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Village Link



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Message from the Minister



Dear friends, the month of August marks a return to much that we regard as normal life. Lots of folk have completed their summer break. Schools return. Organisations resume. Our days start to follow what we think of as the normal pattern of life.

This is true of church too. Lots of committees, groups and organisations start up for a new year. It might seem that we will simply continue what we have done in the past. The truth is that we are entering a period of change. Between now and next summer we are going to be working with the other churches west of Dunfermline. Almost immediately we will be working with fewer ministers. Two of those in post are retiring. In the next few years we will have fewer church buildings.

So, what of Limekilns Church? The truth is our future is in our hands. The resource available to Limekilns Church is how we give of our time, talent and money. We are God's resource in this place. God will bless and multiply what we give. The challenge for us is to give so that God can multiply and bless.

I pray that we may be a vibrant and growing Church, in our worship and in serving our parish and beyond. I pray that God will bless us.

Yours, Norman

Church Services:

Every Sunday at 10.00am.

For those unable to attend church, Sunday services will continue to take place online on Zoom. To join worship on Zoom use ID Number 899 8656 4721.

Contact the Minister for the passcode ([tel: 872341](tel:872341); [e-mail: nmg57@live.com](mailto:nmg57@live.com)).

An audio version of the service is available on the website (www.limekilnschurch.org).

This can be accessed anytime.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH

Baby /Toddler Group: Tuesday
9.15 to 11.15am

Tea Room: Wednesday
2.00 to 4.00pm

Men's Group: Friday 2.00 to
4.00pm for games,
conversation and
refreshments.

* See more at
Community Link News (Page 3)



Limekilns Community Weather

*"If you can't measure it you can't improve it"
... Lord Kelvin*

It is some time ago that the proposal for a Community Weather Station was put forward to the Community Council. There was a strong level of support at the time.

The objective is to provide a source of local weather data which would be of interest to individuals, groups and organizations with the additional intention of stimulating interest in STEM subjects through external science based resources.

Thanks to funding and help from a few people, a basic station is now being hosted by The Forth Cruising Club; data can be seen under Limekilns Community Weather on the Weatherlink app. The next step depends on the support from any interested parties.

To launch the next stage, notes of interest are invited by email to

brucehavenweatherstation@gmail.com

There is no intention of improving the weather as suggested in Lord Kelvin's quote but at least we might gain a better understanding.

Robin Grant



A sea of smiles is all the eye could see on Gala Day here in Charlestown. From the little ones chasing bubbles blown by the mystical magician to the grandparents shimmying down to the rocking live band, not a single frown was in sight.

The array of activities was endless. Whether you like tennis, dancing or football, all was in view, and so much more. And for those who love a good burger, as I do, the Scouts cooked up scrumptious patties for us fiends.

The lovely food provided by the Ship Inn gave you a taste of South Africa, which was happily being washed down with no other than Brew Shed's finest beers. There is truly nowhere else you'd rather be on Gala Day, than in Charlestown.

Tara Patel (from the Sutlery)



... to everyone who purchased a copy of "Sixty Scrumptious Recipes" which was a fun way of celebrating a 'significant' birthday as well as supporting 'Meningitis Now', a charity very

close to our family's hearts.

A grand sum of £240 has been raised to date, (there are still some copies remaining in the church!).

I hope that some of the recipes have whetted your appetites and found 'flavour' with you!

Thank you all once again. *Marguerite Edwards*

Money Worries?

There are a number of local and national sources of help, information and advice:

The Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF) – for Crisis Grants <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/benefits-and-money-advice/crisis-and-community-care-grants>

Citizens Advice and Rights Fife (CARF) –CARF Dunfermline is open for appointments. Contact 0345 140 0095 for general advice and 0345 140 0094 for debt advice or visit <https://www.cabfife.org.uk/>

Step Change –If you have problems with debt, Step Change can offer free advice. <https://www.stepchange.org/how-we-help/debt-advice-scotland.aspx>

If you are at risk of becoming homeless – contact Fife Council Housing Options <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/housing/housing-options> or phone 03451 55 00 33. Shelter Scotland –<https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/> (Tel: 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Closed bank holidays.) 0808 800 4444.

