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## Gargunnoch House Weekend Update 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Plans are in full swing for what promises to be a great weekend at Gargunnoch House. It all kicks off on the Friday evening with a relaxing drinks evening in the grand surroundings of the Drawing Room. It is an ideal opportunity to catch up with friends and to view the exhibition of artwork by artists who either live locally or have a connection to the village. About 20 pieces of work, including paintings, jewellery, photographs and mosaics will be displayed and these will be auctioned off on Saturday night at the Cocktail Party. Anyone who would like to bid for a piece of work but is not attending on the Saturday can leave a sealed bid with Jaine Marriott on Friday.

There are only a few tickets left for the Cocktail Party on Saturday night, so if you still want to go, please contact Wendy Pizey soon.

The Sunday Family Day starts at 2pm when the magnificent gardens of Gargunnoch House are open for viewing. As an extra bonus, the House will also be open, with guided tours provided. Cream teas with home made scones will be on sale and there is free entry into the Craft Fair within the House. Children can have their faces painted and there will be plenty of activities for them to take part in. As the Gardens are open as part of Scotland's Garden Scheme charity, there is an admission charge of £4 per adult, payable on the gate. Children are free. A percentage of the admission price goes to the Community Centre Refurbishment Fund.

Make the most of the weekend and stay for the Hog Roast served from 6pm. There will be a bar and the prize draw will take place for the Raffle. Admission to the Hog Roast is free.

If you would like more information about any of the weekend's events, please contact Wendy Pizey on 860407, or email: [wendypizey@madasafish.com](mailto:wendypizey@madasafish.com)

## Gargunnoch Show

Gargunnoch show will be held on Saturday 6th June. Live stock judging begins with horses and ponies at 9am, highland ponies at 9.30am, clydesdale and cattle classes at 10am and sheep classes at 10.30am. The floral art, baking and photographic judging will commence at 11am.

There will be various stalls to browse, a vintage tractor competition, pets parade, mounted fancy dress, childrens races, a raffle and other fun activities like the bucking bronco, ball pit and wild west saloon shoot out! There will be main ring entertainment throughout the day for everyone and after a great response last year the hill run will be starting and finishing in the show field. Refreshments are available all day on the showfield. We look forward to seeing you there.

For information about the Hill run please contact David Hay on 01786 860 522.

For any other information please contact the secretary, Stacy Gamble on 07834218271 or [stacy8@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stacy8@hotmail.co.uk) or visit our website [www.gargunnochshow.co.uk](http://www.gargunnochshow.co.uk)

## Save The Date

|                                      |                                    |
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| 25 <sup>th</sup> April               | Songsters Spring Concert at CC     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April               | Rhododendron Show at CC            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> May | Various events at Gargunnoch House |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                 | Football Club Dance at CC          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Inn Golf Outing                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Gargunnoch Show                    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June                | Playgroup AGM at Gargunnoch Inn    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June                | Gargunnoch Gala                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July                 | Inn day at Ayr Races               |

## Boldly go where no Gala has gone before – we've changed the date!!!

Have you got the new date in your diary? 13<sup>th</sup> June for Gala Day and evening BBQ. Fancy dress parade at 2pm with the Balaklava Pipe Band. This year's suggested theme is "SPACE" – Star Wars, Doctor Who, Patrick Moore! Friends, groups, streets, invited to enter a small float (i.e. pram/bogey size) and decorate it as a rocket. Take part in the parade and later in afternoon there will be a float race.



### Special attractions

Spacehopper Derby,  
Intergalactic Light Sabre challenge

Grand Raffle with superb prizes.  
(Can you sell some tickets to friends)

Family BBQ and Bar from 5pm  
Evening Special attractions  
Adult Gladiator Jousting,  
Inter-street Tug-o-War

(Get your Tug-o-War team together 3 men, 3 women – before the event so that there are no hold ups on night)

Volunteers needed for all aspects of the Event - CAN YOU HELP?  
But most important – PLEASE BE THERE!!

## General Use of the Football Pavilion

You'll no doubt remember that last year the pavilion suffered considerable damage because of vandalism, when it was broken into and seating set alight. Smoke damage in particular affected the entire interior. Thanks to some sterling recovery work by the football club, the valuable professional work of Robert Hanlon (Painter) and Steve Corry (Joiner), the place is spic and span again.

Now maybe it is generally accepted that the pavilion is for the sole use of the football club on match days. This is not the case and the Club are keen to encourage a much wider use of this facility. Are you a leader of a club or association who would welcome a nice Summer's afternoon in the park? Or maybe just a Mum or Dad who would like to allow the kids to run free in a safe environment? Or a few families getting together for some organised games together? Tables and chairs are there for your use and, most important, toilet facilities are available. There was a Wednesday afternoon tearoom session last summer, it is this kind of usage, away from football, the Club wants to encourage.

