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What's On

- **April 23rd, Arthritis Research Campaign** coffee morning in the McKillop on Saturday, 10:00am – 12noon.
- **April 23rd, Carmina Burana**, St Winnoch Singers, Parish Church, 7.30p Tickets from Junction and Brown Bull. Tickets £5, £3.50 (concession) £12 Family (2 adults plus 2 Children under 16)
- **April 30th, Plant & Produce Sale 10am-4pm RSPB**
- **May 1st, Village Plant Sale** Castle Semple Centre 11am proceeds to Youth Space Project—McKillop, Lochwinnoch.
- **May 14th, Silent Auction**, Parish Church Halls, 11am-3pm Entrance Fe £1 (Tea/Coffee Biscuits included)

Community Council

A Report from the new Lochwinnoch community/police partnership group meeting was heard; two CC members volunteered to join the local Crime Prevention Panel. Monthly crime figures and public reports given by the community police officer Tracy. Public reports were that weekends had been satisfyingly quiet over the last few weeks.

The crime figures for March totaled 15, among them 8 incidents of vandalism were re-

ported. There were 104 calls to the police throughout the month.

The CC decided to object to two street trader's who were applying for licences to sell groceries and tobacco. The grounds for the objections were based on the fact that tobacco should not be sold from an ice cream van and grocery sales would create unwelcome competition for the existing grocery shops in the village.

The condition of the Main St Bridge was discussed; a report read to the committee claimed the bridge getting worse.

A photograph of repairs to a similar bridge in Ullapool was sent to the Roads Dept but was returned with little enthusiasm. The whole matter of the bridge will be pursued further.

A new service on the Renfrewshire Council website called 'renfrewshire4community' lists all sources of grants for community groups and projects. All local groups should give it a look.

Gala Day

After a break of many years a group of villagers have got together to bring the Gala Day back. The date for this feast of fun and games is Sat-

urday the 27th August. So far the day will include a parade, a variety of stalls by local organisations, a tea room, beer tent, dog show and a fishing competition. Other events are being arranged. Dry, sunny weather guaranteed, take a note in you diary, keep that day free for fun.

Incidentally, anyone with an idea for extra activities is welcome to get in touch with the organising group.

Contact Christine Brown on 842139 or email her at Christine-brown@paisleyartists.com or come along to the next planning meeting on Wednesday, 27th April at 7pm in the Brown Bull restaurant.

Local Girls in National Netball Team

Rebecca Colbron and Rachel Holmes were chosen to play for Scotland's under 17's netball team.

They received their first cap in March after representing Scotland in the European Championship in Hull. The team won a silver medal. The highest achievement ever by a Scottish under 17' netball team.

Rebecca and Rachel want to thank everyone who helped and supported them.

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Community Partnership News

The Lochwinnoch Community Partnership issued this leaflet on 28th March 2005.

The partnership comprises of the Community Council, Police, Antisocial Investigation Team (ASIST) and Councillor Nimmo. 'Solving the Problems together - Communities Beat Crime' In response to concerns of anti-social behaviour in Lochwinnoch a partnership approach, supported by Councillor Nimmo, has been created to tackle the problems.

Several initiatives will be carried out soon. However, success depends on the co-operation from the community. The partnership relies on the public to supply factual information.

Help the partners to help you by reporting incidents - phoning either: Nuisance Helpline free on 0800 169 1293 (between 9am - 10pm)

• ASIST Office direct on 01505 325 030 (between 8.45am - 4.45pm) ask for David McLaren or Sheila McFarlane

They will need to know:

- What has happened?
- When-date and time?
- Where?
- By whom? - where possible, provide names or descriptions. This information can be left anonymously OR for ongoing incidents - call

- Police on 0141 532 5900

The police will need detailed information on the incident so they can deal effectively with the matter. All calls are recorded and an Incident Number will be allocated. This number can be requested at a later date. Remember, this is YOUR community, the message to the small minority who behave in an antisocial manner must be strong and united.

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

New Houses

The Proposed plans for the new houses on the historic cooerage site on Main Street are on the internet.

Don't hold your breath if you are looking for affordable houses, flats or houses of real architectural innovation.

According to the plans the houses look like any other new houses anywhere in the country - and they look expensive, very expensive.