Dunfermline Food Bank – You need a food bank voucher from SWF, CARF, local health visitors, Fife Council housing officers, and other local charities. Mon, Weds, Friday 4-6pm, 07580 231286; Rosyth Parish Church, or Liberty Centre, Pitreavie Way, Pitreavie Business Park, Dunfermline, KY11 8QS. You can donate to the Food Bank by taking goods to - Unit 1C (Pitreavie Court, Pitreavie Business Park, *Mandy Littlewood*



LINK

Hello Village Link Readers

Our community engagement portfolio continues to grow, here's what's going on at the church.

Thurs 1st Sept 7 - 9pm: (NEW) Community Games Evening (table tennis, pool, spikeball, pictionary etc., tea and coffee served)

Tues 6th Sept 2 - 4pm: (NEW) Community Sing-along Club (socialise, laugh, sing, dance and make new friends, tea and coffee served)

(NEW) Community Clothing Exchange - looking for people to get involved developing this exciting new activity.

(NEW) Community Cinema - looking for people to get involved developing this exciting new project.

If you want to know more or get involved, please contact Jackie on 01383 873337, pop into the church office Tues to Fri 10am – 12.30pm, email:



The Difference

So often I can't wear the right clothes,
Speak the right words,
Fit the right mould,
Be the shape people want me to be,
Expect me to be,
Demand that I am,
To conform.
But you Lord
Accept me,
Release me,
Make it possible to be me,
Perfectly free
In your service,
Open for you
To transform.

Daphne Kitching

Food for Thought:

A Native American Proverb

Everything on this earth is borrowed.
There is no "Mine" or "Yours"... There is only "Ours" Even Time is borrowed. We kill over a plot of land that belongs only to our Mother Earth. All you have is what you came with.. and what you will leave with..

Your Spirit.

Sue - Limekilns Eco-congregation

Brucehaven Tennis Club

As we move towards the end of a wonderful summer of tennis, we're looking forward to the new school term and a busy autumn programme. We've loved being able to welcome Limekilns Primary School classes back to the club for coaching sessions this year, and we're hoping to have more visits next term. Our free monthly community tennis classes (for residents of Limekilns, Charlestown, Pattiesmuir and Crombie) will continue too.

Members are making great use of our new Slinger Bag tennis ball launcher to help improve their practice sessions and boost their fitness!

Autumn term coaching groups for juniors start in the first full week of term – the week beginning Monday 22nd August. All adult coaching groups are continuing into the autumn.

Most of our coaching sessions are open to non-members but we're always pleased to welcome new members to the club. We've had an influx of new members during the summer – probably due to a combination of fine weather, the 'Wimbledon factor' and the 25% mid-season reduction in membership prices.

For more information about our tennis programme and all the benefits of club membership, please see our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BrucehavenTC>, email us at brucehaventennis@gmail.com, or check out our Facebook page.

Alan Russell Head Coach

Brucehaven Tennis Club | RADAR Tennis



SOS SAVE OUR SHOP

**Thank You
So Much!**

There were masses of happy people enjoying themselves and we need to say a "Huge Thank you" to the very hard working commit-

tee who are small in number. They all had an extremely long and busy day: as well as the day before putting up the bunting and erecting all the tents! I am not sure what time the last person went home but it was after 6.30 as they had to disassemble everything and leave the Green completely tidy! They deserve a massive cheer. It was so good to have our village Gala up and running again. *Karen*



**CHARLESTOWN, LIMEKILNS
AND PATTIESMUIR NATURE
CONSERVATION GROUP**

We're really excited about a major project we're starting – a garden for the school and for the wider community to enjoy, working closely with the school and Floral Displays Group. We're planning raised beds, a pond, other habitats for wildlife, a polytunnel for the Displays Group to raise plants. Currently we are working on design and costings and have started applying for grants. We'll be consulting on the draft plans soon, so watch this space! Would you like to get involved, or would you just like to find out more? If so please contact Lesley Bloomer - 07974 823249, lesleyabloomer@gmail.com.

