

Nuisance Helpline
Anti-Social Behavior,
 Noise problems
 Support and Advice
 Every day 9am – 10pm
 0800 169 1283

CHATTER- BOX

ASIST
 Anti-Social Investigation Team
 Office 8:45am – 4:45pm
 Ask for David McLaren or
 Sheila McFarlane
 01505 325 030

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What's On

- **May 14th** Coffee Morning, Meet Trish Gorman MSP, McKillop 10am-1pm
- **May 14th** Silent Auction Parish Church 1am-3pm
- **May 14th** Important Planning Meeting—Wimpay Plans for former Cooperage Site. Calder Church Hall, 5pm.
- **May 18th** Playgroup Open Day, McKillop Institute 10am-11am.
- **May 19th** Gala Meeting 7.30pm. upstairs Brown Bull
- **May 15-20th** Christian Aid Week which is supporting 'Make Poverty History'

Community Council

During April seven crimes were reported in the village:

- 2 thefts**
- 2 breaches of the peace**
- 2 vandalism**
- 1 assault**

Three were detected and are being dealt with by the procurator fiscal.

In total 96 calls were made to the police in April from Lochwinnoch and Howwood.

The police said the DNA material was taken from the Catholic Church after a recent break-in. They added it takes a few months for the results to be known.

Recently, a gang carried out prolonged raids in the cooperage site in Calder Street.

The gang removed the exiting padlock and replaced it with their padlock.

Dressed in yellow jackets and hard hats the thieves entered and left the site whenever they liked. Complaints were received about the amount of heavy traffic now using St Winnoch Road. Residents say that over the past few weeks heavy traffic is now using St Winnoch Road rather than Church Street.

The Community Council will – once again – press Renfrew Council to carry out repairs to the Main Street Bridge as soon as possible. They will also write to MSP Trish Goodman to ask her to clarify what action she has taken to force the council to repair the bridge.

One villager complained about the standard of mail delivery in the village. The person complained about missing mail, she added, it is becoming a relatively common occurrence.

If anyone also has problems with their mail deliveries could you please let the Community Council know either using the village website or the Chatterbox envelope in the library.

ASIST

During April ten people were interviewed by the ASIST (Anti-Social Investiga-

tion Team), this is the team that monitors anti social behaviour. One local youth was issued with a Youth Notice, the first stage in the process of issuing an anti-social behaviour notice.

The ASIST team would be grateful to be supplied with the names and addresses of anyone in the village who has committed an offence. This can be done anonymously. If you know anyone who is or has committed an offence let the ASIST team know, you can contact them on 01505 3250303 - ask for David McLaren or Sheila McFarlane.

Incidentally, there is a Nuisance helpline if you are troubled by noisy neighbours, it is: 0800 169 1283 and operates from 9:00am – 10:00pm.

Superintendent Dyer of K Division assured the community council crime partnership team that mounted police and dog patrols will operate in the village. This is partly in response to complaints that youths had been seen throwing bottles onto the road from the cycle track bridge.

The police reprimanded a number of youths who were drinking at the Cross. The names and addresses of the youths were passed to the ASIST team.

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Charity Walk

On Saturday, April 23 a sponsored walk was undertaken to raise funds for the RNLI.

So far, £600.00 was raised. The organisers of the event want to thank the staff at the café at Castle Semple who gave their time and support to make this a happy and successful event. Thanks also to Krystal Klear who supported the event and supplied the walkers with gallons of mineral water.

Alex and Grace from the highly successful 'Race Night Scotland Group' will join Guild members on Friday, June 10 in the McKillop Hall for a race night. Tickets, £1:00 plus a glass of wine or beer, will be on sale from the end of May.

This will be an interesting evening with a full racing card, bingo and other games.

Playgroup Open Day

Lochwinnoch Playgroup is holding an Open Day on Wednesday, May 18 between 10 and 11:00am. This will give parents of pre-school children an opportunity to see what the playgroup is all about.

The new intake starts in August, although children can join any time during the year from the age 2 year, 9 month. Children attend at the McKillop Institute on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:30am. The Playgroup is run by two qualified play leaders and managed by a committee of parents.

If you feel your child would benefit from being part of a

small, local learning and play group, come and see how the Playgroup works. If you can't make the Open Day contact Carol Gemmell on 843858 for details.

We look forward to meeting you on the Open Day!

Wee Moan

You can now take a luxury coach to Largs or Braehead. Harte of Greenock operate the bus. It passes the gym at around 5 minutes to the hour, both ways.

The bus returns from Largs or Braehead at 35 minutes past the hour. The first bus stops at 9:55 in the village, the last bus leaves Largs or Braehead at 5:35pm. All the buses drop off and pick up at IKEA. The bus also stops at Kilbirnie.

Incidentally, from Braehead there are frequent bus services to Glasgow; also you can take the ferry from Braehead right into the centre of the city. In the other direction you can get the ferry to Millport.

The Arriva bus will not, apparently, call at the village this year. 'Use the bus or lose the bus'

Arthritis Research

The Lochwinnoch branch of Arthritis Research Campaign are looking for someone to take over from the retiring chairman – Ann Robb.

We are a hard working and sup-

portive committee, so if anyone out there is interested in this worthwhile voluntary work please contact Ann on 01505 842310 or call on her at 8 St Winnoch Road where she will be please to discuss the matter with you.

