



Magazine for Gargunnock & Surrounding Area
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For the first time for a few years the Gala was favoured with good weather – and it showed! Led by the popular Balaklava Pipe Band, the parade was a colourful sight in the sunshine, with children (and adults) kitted out in their space-themed outfits. The Gala Queen and Laird, Rowan Bovill and Gregor Bain were transported to the park by Colin Coates in his vintage car, where they were suitably crowned by last years Queen and Laird.

Lady Younger had the very difficult task of judging the fancy dress competition but, afterwards, admitted that she thoroughly enjoyed it.

The afternoon's proceedings continued with highlights including free goodie bags and ice cream for the kids, the Spacehopper derby and the enjoyment of a variety of side stalls.

The only disappointment of the afternoon was that the jousting had to be cut short due to the unruly and uncooperative behaviour of a few of the older boys. It will have to be seen if this kind of entertainment will feature again.

By the time the medals were being presented to the winning teams, the BBQ was wafting delicious smells across the park and the bar was open! Everyone was enjoying just lazing around in the evening sun but some ventured to take part in the entertainment – the inter street tug-o-war, and a more adult Spacehopper derby. No doubt there would be some sore muscles the following Sunday morning.

All in all a very successful day. The Committee stress that the Gala would not continue to go ahead without the help of a great number of people, far too many to mention individually. They know who they are so a special thanks to them all. Planning has already started for next year!!

Special thanks to the following people who generously donated prizes.

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The Tall Ship at Glasgow Harbour
The Hampden Experience
The Gill Family
Briarlands Farm
Mr & Mrs N Robertson

The major prize winners were

Hilary McArthur (Nintendo DS)
Anne-Marie Mayhew (the flight over Gargunnock)



The Gargunnoch Songsters

The Songsters have had a busy few months. It was our Spring Concert at the end of April, which was well attended and well received. The programme was varied and included solo, group and choir items. As this was Helen Cumming (now Hyland) closing concert as Leader this was a special occasion. The Rev. Ian Fraser had penned an 'Ode to the Songsters' which he presented at the concert. Lady Younger was present, and paid a handsome tribute to Helen for all the work she has done over the ten years of the Songsters, bringing the group from a few dedicated singers, to the present group of over 20 singers. She made mention of the Music Festival, the Carol Concerts, and the Spring Concerts held within the village, and to the many venues to which the Choir is now invited. Lady Younger was generous in her praise not only in respect of Helen's work with the Songsters, but also with the many ways in which she has contributed to village life.

Members of the Songsters, past and present enjoyed a celebration dinner at the River House restaurant to mark Helen's retirement as Leader, and her forthcoming marriage to David.

Some weeks later there was an end of season party, which was a surprise party for Samantha Anderson who was about to be married to Peter Horne – a great evening of fun, much enjoyed by all present.

Then it came to the Annual General Meeting. The post of Chair for the Songsters has been taken up by Kate Peart, the Treasurer is Helen Rowell, and the Secretary is Janette Wilson.

There has been concern within the Songsters about continuing, if it was not possible to get a new Choir Conductor. However that problem has been solved as Samantha Anderson (now Horne) who has been a member of the Choir since she was at school and who has helped out over the years as depute conductor, is keen to face the challenge of leading the Group. Samantha has considerable experience of singing with groups other than Songsters. So the Songsters will continue.

As always, we are happy to welcome new members – both sexes. To attain a good balance in the Choir, we would particularly welcome some more men. It is not essential to be able to read music, some of the Choir do, others do not. So if you would like to join, the weekly rehearsals will start on Wednesday 26th August, 7:30pm. Please speak to any member of the choir for more information.

Community Council News

We're beginning to think about the next session of Community Council meetings and have set the dates for these as follows. 8th September, 13th October, 24th November, 5th January, 9th February, 23rd March, 4th May and 7th June.

Remember that on all of these dates one of our Stirling Councillors will be present and will hold a Surgery at 7p.m. This gives you the opportunity to talk to either Councillors Alistair Berrill, Graham Lambie or Colin O'Brien. If you have questions, concerns, complaints or are looking for help and advice then all are welcome and no appointment is needed.

