



# July Newsletter Village Link



We are not printing many copies, of this newsletter, but we would invite you to send it on to your friends, or if it makes sense, print off a copy and pop it through the letter box of neighbours who might appreciate it. The next publication will be mid-August. Please contact me **before 7th August** if you have something you would like to be included. (eileenkk28@btinternet.com)

## Message from the Minister

Dear Friends, These are sometimes confusing times as we travel the route map out of lockdown. Some things seem to change suddenly. Some change seems too quick and some change seems too slow. There are many demands from many different sectors of society. There are many different hopes and fears in different parts of society. Individually we each have our own unique perspective. As such, I have great sympathy for decision makers, whether that be in the nation or in the Church.

Whatever decisions are made, much of the responsibility for the kind of society we become is down to us, the people. Jesus only really gave us one rule – the rule of love. The way to change the world for the better is to let love guide our words and actions.

Take care and keep praying. Yours, Norman

## Queen's Hall

The committee is looking for a volunteer. Due to ill health our treasurer has had to give up the post of treasurer. If anyone is interested in helping the committee, in any capacity, please contact **Carol Hughes** (01383 872605).

The Rotary Club of West Fife has carried on with its support of defibrillator provision within the communities in the area. Two installations have recently been progressed, one at Forth Cruising Club, in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation; the other at Torryburn and Newmills, supported by a donation of £750.

The Club continues to look for worthwhile causes in the local communities, particularly in its heartland around Limekilns and Charlestown.

Roger Hall, Club President, may be contacted on [rogers@rogers.co.uk](mailto:rogers@rogers.co.uk), if there are any situations with which the Club can offer assistance.

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\* Please continue to support \*  
\* our local businesses! \*  
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## The Garden Club

Sadly, we have decided that, given the current situation with Covid-19, it is **not** going to be possible to host the Villages Annual Flower & Produce Show this year. We know that villagers have been able to spend a great deal of time in their gardens and as a result everything is looking quite amazing. The weather has helped of course!

We will try very hard to ensure that next year's show is even bigger and better. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well, and cherish your gardens.

Best Wishes, *Fiona Thompson*

## Floral Displays Group,

While all involved with the group are isolating, we've managed to get the tubs and beds planted. While going around we can't help seeing residents' gardens. It's a shame that we'll not be getting any 'Beautiful Fife' assessors around this year, as they'd see some very tidy and colourful gardens! Well done to everybody who's done more on their own patches this year. Perhaps you may also be producing some of your own veg as well, as July is when harvesting gets going. At time of writing, everything is getting enough water from rainfall, but if you can help us in drier times, please get in touch.

Tom Leatherland, [tom@chway.plus.com](mailto:tom@chway.plus.com)



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Click on the rainbow at the foot of the home page.  
You've arrived!

If you would like to support the work of the church in the community, please text CHURCHTEN or CHURCHFIVE to 70085 to donate £10 or £5 respectively.

# Our Second Virtual Messy Church



[www.limekilnschurch.org](http://www.limekilnschurch.org)

Our second Virtual Messy Church is on the church web-site, Go to:

[www.limekilnschurch.org](http://www.limekilnschurch.org)

We hope that people will join us, enjoy it and then give us their feedback! Thank you. Karen.

## Forth Cruising Club



Alas this year the sailing club has been unable to launch its boats due to the Covid 19 distancing restrictions etc. The moorings at both piers sadly remain

empty except for a handful of boats that have been able to come from elsewhere. This means there is little to see for the villagers and our influx of visitors. Some members have resorted to sailing small easily launched dinghies whilst others are busy using the summer weather to prepare their boats for next year. Membership remains open and the Club website can be found at [www.forthcruisingclub.org](http://www.forthcruisingclub.org).

Phil Whetton

How often do we take a deep breath and appreciate...really appreciate...the air we breathe? How often do we savour the food we taste and smell the flowers along our path? When was the last time we listened to our children, grandchildren, laughed with a friend, embraced our spouse? It is true that the best things in life are free, but we are often too distracted or too busy to see the simple treasures of life right in front of us. Richard Rohr

## Broomhall Curling Club

We are reasonably confident that Season 2020/21 will be able to commence as planned in Mid September. We will be organising **FREE Come and Try** sessions once the season gets under way. If interested please contact: Bob Owens 07484 664817.

## Charlestown Bowling Club

is now open to members with Covid19 restrictions in place. NEW MEMBERS are very welcome. Please phone Christine Forrester (01383 872558) to make arrangements to play and to organise free coaching Everyone would like to thank The Bruce Arms, The Ship Inn and the Sutlery for the fantastic job they have done during the Lock Down! Bob Owens 07484 664817.



## Words from Katie

I have been reflecting each Monday on facebook about my feelings about lockdown since the start. Now, on day 100, I have been asked to summarise in around 100 words what our experience has been. That's no mean feat as I have a lot to say about it! And also feelings change often as we navigate our way through the crazy corona-coaster journey with all its ups and downs, but I will try!

The main thing I will take from this time is that although we are all in this together, we are all riding the same storm, its vital to remember we are not all in the same boat. Our own unique circumstances mean that our response to that storm may be different. This was so important while in the height of lockdown and I think it is equally as important to remember it now as we start tentatively as a society to navigate our way back towards a more "normal" way of life, whatever that may be.

Prunella and I have thrived during this time due to the love, support, care and understanding of those around us. Those who have understood both the shared storm and our own unique situation. We have tried to do the same for others. My biggest hope in all of this is that we all remember that this is the best way to live and thrive together.

People may react differently to us but that's because of their own circumstances and we must be patient, compassionate and understanding to all even if its not how we would respond ourselves. We don't know how we would respond to this storm if we were in their boat! Kindness is always the best way. And we have been blessed with so much kindness throughout this time and are so grateful for it.

This has been more than 100 words but as we have more time to go before we leave shielding and dip our toe back into the wider world I am allowing myself a few more words...that's how we roll in our boat! Stay strong, stay safe, stay positive xxx Katie Hay

I would like to thank the Church, the Bruce Arms and the Sutlery so much for the food parcels I have received during this pandemic. It was very much appreciated. Thank you. Margaret Robertson



## Regular Contact with the Church.

The Minister provides a weekly message that can be found on the Facebook page, and a short worship piece which can be listened to every Sunday by following the link to 'recordings' on the front page of the church Website: [www.limekilnschurch.org](http://www.limekilnschurch.org) The Service at Limekilns Church is conducted via Zoom online at 10.00am each Sunday. To find how to join this service, please contact Norman on 872341

THE CHURCH BUILDING MAY BE CLOSED but please remember that both Norman and Karen are still here for you. **Please never be stuck**, we are only a phone call away..872341.