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CARSE OF STIRLING PARTNERSHIP OPEN EVENING

The Gargunnock Community Centre recently played host to a successful open evening for the Carse of Stirling Partnership (COSP). Chairman John Armstrong welcomed everyone and explained that the main aim of the partnership is to encourage cooperative working between farmers, communities and businesses in and around the Carse. The early work of the Partnership led to the development of a wide ranging action plan which in turn led to the creation of four working groups.

Kate Sankey reported on the recent independent study of flood management on the Carse which focused on four case study farms. The report encourages a collaborative and coordinated approach to natural flood management using a range of techniques, which have worked in other areas to slow down the flow of water in times of high rainfall.

Sandra Stewart explained the results of a recent farmers' survey focusing on wildlife on the Carse. She explained that farmers had recorded a decrease in some of the previously common species associated with Carse farms, noting the lower numbers of curlew and brown hare. Other changes highlighted were more extreme weather, the production of silage rather than hay and fewer rotations involving fodder break crops. Sandra noted that survey participants would consider agri-environment schemes if adequately funded. Another initiative taken by the group had been a primary school clover project which aimed to highlight the importance of nectar and pollen for a range of insects including bumblebees and butterflies.

Keith Graham set out the story of the Carse in geological and historic terms explaining how the current landscape was formed and demonstrated the importance of the Carse historically. Flanders Moss in particular had kept the peoples to the north and south apart because of the limited crossing points. More recent history included the Moss Laids which Keith explained would make the basis of an excellent story waiting to be told.

Bob Sparkes, working on paths and access issues, showed the existing Core Path network on the Carse. He explained the ambition of improving off-road all abilities, walking and cycling links between villages and key tourism locations. The aim is to develop the existing network but this could only be done with the approval of the local landowners and farmers and by promoting responsible behaviour by those accessing the countryside.

The final speaker, Sue Walker from the Inner Forth Landscape Partnership explained their successful partnership which has been running for several years and had raised significant sums of funding for a very wide range of environmental and employment related projects.

Anyone interested in the work of the Partnership should contact: carseofstirling@hotmail.com

DOUNE AND DUNBLANE AGRICULTURAL SHOW SATURDAY 2TH JULY KEIR MAINS, DUNBLANE JUNCTION 11 ON THE M9 NORTH.

Doune and Dunblane Show is one of the most popular annual events in the area. The show is organised and hosted by Doune and Dunblane Agricultural Society in order to showcase the best of local livestock, agricultural products and rural crafts to the public. This is our 69th Annual Show and we hope it will be bigger and better than last year.

Our Show is the perfect mix of the traditional agricultural show where it's all about the livestock, the competition and showmanship as well as having a huge variety of trade, craft and food stands and live entertainment to ensure a great day out for all the family. But don't take our word for it, come and see for yourself!

Things we want to shout about...

This year we have classes within the Dairy Section, where Any Other Breed can now enter

Cattle section, we now have a class for ANY PAIRS

And last but not least we are introducing the CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS.

Our VIP guest this year will be Mr Jamie Muir, Blair Drummond Safari and Adventure Park. Mr Muir and his team are big supporters of the show.

Classes this year will be in Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Clydesdale Horses, Light Horse & Ponies, Vintage Tractors & Working Machinery as well as Sheep Shearing, Wood carvings, Crook making, and the every so popular Pets Parade.

Main ring entertainment will come in many guises - Musical Wheelbarrows, Callander Young Farmers Tug O War, Pets Parade and many more.

Pony Club will run a friendly games competition against other local branches. Mounted games consists of 5 riders working as a team, racing their ponies up lanes of obstacles, the children are all 15 and under and will carry and pass equipment as well as vault on and off their ponies. Information about what the competition involves can be found on the pony club website www.pcuk.org.

Callander and District Young Farmers will be present as well as the Doune Pipe Band who will also be performing for us.

In 2017 Team Noble embark on The Talisker Atlantic Challenge, a 3000 mile endurance rowing race across the world's most dangerous ocean. Two of the crew who are members of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are originally from Dunblane and they will be coming along to show case the boat they are going to sail in order to raise money for the Fire Service Charity Fund. (Facebook- Teamnoble2017 or website team-noble.org)

We are also running a Super Shear Event in conjunction with the Shearing Society on the Friday prior to Show day, this should be a good fun night, BBQ will be available (Skinners of Kippen) and full bar.



Check out our website
www.douneanddunblaneshow.co.uk

or visit our Facebook page.

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GARGUNNOCK PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Gargunnoch Playgroup runs every Monday and Thursday from 9-11.30am during the school term. Gargunnoch Toddlers is aimed at children under 2½ but we happily welcome all children under school age along with their carers.

We held our AGM on the 24th June, thanks to all those who came along to hear about everything the children have been doing this year and what's planned for the year ahead. As the year draws to a close, feedback from the families who attend Playgroup & Toddlers has again been really positive and the committee would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work in providing this fantastic service for our local children.

Our Toddler group will continue to meet over the summer, Playgroup children start back on Monday 29th August.

The committee is very excited to announce that we will be holding a Northern Soul Night on the 13th of August from 8pm to 1am in the Community Centre. Experienced Northern Soul DJ's and a cash bar, it's sure to be a great night! Tickets will be on sale in the shop and from Eventbrite nearer the time; details will be advertised in the usual places (Facebook, posters).