To allow access, additional keys have been cut and can be picked up at the shop, the school, the pub, Maitland at 38 McNeill Crescent, Colin at 2 Stark Street, Andy at 28 McNeill Crescent, Anne at 1 Stark Street.

Please use this facility – the more it is used the better.

## Buy a Brick Appeal



In order to raise funds for the redevelopment work at the Community Centre, Gargunnock Community Trust will be holding a buy a brick appeal. Bricks will be available to purchase for a suggested minimum donation to Community Centre funds.

Please feel free to contact Jane (860287, or email [buyabrick@gargunnock.com](mailto:buyabrick@gargunnock.com)) to register interest or if you would like some more information.



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## Death, Taxes and Catherine Richardson

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes," said Benjamin Franklin.

To that short list I would add Catherine Richardson of West Carse because she (and her faithful band of helpers) turn up at your door each year around this time collecting for the blind. Catherine tells me that she first took part in the collection in 1953, later taking over the convenership from Mrs Connel-Rowan of Meiklewood in 1963. 56 years is a very long time to be faithful to any cause, however worthy and Catherine would like me to thank all of you who give so generously each year.

John McLaren

## Flower Show Quiz Night

This annual event was held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Community Centre when the Chairman of the Flower Show Committee, Anne Muirhead, welcomed a good turn out of allegedly semi-intelligent competitors!

Competition was, as always, fierce, with a number of past feuds being resurrected. Questions, covering a tremendous number of topics, were again set by Robert and Liz Petrie, with Willie Campbell asking the questions in his own style (which deteriorated as the BYOB was consumed!) The questions ranged from "From which country did the Kiwi fruit originate" to "What smell has the same effect as Viagra" (allegedly!)

At the end of a mind-sapping evening, the winners, after a tie, were Bert and Jeanette Wilson, Liz Paterson and Fiona McNichol. I seem to remember that they have been in this position before so obviously they are the team to beat.

It would be entirely unfair to publish the names of the worst performing team, suffice it to say they were from Kippen and the name Fraser featured prominently!

The Flower Show committee were delighted that over £300 was raised through entry fees and the raffle and thanks were expressed to all who attended and those who donated raffle prizes.

Clearly this event is one of the highlights of the year and it has already been decided that there will be another one around the same time next year.

## Beeches Path Improvements

Many of you will have noticed that the section of the Beeches Path behind Drummond Place has had some work done on it. This has been commissioned by the Community Council and a successful bid has been made to Stirling Council's Community Pride Fund to pay for the upgrading materials. The labour is being supplied by Community Service By Offenders [CSBO], under qualified supervision, at no cost to the Community Council. There are three phases to the work. Phase 1 has been completed and involved the removal of vegetation and clearing debris from the ditch. Phase 2 is about to start and will require scraping of the path surface to prepare for a new gravel surface; removal of debris and cutting of lateral drainage channels. Phase 3 will involve the laying and compacting of the new gravel surface. During the final phase it will be necessary to close this section of the path, when the CSBO team are working on it, during the day. This should only be for a couple of days at most and we hope this will not cause too much inconvenience to path users.



## Gargunnock Church



Notes of the Church services are on the board opposite the shop and in the Observer. During July and August we have joint services with Blairdrummond and Doune.

Notice of which church where services take place will also be on the notice board and in the Observer.

Anyone wishing transport to Blairdrummond or Doune should contact Johan Mailer on 860313.

## Carpet Bowls

Session finished on March 30<sup>th</sup>, trophy winners were

Doubles Shield – Margaret Glen & John McLaren  
Singles Salver – Dorothy Pitts  
Chisholm Trophy – Anne Lees  
Presidents Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Equal – Margaret Marshall, Ian Hus

We start up again on Sep 28<sup>th</sup>, meeting every Monday in the Community Centre at 7:30pm and invite you to join us for an evening of light exercise and good company.

Johan Mailer Secretary Tel: 860313

## Village Recipes

Do you have a recipe or two you could share with friends and family around the village?



I am compiling a recipe book which will be sold to raise funds for the Community Centre renovations. I'd be grateful to receive all contributions of recipes to include, particularly if you have a story to go with it (reasons why it's a favourite or who you got it from etc) and I'd also love some photos or pictures to brighten up the book. At present I have very few starter and savoury recipes so would be particularly happy to get more of these.

I'd like to have the book ready for sale at the Gargunnock House weekend (May 1/2/3) so time is tight to get it all prepared so the sooner you can get your recipe to me the better.

Handwritten, typed, photocopied, emailed all gratefully accepted.

Thanks, Jain Bain  
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## FOOTBALL CLUB PREPARES FOR NEW SEASON

The AGM of Gargunnock Football Club was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March when the office-bearers for the coming season were appointed.

