early hours of

the morning? Why are they wandering about Lochwinnoch late at night into the early hours anyway? Ed.

Sporty Dinner

Calderglen have acquired the Westsound Radio sports team for this year's Sportsman's Dinner.

The venue for the dinner is Lochwinnoch Golf Club, date Friday November 19 at 7:30pm.

Last year's dinner that featured Jim Leishman, Sandy Strang and Ronnie Sanderson was a rousing success.

Tickets for the dinner cost £20:00 call 01505 843164.

Constitutional Matters

The Community Council is undertaking a review of the Constitution and Standing Orders under which it operates.

Residents of Lochwinnoch are invited to participate. Residents can suggest (with reason) alterations, deletions or additions to either the constitution or standing orders.

Further details of how to do this are available on the working party website:

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Letters

Thanks

William Gamble of Cemetery Lodge would like to say thanks to all who sent or expressed kind wishes during my recent illness.

Thanks again

William Gamble

The One that Didn't get Away

Here's a letter from Peter and Jean Fleming

'After fishing since he was 11 Ralph Fleming has cast his goal.

After fishing in the club champion championship on Saturday, September 25, he was invited to join the Scottish team as a member of the Scottish International Fly-Fishing team.

Ralph is an active member of his own club, ties his own flies for trout fishing. The flies have won him numerous trophies over the years. Many of his friends have enjoyed a trout or two caught by Ralph.

Well done Ralph and good luck for the future.

A very proud Mum and Dad.'

Paisley Abbey Choir

On Saturday villagers were given an opportunity to hear one of the best choirs in the country when Paisley Abbey Choir gave a concert in the Parish Church.

The concert was the culmination of the Collegiate Church Centenary Celebrations.

The choir, unbelievably with some members young enough to have recently waved goodbye to their nappies, tackled an ambitious programme of mainly Scottish music; music that spanned the centuries from the 15th to the 21st.

This was a choir no choral singer should have missed. Also on the programme was a recital of recent poems by the village bard Betty McKellar and a few numbers by the very talented folk group Tryst. Tryst featured Rob Patterson who must rate as one of this country's finest folk singers.

Lets hope we don't have to wait another four hundred years before this excellent choir return to the village.

Kickjitsu

Kickjitsu, we are now enrolling beginners for the forthcoming year

our classes the established McKillop Tuesday night @6pm or the new Lochwinnoch Parish Church class on a Thursday eveing '8.30pm I would be delighted to hear from any interested parties I can be contacted on 01505 681833 or 07986 146418...

Art Exhibition

The Lochwinnoch Art Group presents their 2004 exhibition at the Museum. The exhibition runs for 4 weeks and features the work of local artists. Entry is free. Most of the pictures are for sale if you want to do some early Christmas shopping.

I would like to add that this is the best exhibition I have seen for a few years 'not that the others I have seen have been anything less than good'. Make sure you pay the exhibition a visit. **Ed.**

School Centenary

It's just five months to the centenary of Lochwinnoch Primary School. As part of the celebrations the school has prepared a selection of questionnaires for ex-pupils.

If you want to fill in one of these questionnaires please contact the school. Questionnaires should be returned to the school before October 29, 2004.

Books Books

Here are some of the new fiction books available on the Library shelves:

Louise Anderson	Perception of Death
James Lee Burke	In the Moon of Red Ponies
Sarah Challis	On Dancing Hill
Stephen Coonts	Wages of Sin
Peter Cunningham	The Taoiseach
Iris Gower	Halfpenny Field
George Hagen	The Laments
Ruth Hamilton	Chandlers Green
Steve Hamilton	Ice Run
Donna Hay	Goodbye, Ruby Tuesday
F and J Kellerman	Double Homicide
Dean Koontz	The Taking
Freda Lightfoot	Watch for the Tallyman
Ken McCoy	Mad Carew
Val McDermid	The Torment of Others
Tony Parsons	The Family Way
Katie Thompson	A Perfect Life
Minette Walters	A Tinder Box

Staff at the Library want to thank everyone who supported the Tea Party on Friday, September 24. Total collected £90:00

Delicatessan

Morag and Val would like to thank all those who have supported them since the opening. It is very encouraging.

Only one tiny problem if your asking for special food to be stocked, then it has to be purchased. Good food is getting thrown out due to sell by date! It won't get stocked again!!