Look forward to the site - or 'estate' I should say becoming a dormitory for folks with money and a job in Glasgow.

Buses

When I moved here some-time ago I heard complaints about the lack of a decent bus service to and from Glasgow.

Apparently at one time during the seventies an express bus whisked you into the city before you could say Auld Simon. But one day the service stopped. About six years ago Stagecoach ran an excellent service from the village to the town. The bus left the McKillop at ten and returned at 2:30, 4:00 or 5:20. A great service

no walking to and from the station.

However, few people used it, so after a year it was axed.

Recently I heard people again complaining about the lack of a decent bus service to Glasgow.

Which begs the question did the moaners use the bus six years ago, and would they use a new service if one was put on?

Now so many people have bus passes it might be an idea to try a new service to Glasgow.

Young Bards

The poetry competition at the recent Lochwinnoch Book Festival produced a lot of winners.

All the poems were first class, but there has to be a winner and it was Louis Wiszwien-ski, joint second winners were Angela Eliza Graham and Peter Dunn. The poems are shown below:

100 Years Ago

I was small and weak when they laid the first stone
As the roof went on, I felt so alone
Then as I got bigger and stronger
Alone, I felt no longer fear
In Lochwinnoch Primary School
I heard the sounds of laughter very near



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So I learned to have no fear
 Of Lochwinnoch Primary School
 The boys play with hoops and balls
 While the girls play with ropes and dolls
 In Lochwinnoch Primary School
 The older and wiser I grow
 I'd soon see the top of the class-
 room window
 In Lochwinnoch Primary School
 I'd see teachers and children
 come and go
 And their daughters and sons
 grow and grow
 In Lochwinnoch Primary School
 As you might guess I'm the play-
 ground tree
 Welcome to the centenary
 Of Lochwinnoch Primary School.
 Louis Wiszwienski
 The two second prize winning
 poems will appear in the May
 Chatterbox.

Wee Moan

Has Anyone driving from Kilbirnie to Lochwinnoch and noticed that when you get to Lochwinnoch the road is more like a rumble-strip than a road?

At Newton of Barr it gets worse. The road is as crumbly as an old cake.

It is even worse beyond the station. False teeth wearers are in grave danger if they negotiate this at anything but a crawl.

And for walkers, of course, there is the Hollywood-sized swimming pool puddle to negotiate to get to or from the station.

And what bright spark decided to resurface Johnshill weeks before someone dug it up again.

Why is there no footpath from St Joseph's to the Glenlora Road?

Grrr – get me a cold compress and a

Wheelie Bins

sherry!

Here is an article from the Chatterbox of ten years ago. 'Wheelie bins, or to give them their official title 'the Continental Refuse Collection Receptacle will come

into use on Monday, May 15. 'All households will receive a bin before this date. On the day of collection you should take your bin to the kerb side where it will be collected. All your rubbish must be put in the bin. In order to prevent neighbourhood disputes it is suggested you put your address on the bin as to replace the bin will be at your expense.'

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While we are on this subject, I recently heard of an elderly lady who fell because of an empty bin in the middle of the footpath. I have also seen women with prams having to walk into the road because the footpath was obstructed by a bin.

So please think – and this applies to those who empty the bins – where

Coffee Morning

you leave a bin.

The Arthritis Research Campaign is holding a fund raising coffee morning in the McKillop on Saturday, April 23 from 10:00am – 12noon.

Look out for the usual stalls: baking, bric-a-brac, plus raffle among others.

Carmina Burana

On Saturday, April 23rd in the Parish Church you'll get a chance to hear the St Winnoch Singers perform the extraordinary Carmina Burana by Carl Orff.

This piece is a theatrical showpiece; wild, athletic, tender and exciting all in one go.

It is performed by the choir, the junior choir, the intermediate choir, three soloist (among them Lochwinnoch's Candice Quigg) and a battery of mainly percussion instruments.

Saturday, April 23, Parish Church, 7:30pm - not to be missed.

Tickets on sale at The Junction and the Brown Bull, £5, Concession £3.50, Family Ticket £12 (2 Adults plus 2 Children under sixteen).