Arthritis research works to raise money for medical research to find a cure for this crippling disease.

Aid

The Lochwinnoch International Aid organisation were launched a few months ago with the intention of providing long term help to areas damaged by the tsunami. We wanted to be able to establish links with people in affected areas. Later on we hope to expand links and projects with other parts of the world.

We have made contact with a project in Bangkok. A school in Patana is running a scheme under the organisation Habitats for Humanity where the kids visit area to help local people build houses. They also raise money to allow this to happen.

Not only can we help with fund raising, we can develop links with the school and the people the school is helping. This will increase the connection between Lochwinnoch and the parts of the world that need our help.

Now we have this contact we will keep the news flowing. We will be pleased to hear from anyone who can help develop contacts further and/or raise money for this cause.

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Young Bards

Last month the winning poem in the Lochwinnoch Book Festival was printed in Chatterbox, this month features the two poems that won joint second place. The first is by Eliza Graham, it's called 'The Centenary' the second is by Peter Dunn is called

Lochwinnoch's Centenary Poem.

100 years have past,
Let's hope it's not the last,
The large building at the top of
the hill,
Standing very tall and still.

We celebrate with joy,
Each girl and each boy,
1905 was the coming alive,
And still is now in 2005.

We had a balloon launch at 12
noon,
We heard where the balloons
went to soon,
And Fintry was the furthest,
But our school hedge was the
closest.

The open days were a huge suc-
cess,
But they also left a big mess,
Our celebrations were perfectly
fine,
Lots of families came including
mine.

Eliza Graham

Lochwinnoch's Centenary Poem

Lochwinnoch Primary is the best
So much better than the rest.
So many years, so many tests
I don't mind, I've tried my best!
Lochwinnoch Primary is very
good

The best change would have to be
the food!

I have had many fears
But I'm so proud to be right here!
100 years this school has stood
I hope it will be just as good!
Learning should be just as fun
In the future years to come!

Peter Dunn

Carmina Burana

The St Winnoch Singers performance of Carmina Burana was in a word 'stunning'. It was dreamy, dramatic, and full of passion. The evening featured three choirs, three soloists and a world record played by a three armed xylophone player.

The show kicked off with delightful performances by the younger St Winnoch Singers. These were super performances conducted by the ever-resourceful Susan Lamont.

Next, Heather Corbett, described as the world greatest xylophone player had a crack at the Flight of the Bumble Bee land speed record. To do this she had to play the piece faster than 1.15 seconds.

Her first attempt was outside the record by one second. After a brief pause, and a rub down, Heather buzzed through the piece in a stinging 59 seconds. It'll be a long time before this record is beaten.

Next the St Winnoch Singers took to the stage to perform the

taxing Carmina Burana. It was a thoughtful performance that included solos from a three young rising stars from all over Europe: Carlos Nogueira from Portugal, Patrice Lamure from France and from Lochwinnoch the beautiful, talented Candice Quigg.

The choir's regular conductor Gordon Rigby conducted the performance.

Gala Charity Concert

Here's a note for your diary, on September 11, 2005 the St Winnoch Singers, along with two other choirs and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra will, in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, perform Karl Jenkins's fabulous mass 'The Armed Man'. Karl Jenkins will conduct the performance.

The performance is in aid of the Hope for Homes Charity, a charity that looks after children in areas ravaged by war and conflict.

You can only buy tickets direct from the Concert hall. They are now on sale.

If there is enough interest from village there will be coaches organised. Keep an eye open for further details. emerging.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

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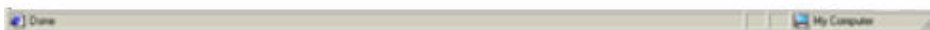
Many thanks to David Williams in Ottawa for sending me photographs and stories about his family who emigrated to Canada from Lochwinnoch. His great grandfather was William Crawford who owned the Calder Glen Mill and who married into the Orr family from Kaim. You can read about the mill and the family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

RSPB Timetable

SATURDAY, May 14

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!

June

Wed 1 June 10am - 12 noon

**Introduction to Birdwatching:
Summer birds**

A guided walk around the reserve with tips for newcomers to birdwatching. Binoculars and telescopes will be provided. Please book in advance.

Sun 19 June 10am - 4pm

Optics Demonstration

General Information

There is free entry for all to the visitor centre which has a ground-level viewing area complete with seating, binoculars and telescopes. The viewing tower offers panoramic

views over the Aird Meadow and features informative displays and interactive children's display panels. There is a small charge for non-RSPB members to access our two nature trails and birdwatching hides.

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).

EVENTS UPDATE BY E-MAIL:

To receive monthly updates of our events, please e-mail Lochwinnoch@rspb.org.uk
ACCESS FOR DISABLED VISITORS:

Our visitor centre, toilets, nature trails and viewing hides are accessible to wheelchair users. We aim to make our events program suitable for all, however, if you have any special requirements please tell us in advance.

Plant Sale

The recent village plant sale raised £370, which

went to the Youth Space Project.

Once again the villagers responded. Thank you for coming along and supporting such a worthwhile cause.

Gala Day

The of the Gala Day need your help. The event takes a lot of planning and a lot of willing hands.

If you want to make the day a success and want to get involved in a worthwhile project you can do so by contacting Christine Brown on the phone 842139 or email ChristineBrown@paisleyartists.com.

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th May 7.30pm Brown Bull.

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