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 & Societies, Sports & Recreation. The main content area includes:

- Website Awards:** The Lochwinnoch village website won the Highly Commended award at the Community of the Year awards with the judges commenting on the "lively and entertaining forums", event-laden community calendar, and the Clan broadband initiative. Thanks to everyone who gets involved with the site.
- Forum Guideleines:** Please take a few minutes to read through the Forum Guidelines before posting messages to the forum noticeboards. The guidelines will help to explain how to use the system and what sort of content is appropriate. The golden rule... only post items that you are prepared to put your name against and so accounts registered with invalid e-mail addresses will be deleted along with their postings.
- New Sections:** Lochwinnoch Art Group... www.lochwinnoch.info/art
Clyde Windsurfing Club ... www.lochwinnoch.info/sports/clydewe

The contact information at the bottom is e-mail barbara@lochwinnoch.info.

The Forum

Here are a couple of the topics that occupy the great minds of those who spend their evenings in darkened rooms thinking profound thoughts -

'I think we should consider a one-way system in place around the village. Many of you will flap your arms but we need to think about the future. If we parked in a slant on one side of the street only, we would get may get more car parking spaces. We need a cycle lane also to encourage people use bikes, not only for the environment but for fitness levels.'

Reply: 'I can't think of any good reason for this. Why do you want it? What perceived problem do you think it will solve? How would you implement it?'

Where would you put a cycle lane? On every road in the village?'

School Run

'I have commented before on the ludicrous practice of driving kids to the village school.

I can't get my head around the concept. There is a theoretical risk your kid will be abducted, but it's a tiny risk, your kid is more likely to be injured by someone running their kid to school.

The only cars that should be at the school are those of parents who live out with the village. Even then it wouldn't do them any harm to be introduced to the concept of independence via public transport.'

'What is this garbage? The "school run"?! For most families it would be the "five minute stroll to school". Even in heavy rain this is not a problem, there a marvellous device known as an umbrella.'

'There is no excuse, at all, for driving kids to school in this village. It is pathetic, lazy, and stupid and gets the kids into negative patterns of excise.'

(And yes, I am a car driver)

'5 or 6 year olds walking to school' oooooooooooh the HORROR!

I was thinking more along the lines of the lazy parents dragging themselves out of their pits 5 or 10 minutes earlier and (wait for it- deep breath) walking WITH their children to

school'

'Honestly, walk, for God's sake, your little cherubs will survive the cold, wind, and rain on the laughably short journey, and I promise you they will thank you for it later in life. Just because the parents can't walk their own distance and take the lift and escalators in shops rather than the stairs, etc, doesn't mean you should condemn your kids to the same pathetic-heart attack at 40 lifestyle.

[Unable to display image] It amounts, in my opinion, to a form of child abuse. Parents should do the best for their children, and driving them two minutes down the road in a metal fumebox isn't doing them any

Get it off

favours.

The WeightWatchers meeting takes place in the McKillop Institute every Thursday evening from 6pm - 7pm. Get ready to lose these extra pounds for Christmas.

Now members can go from the WeightWatchers meeting to the aerobics meeting in the room next door at 7 p.m. - what could be more convenient!

For more details you can E-mail me at

Fiddler's Rally

www.elspeth.dunlop@gha.org.uk

Get the hobnails out and be prepared to stamp your feet in time to the irresistible Clyde Coast Strathspey & Reel Society.

The fiddler's are playing in the Parish Church on Friday, October 29 at 7:30pm. Tickets, available from Norma Bell (842558) cost £4:00 adults, £1:00 children.

Gardening Group

The next meeting of the Gardening Group is on Monday, November 8 in the museum at 7:30pm. Note there may be a change of venue but this will appear in a notice nearer the time.

Guest speaker is Liz Parsons, well known for her knowledge of wildlife and wildflowers. Liz will talk on wild-life gardening.

Visitors to the meeting are encouraged. The visit costs Â£2:00. An annual subscription costs Â£10:00 and covers all meetings, garden visits, and free plants members bring to meeting

Country Dance Club

The Country Dance Club's autumn session is on every Tuesday in the McKillop Institute, from 7:30 till 9:30pm.

Brown Bull

Laura and Fergus and staff and customers want to congratulate Laura and David Wishart on their recent marriage.

On Saturday, October 23 Iain Morrison and the Sleepy Cafe Band a mix of modern sounds and bagpipes play live in the pub from approx 9:00pm.

The following day sees the long awaited shearing of Peter Kennedy's famed pigtail. Watch a man knock twenty years off his age, all to raise funds for next year's Gala Day.

Saturday, October 30. Grease Night for Halloween. Fancy dress required. Get out your 50's gear and enjoy a night of fun.

The Brown Bull is helping to raise funds for the Gala Day. Anyone wishing to hold an fundraising event in the pub or help out should speak to Laura Hunt in person or at 843250.

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