We were disappointed to find that there had been some vandalism around the village, involving fences, stock barriers at the burn, the telephone box and the table in the Rest Garden. We need you to report all such incidents. If no one bothers then the problem can only get worse.

Many Villagers were concerned at the state of Charlies Loan, which had become almost completely overgrown. Our dealings with Stirling Council to establish why cutting wasn't being done revealed a dispute between two of their departments, each asserting that the other was responsible. This was clearly a

Gargunnoch Flower Show

Saturday 29th August 2009 at the Community Centre

Schedules 50p from the Village Shop

This is the 26th Gargunnoch Flower Show and the Flower Show committee invite you to come along and take part in what has become one of the highlights in our busy village calendar.

The Flower Show is run by a committee elected each year at the AGM with Anne Muirhead as president. Last year Maitland joined the committee and this year we welcome Liz, James and Steve, this brings the average down to 57.

We always set up the community centre hall on the Thursday night, we have it down to a fine art, and tables out of storage, placed in the usual manner, white topped ones for the industrial section and the old wooden ones for the veg and flowers. Covers on white for the baking and hessian topped with green blasé for the flowers and veg. Schedule markers out and we are ready to receive exhibits.

Each Exhibitor has to have an entry ticket (10p each at the door or in the shop for batch entries) class and name on it and folded so that the judge cannot see the name of the exhibitor.

If you are a first time entrant, no problem a committee member will help select the correct vase for the exhibit according to the schedule or a paper plate for your shortbread fingers. We can all make something and join in; yes maybe not the biggest onions as you have to start these in January.

So it is easy to join in, mums can help the children make some baking, dad's can make some tablet and grannies can make a "Clotie Dumpling" Come along it's a village show, your village; donations of raffle prizes or baking for the teas are most welcome. Its fun to take part.

Boundaries and eligibility to enter the show are as follows:- The Parish of Gargunnoch extending to Rossburn lane, Touch Burn and Boquhan Burn. (Not just the Village)

Details of all classes in the schedule from village shop.

nonsense, but before a solution was found, Douglas Johnston and Jayne Arneil took matters in hand (or should that be strimmers?) and gave up a Sunday to cut it themselves. Well done Douglas and Jayne and thank you for your admirable community spirit. Your Community Council remain "on the case" to ensure we get the service we are entitled to.

Save The Date

9 th Aug	Gargunnoch Inn Beer Festival
19 th Aug	Toddler sessions start
20 th Aug	Playgroup sessions start
29 th Aug	Annual Flower Show
8 th Sep	Community Council Meeting
15 th Sep	Invitation to meet and join the WRI
28 th Sep	Carpet Bowling season starts
13 th Oct	Community Council Meeting

Gargunnoch W.R.I.

- Are you female aged between 16 and 99?
- Do you like to socialise?
- Are you thirsty for knowledge and fun?
- Do you like to support your village?

If you have answered "Yes" to at least one of these questions, then the local branch of the S.W.R.I. is the group for you and you are the person for us.

Come along to the Community Centre on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm for a taste of what it is like to belong to the "Rural".

Elaine Duncan will demonstrate Floral Art and the competitions are 1) a vase of Autumn flowers and 2) a hand made card. New members should not be put off by the competitions - they are not compulsory - but they are good fun and it is amazing the hidden talents members have! In October, Elizabeth Dykes will show us her stained glass jewellery.

Please do consider come along to in September and find out for yourself that the "Rural" does not live by scone and jam - making alone!

The W.R.I. meets once a month, on the third Tuesday. Where else would you get such a variety for an annual subscription of £10.

We may not be the "Calendar Girls" yet, but you never know, maybe one day.....

P.S. Do you know what W.R.I. really stands for?

Women Rarely In!!!!

Gargunnoch Church

Joint services are being held with our sister churches at Blairdrummond and Doune. Anyone wishing transport to these churches please contact Johan Mailer, tel 860313.

Notice regarding which church will hold the service will be in the Observer and on the village and church notice boards.