If you want to get in touch at any time please contact Claire Hart (Ethan & Zoe's mum) 21 Drummond Place, Gargunnoch; call 07769967367; email clairehart01@gmail.com.

THANK YOU NOTES

GASC PIG RACE NIGHT

There were squeals of delight as folk gathered for the GASC Pig Race Night in early May. Pigs were - Prodigious Idom Merebrook; The Campbells; The Coupethwaites; Gargunnoch Inn; Clark Electronics; The MacLachlans and Iberico Foods.

Thanks to the prize donors: Briarlands Farm; Blair Drummond Safari & Adventure Park; Iberico Foods; One Allan Park; The Woodhouse; Toni & Guy; Cooks of Stirling; Deanston Distillery; Skinners. Food preparation by Ali Tunnah and her dad with donations from Morrisons, Mhor Bakery, the Village Shop and local brewery.

Thanks to the GASC kids for their great decorations, the hall committee, the Bugle, Stevie and company for music and the slow cooker gang. A date will get set for early May next year so keep an eye and a pig's ear out for the next one.

Gargunnoch Football Club held a very successful race night on 14th May raising £2000. Trish, Kirsty and Muriel would like to thank everyone who supported us in raising this fantastic amount.

The annual duck race was held on the 28th May. The winners were Kyle Heron, Joanne Inglis and Pippa Glennie. Again many thanks for supporting the football club.

On 17th September we are hoping to hold our 60th Anniversary dinner. Bill our Chairman will have details for the next Bugle.

Thanks to everyone who donated during Christian Aid week, the village raised £951.14 plus Gift Aid.

I would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who came along and supported me at my Ecuador Coffee Morning. The sun was shining which made it even better. People have been so kind and the total raised was £500. I am now a quarter of the way there (total needed is £4800) and plan to do an epic bike ride over the summer to raise more so you may see sponsor sheets appearing. My Trip is in June 2017 and I will be away for a month with Camp International helping to improve lives in Ecuador for Children.

Thanks Again, Lorna Farquhar

GARGUNNOCK PARISH CHURCH

Programme of Services for the summer months:

26th June	10:30am	Gargunnoch United Service
3rd July	10:30am	Gargunnoch - Sacrament of Baptism
10th July	10:30am	Gargunnoch
17th July	10:30am	Gargunnoch
24th July	10:30am	Gargunnoch
31st July	9:30am	Kincardine-In-Monteith United Service
7th August	10:30am	Gargunnoch
14th August	10:30am	Gargunnoch
21st August	10:30am	Gargunnoch
28th August	10:30am	Kilmadock United Service

Transport will be available to allow attendance at Blair Drummond and/or Doune. Please contact Audrey Birrell, Session Clerk on 860321 for transport arrangements.

ALL will be WELCOME at the SERVICES

Note that the Services at Gargunnoch will be in the Church until the Building Work starts.

During the closure of the Church the services will be held in the Community Centre but you will be informed by notices on the Village and Church Noticeboards.

Audrey Birrell, Session Clerk.



Gargunnoch Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) is celebrating its 70th Birthday this year.

We are starting our 70th year on Tuesday 20th September 2016 with a "Welcome to new members evening" and we meet on the third Tuesday of every month until May 2017 at Gargunnoch Community Centre at 7.30pm, to which all ladies are invited.

Gargunnoch SWI is very keen to welcome our next generation of members and to embrace the hobbies and interests that appeal to them, along with our much loved and traditional skills in baking and handicrafts.

Anyone wishing more information or even a buddy to come along with, please contact Kathleen Sinclair 01786 860495 or email katysinclair@hotmail.co.uk

Some Gargoyles of Gargunnoch dates for your diary:

- The Burrell Collection, Glasgow Sunday July 3rd, 1pm to 3pm
- The Burrell Collection, Medieval Festival for Families, Saturday July 16th, 11am to 4pm
- Kinneil House, Bo'ness, Saturday August 27th, 1pm to 4pm



OLD LECKIE FARM PRODUCE

Old Leckie farm has extended its range of fresh local produce to now include Free Range Eggs (Leckie Layers), mixed salad bags and seasonal cut flowers (Leckie Leaves).

The farm which is located to the west of Gargunnoch is run by Fergus and Alison Younger with their 3 young children. "Gargunnoch Stores have been really supportive and will be stocking our produce from the end of June, and we are also doing weekly deliveries for households looking to order on a weekly basis," said Alison, "having local supply routes means that we can get our produce out when it's really really fresh and looks and tastes at its best".

If you would like to order call Alison on 01786 860768, or email eggs@oldleckie.co.uk The farm also does regular updates on facebook/oldleckiefarm where you can keep an eye on your hens!

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If you need to know your rights, if you need some help to resolve a housing issue or you just need some information, you can speak to our dedicated adviser on 0344 515 2483 or email us at stirlingprsprjct@shelter.org.uk quoting the name of this publication. Further advice and information can be accessed at our website www.shelterscotland.org.

The service is a partnership between Stirling Council & Shelter Scotland.

PILATES CLASS MOVING to WEDNESDAY NIGHT



During July and August Pilates class will be held on a Wednesday night at the Community Centre - First class 6th July at 7:30pm
 Block of 6 classes £54 or £10 pay as you go

for more information contact Jacque on 07711 336075
www.beaumontbodys.co.uk

IRISH DANCE SUMMER CAMP

Dunblane Braeport Centre

25th - 26th July, 10am - 3pm

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Contact Moira on 07960536549

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Young at Heart classes start back in the
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