SILENT AUCTION

(Furniture, China, Glasses, Jewellery and Other Things)

Lochwinnoch Parish Church Halls

Saturday 14th May

Entrance Fee £1

(Includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits)

Doors open 11am—3pm

(come along and enjoy a bargain) All welcome



Lochwinnoch
Renfrewshire, Scotland

The Village Website

WHAT'S NEW ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WWW.LOCHWINNOCH.INFO

Many thanks to David Williams in Ottawa for sending me photographs and stories about his family who emigrated to Canada from Lochwinnoch. His great grandfather was William Crawford who owned the Calder Glen Mill and who married into the Orr family from Kaim. You can read about the mill and the family in the history section of the village website. Photographs are available in the photo gallery.

Road Faults – you can now report potholes, roads and lighting faults to Renfrewshire Council from the village website. Just fill in the online form which you will find linked on the front page or from the CC pages and click submit.

New search – a new search tool has been added to the village website. Google can be used from the home page to search either the village website or the entire world wide web. It should make finding things on the village website easier and quicker.

And finally, for a bit of fun, the Village Forum now offers readers the chance to award **karma points** to posters. Both good and bad karma can be awarded depending on what you think of the posters tone, message content etc.

contact barbara@lochwinnoch.info

RSPB News

April

Sat 30 April 10am-4pm Plant & Produce Sale

The annual plant and produce sale organised by RSPB's Renfrewshire Local Group is an eagerly awaited event, so be sure to arrive early to bag those bargains. **Free event!**

May Sat 14 May 4.30am-6.30am Dawn Chorus

Why not make the effort to rise early to join us on a guided walk of the reserve to listen to the wonderful dawn chorus! Please book in advance.

Sun 15 May 10-4pm

Optics Demonstration Sat 28 May 11-4pm

Aren't Hen Harriers Brilliant!

As part of Scottish Biodiversity Week, come and discover more about the hen harrier, an amazing bird of prey and a special local species. Take part in exciting family activities at RSPB Lochwinnoch Nature Reserve followed by guided walks to look for hen harriers in the moorlands, as well as opportunities to see a glimpse of their daily lives by CCTV footage. Guided walks start at Muirshiel Centre, if you need transport between the two sites please book in advance. **Free event!**

The reserve is open at all times, and the visitor centre is open daily from 10am to 5pm (closed 25th/26th December and 1st/2nd January).

Contact us at RSPB Lochwinnoch Nature Reserve, Largs Road, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, PA12 4JF. Telephone 01505 842663/Fax 01505 843026 or email lochwinnoch@rspb.org.uk <mailto:lochwinnoch@rspb.org.uk> www.rspb.org.uk/scotland <http://www.rspb.org.uk/scotland>

Regional Office:

RSPB Scotland, South and West Regional Office, 10 Park Quadrant, Glasgow G36BS Telephone: 0141 331 0993

Local Hero

The 2005 RYA Youth Championships and Trials took place from the 4-8 April at Largs Sailing Club.

Local windsurfer Peter Bird, 18, from Lochwinnoch who belongs to Largs Sailing Club was one of the favourites in the Mistral class. During the Championships and Trials in Largs, the GBR team for the ISAF Youth Worlds was being selected. That event will run from 14-23 July in Busan, South Korea.

The final day of competition saw the Mistral windsurfers left on shore as the wind increased and the wind chill dropped to minus 10 degrees. Luckily for Pete, he had done enough to win the event and managed to convince the selection committee that he was the man for the job in Korea. He won the event from second placed Richard Hamilton from North Lincs and Humberside.

Pete learnt to windsurf in Scotland at the age of 7, I am sure that Busan will offer some slightly warmer waters!

The ISAF Youth Worlds will run

from 14-23 July in Busan, South Korea and the progress of team GBR can be followed on the event website

<http://www.worldyouthsailingbusan.com>

Village Plant Sale

The village plant sale takes place this year on Sunday 1st May at 11 am at the Castle Semple Centre.

A great opportunity for all you keen gardeners to stock up on great selection of quality plants at great prices.

Proceeds from this year's sale will be going to the Youth Space Project... based at the McKillop which offers evening youth club facilities for secondary aged kids. Advance order forms will be appearing through your door shortly and an online order form will be available.

An excellent choice to give extra funding to, so get along and get buying.

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