Other dates for your diary! Great British Beach Clean Saturday 18th September 11 -12 noon across Charlestown and Limekilns Beaches, please contact Kim McKissock if you'd like to take part - mckissockk1885@sky.com, 07834 906466. Great Nurdle Hunt Sunday 9th October 10-11 Limekilns Pier Beach, contact Jo McFarlane if you'd like to take part jowildplanetexplorers@gmail.com, 0781 312 4577. *Jo McFarlane*

D UNFERMLINE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY

We meet on Wednesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the church, for rehearsals for the next show in February. The show is to be 'Pirates of Penzance' and we are open to anyone who would care to join us. We are a happy band of folk who like to sing and dance,. The principals have been selected and we are looking for men and women who would like to be part of the chorus. We meet weekly until nearer the end of the year and the show will be at the Carnegie Hall.

If you would like to join us, even if just for a taster, come along one evening and see what you think! There are a few villagers already involved and we would love some more! However; it is open to anyone who would be interested in joining. Speak to Karen Grant or Morag Riley.

"The expression of love is like white light...
Every colour of the universe is in the love story.

Nicholas Cage.

(Thanks to Andy-Next-Door)

Message from Canada

As always, *Village Link* is a delight to read! I was moved by the quotation from Christmas Day 2016 by Queen Elizabeth, wished I could drop in at your local Scottish Women's Institute meeting, and delighted to read of the barrels planted in blue and yellow in support of Ukraine.

We continue to leave the blue and yellow ribbons and plastic eggs on our big lilac bush in our front yard, and along the street, where I have a good number of Russian Sage plants, John has made a wooden sign stating the plants will now be referred to as Ukrainian Sage!

Thank you for sending us Village Link - we love it.

Jane (*Jane Meyer, friend of Craig and Jennifer Lindsay*)

Limekilns and Charlestown Floral Displays Group.

It's so far been a warm, dry summer. Great for plants if they've had enough water. It's maybe also making life harder for some wildlife to find enough water, and I wonder if it's why I've seen roe deer in areas I've not seen them for years. But I didn't see the one(s) which wandered onto Dunfermline Road and ate all the juicy, lush Ukrainian blue and yellow violas in one of the North Loanhead tubs, though others in the houses there did see the deer.

Our group is getting well prepared for a 'teas and crafts' event in the church, 12.00 - 16.00 on Saturday 17th September, where we'll also have a table with plants for sale. You may well be able to find some useful and unusual presents available from the crafters. Posters advertising the event should soon be appearing around the village, with advance tickets available in some village outlets as well as at the door on the 17th.

To offer help with watering or on any aspect of our work, please contact any one of us around the villages, or via: tom@chway.plus.com .

Tom Leatherland, Secretary.

A Word from Councillor Brian Goodall

It was a real honour to be elected as a Councillor for my local Ward in May. While a great deal of my work has involved dealing with concerns in Rosyth, I've made a particular effort to also address the issues raised by residents in Pattiesmuir, Limekilns, Charlestown and Crombie. It's been great working with so many people from the village where I live, and the area that I love.

I'd like to highlight the amazing work being done locally by three groups in particular. The Gala Committee, The Limekilns Community Garden Group and the Local Nature Conservation Group. The members of these community groups have been doing amazing work and are putting so much back into the life of our villages.

There are so many ways to get involved locally and make your own contribution, so if you've been thinking about volunteering locally then please take the plunge and get involved. I know you'll be made to feel welcome, and your skills and commitment will be put to very good use.

Councillor Brian Goodall

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Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/cllrbrian.goodall>



Forth Cruising Club

We are now well over half way through our sailing season which sadly ends with our crane out on 8th and 9th October.

Our season has seen many races and some members venturing further afield reaching places such as Muckle Flugga in Shetland and the Farne Islands down the East coast.

One boat has won trophies at West Highland Week racing against boats sometimes much larger and faster but handicaps come into play.

We have also been having BBQs where members share all their tales of racing and voyaging exploits. And not forgetting some with mechanical failures!

Some bad news is that Scottish Water is planning to carry out urgent major repairs to the poorly designed sewage plant on our grounds. This could restrict our on shore capacity to store boats over the winter. We need answers to the 'when and how much loss of space' question shortly as crane out planning are imminent. The Club is open to new members and our website can be found at www.forthcruisingclub.org.

Phil Whetton

Commodore

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