*Chairman- James Ferguson  
ViceChair/Secretary – Maitland Clark  
Treasurer – Hector Petrie  
Manager – Andy Mayhew  
Asst Manager – Colin Ferguson  
Delegate to Association – Bobby McAllister*

In his review of last season, the Manager, Andy Mayhew, stated that it had been an encouraging one. A lot of young players were coming through and this augers well for the future. As well as finishing higher up the league, following a number of good performances, the team also reached the final of the MacGregor-Ferguson Cup. It was a disappointment that the team put in one of its poorer displays and lost out 0-1 to Deanston. It did attract a good attendance and hopefully many of them will be tempted to continue to support the team regularly.

The first game of the new season is on 18<sup>th</sup> April and is away to Killearn. The first home game is the following week against Drymen k.o. 7pm.

Fund-raising events were discussed and it was agreed to hold the annual duck race again and there will be a dance in the Community Centre when the music will be provided by Jokatz. The likely date is 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The Club will again provide and man the "Beat the Goalie" stall at the Gala on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## And So It's "Good Night" from him!

That's him away then – with hardly a word of farewell. George, the postie, gone! It came as quite a shock to hear that he had been transferred to another area and, because of the timing of his holidays, the news came out on the Thursday and he was away by the weekend. He will be missed.

George McLellan (not everyone even knew his second name – indeed some in the village always knew him as Tom!) was village postie for years and, during that time, built up quite a rapport with his customers. Indeed he really didn't see us as "customers" at all but rather "friends" whom he would help in any way he could. He liked a wee blether, too, and liked to know what was going on in the village. He felt like one of us.

He has been transferred to another delivery area, up and around the Wallace Monument. Thanks, George, for your contribution to the village – you will be missed.

## New Houses

Many of you have been asking about press reports that Stirling Council intends to build new council houses in the village with a suggested starting date of April 2009. Your Community Council has established that the proposed site is the field to the west of the Community Centre and Stirling Council have made a bid to the Scottish Government for the money to finance this development.

Their bid document states that, "the site will be developed to provide 15 general needs homes for rent. There will be a mix of bungalows, terraced and semi-detached houses according to the need identified by the housing needs assessment and the housing waiting list"

It is not yet known if they will be successful. If they are, a start in the first half of 2010 is now planned. They say a full programme of consultation is to take place prior to any development.

The Community Council appreciate the importance of accurately representing the views of villagers on this proposal. We think the best way to do this will be to ask everyone to complete a short questionnaire (which will be delivered to your door – how's that for service!)

Having then collated the replies we will know what Gargunnock residents feel about this issue and can represent their views to Stirling Council.

When more detailed information becomes available it's very likely that we will call for a public meeting with Officials from the Housing Department present, so you can all have your say and have your questions answered.

For now, can we ask for your full cooperation in completing and returning the Questionnaire once we get it out to you.

## Gargunnock's New Water Supply

Scottish Water are in course of de-commissioning the water treatment works at Touch, which currently is providing 6 million litres of water every day to Stirling, Cambusbarrow and Gargunnock. As part of a £1.7 million project, a new pipeline is being laid, the route of which has been carefully chosen in order to minimise disruption to the local wildlife and woodland. This pipeline will connect to a modern supply network of water from Glen Turret in Crieff. The whole project, which commenced last September, is due to be completed by the end of this year.

Scottish Water has confirmed that the water will not have the flavour of a nice "single malt" – pity!!

Gargunnock Estate Garden Friends:- The next meeting of the "Friends Group" will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, where they will assist in the garden opening in the afternoon. The end of May meeting is cancelled due to the Gardener being on Holiday.

## Parent Council

The Parent Council's recent Spring Ceilidh raised more than £800 for Gargunnock Primary School.

Many thanks to Kate Bovill, Derek MacLachlan and all the other band members who made the night so successful with their great live music.

The children – when they weren't busy dancing – enjoyed face-painting, home-made popcorn and a fun guess the baby face quiz (thanks again to staff at the school for supplying photos!)

All in all a good night was had and a big thank you to all those who came along and supported the event.

Jo Dallas  
Parent Council Fundraising Group



## The Scottish Rhododendron Show

Members of the Scottish Rhododendron Society will hold its annual show in the Community Centre on Saturday 25th April and members of the public will be made welcome to view the exhibits. The blooms and trusses on show will come from members all over the country. The world famous Rhododendron Nursery at Glendoick, outside Perth will be providing a large display of both species and hybrid rhododendrons and azaleas. Judging the exhibits in show this year are Alan Clark a veteran of 22 expeditions to the Himalaya and Ian Sinclair a local expert in rhododendrons. The Show will open to the public at 1.00pm and visitors will be able to buy plants from the plant stall or ask for advice on gardening problems. A small admission charge of £1.00 will be made on entry to the show. Further information from Willie Campbell.

## Gargunnoch House Gardens

On Sunday 3rd May at 2.00pm the Garden will be open for Scotland's Garden Scheme and as part of the fund raising weekend in support of the Community Centre Redevelopment. The gardens should be in full colour in early May and given good weather should be a good day out, entrance to the gardens are £4.00 where 20% will go to the Community centre, 20% to CHAS and 60% to Scotland's Garden Scheme charities. Cream teas will be served in Gargunnoch House itself and tours of the house can be made. A plant stall is available at the back of the house is always popular with our visitors. Cars will be parked in the field beside the Doocot. All villagers are asked to come on to the Estate via the Main Entrance or the South Drive. Following the garden opening will be the "Hog Roast" at 6.00pm.

Over the weekend of fund raising at "Gargunnoch House" all parking should be in the field next to the "Doocot" and there will be no parking in front of the House. If you are coming to the Evening Events and expect to leave late or walking please bring a torch and wear good walking shoes, the road, paths and tracks can be rough.

## Community Centre News – April 2009



Progress with the lottery application grinds on. We have reached the stage where our application has gone through a review process and we have still some other items to clarify. The main one is that the lottery will require us to have clear ownership of the building and unfortunately the Council, in their agreement to transfer the building to us, put on a caveat that the building should be returned to them at nil cost if the Community Trust was to fold. This will mean further negotiations with the Council, this time with legal representation. Given that there is a will to resolve this issue I am sure that this problem can be negotiated away, however it does mean our application has stalled until it is finally resolved.

Another point raised during the review is that they wanted to be sure that there was community support for the project and that we can prove the community have been involved in the development of the proposals. Given the numerous meetings, petitions, surveys and newsletters over the past five years, I do not see there being an issue. However, just to make sure there will be an opportunity for you to express your support. Over the next 2-3 weeks we will circulate a petition that will allow you to express your support for the project. It is important that we can prove your support for the improvements so please sign up.

Jaine Marriot has gained funding for an art project over the summer and there are a number exciting proposals for young people in the village.

I would like to welcome Colin Tinto onto the Management Committee. Colin has agreed to become our new secretary and his help is much appreciated. For any further info you should contact Wendy Pizey on 860407 or email [wendypizey@madasafish.com](mailto:wendypizey@madasafish.com) or Colin Tinto at [colin@tinto.com](mailto:colin@tinto.com) or myself Douglas Johnston on 860384 email [djohnston@arneil-johnston.co.uk](mailto:djohnston@arneil-johnston.co.uk)

## Spring Events at Gargunnoch Inn

### Golf Outing.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May meeting at 9.30 am.  
A great day out at Tulliallan Golf Club. Cost £45 includes 18 holes of golf, bus, dinner and some drinks. A deposit of £15 will secure your place. – and you don't have to be a good golfer to enjoy the day, as some performances at previous outings will testify!!

### Live Music

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 9 pm – provided by "Strange Tongues"  
A quality group who specialise in covers such as Coldplay, U2, The Killers, The Beatles etc. A great night of live music.

### Thai Theme Evening

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Enjoy a meal of authentic Thai dishes, drinks and music.  
£19.95 per person, includes a drink

### Gargunnoch Show Menu

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. 3-course set menu for only £15.95

Looking ahead – on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July there is an outstanding day's entertainment at Ayr Races. Cost £50 includes champagne breakfast before leaving, bus, entry to Racecourse, BBQ and drinks vouchers and free bet. Previous such events have proved extremely successful and this is one not to be missed. Deposit of £25 to be paid by 5<sup>th</sup> June.



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## Word of the month

### IPSEDIXITISM:

Noun: An unsupported dogmatic assertion. So if you hear a rumour from someone, beware, it might not be merely a rumour but may well be an ipsedixitism!

## Playgroup Visit to Gargunnoch House



## Potholes & Planting

Community Council news !! We are trying to get something done about potholes (aren't we always !). Around the Square was particularly bad but, as you have seen we've had the Jetpatcher round recently providing yet more "sticking plaster" repairs. These are not, in our view, acceptable but it would appear that that's as good as it gets at the moment. As always, we ask that you take a moment to phone the Council on 443322 and report troublesome potholes. The more complaints they get the more likely it is that some action will be taken. Planting – The Council have been persuaded to improve the flower beds in Main Street and plant out the area around the Fountain, hopefully improving the appearance of Village centre when the new plants come into bloom.

Do you have any pictures you would like included in The Bugle, if so please email them to [bugle@gargunnoch.com](mailto:bugle@gargunnoch.com)

We are also interested if you know anybody who would like to advertise with us, we are currently working out our advertising costs so please again email us with an enquiry or call Jackie on 860761.

Lastly, we do try and deliver around the village and some outlying houses, extra copies can be found in the local store. If you do hear of anyone who does not receive their copy please let us know.