Carpet Bowling

Carpet Bowling starts up again on the last Monday in September at the Community Centre at 7:30pm

Gargunnoch 2009	Your name could be here	Gargunnoch 2009	Gargunnoch 2009	Gargunnoch 2009	Gargunnoch 2009	Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	Buy a Brick Appeal					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	In order to raise funds for the redevelopment work at the Community Centre, Gargunnoch Trust is holding a buy a brick appeal. The idea is to make a donation to the Community Centre appeal and in return you receive a brick which will be printed with whatever legend you wish, details below. Bricks will be laid at the Community Centre and will be a permanent display of your support. All profits made from the sale of the bricks will go towards the refurbishment of the building. Corporate bricks are also available and can be printed with a company/organization logo					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	If you have internet access buying is easy. Just go to www.justgiving.com/gargunnoch_bricks (or follow link on Gargunnoch home page www.gargunnoch.com)					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	All the information you need is there to help you make your donation quickly and securely. If you are a tax payer you can easily add Gift Aid to your donation when you purchase bricks this way. If you don't have internet access you can still buy bricks with cash or cheque (payable to Gargunnoch Community Trust)					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	Bricks are available for a suggested minimum donation of £30					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	Bricks can be printed with a maximum of 16 characters per line and 2 lines. Double sized bricks are available and are especially suitable for business or organizations. These can be printed with your company logo.					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	Minimum donation for Corporate Bricks £200 Please remember to specify the wording to be printed on your brick.					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	For more information, to make a cash or cheque payment or to specify wording on your brick please contact Jain Bain, Craigachan, 8 Millbrae, Gargunnoch Tel: 860287 Email: buyabrick@gargunnoch.com					Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009						Gargunnoch 2009
Gargunnoch 2009	www.justgiving.com/gargunnoch_bricks Charity Registration No SC036793					Gargunnoch 2009
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Letters to The Bugle

Ronald Findlay BC (Bell Council)

I have been asked by my client who was referred to in your last edition of The Bugle as the man who lives at the top of Manse Brae who's wife is called Karen, to reply on his behalf.

The article referred to an incident, which took place in The Square Gargunnoch on the 31st December 2008 and early on January 1st 2009, regarding the disappearance of a bell. Once I established the bell was orange with a blue handle rather than gold with a green handle I was able to represent my client.

To simplify things I will use initials with explanation below. My client does not deny being at the scene, which was hosted by MC and DF and joining in the festivities. The build up to the alleged incident was a bit hazy or Islay Misty as he recalls, but does recall being asked to "ding a ling" when called upon. This progressed to a giant conga line around the Square, with my client around the middle section. The line included a large percentage of the village with the bell working its way towards the rear where SM, DF and MC were situated. Unfortunately MC and DF both have alibis but SM has not been seen since and seems to have melted into obscurity.

Ronald Findlay BC

MC – Ex shopkeeper with love of Jam Tarts
DF – Wannabe Ian Botham
SM – Cold character now a bit of a drip

Well Done Bert.

Spring gradually came and with it new growth in roadside verges. Suddenly, it seemed, visibility at Meiklewood road end had disappeared as that tall, white-flowered weed, obscuring vision, made emerging onto Dumbarton Road decidedly unsafe.

Like most folks I muttered about lack of timeous grass cutting by the local Council and breathed a sigh of relief each time the manoeuvre had been completed but did nothing else. Not so one public spirited member of Gargunnoch because next time I drove down there I spied Bert Wilson, of the Glebe, with his cordless strimmer, hard at work chopping down the tall weeds.

I met him in Stirling the following day and thanked him on behalf of us all for making the place safer.... and the Council? Well, the very next day they appeared with their big mowers and cut about 10 miles of the Dumbarton Road verges. Ah well, better late than never!

Name and Address supplied

Great Round of Golf worthy of Runner-up Award

Slightly fewer than the usual number of "golfers" made their way to Callendar Golf Club on 13th July for the second Gargunnoch Inn outing. A roll and bacon set the day rolling and fortunately the expected showers kept at bay and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The prize for the "longest drive" was won by Grant Henderson and "nearest the pin" by Graeme Baxter. Graeme also won the main stableford competition, Maitland was runner-up and Ronnie Carson was third. No doubt there will be appeals to have certain handicaps cut for the next outing!



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Test Your Knowledge

1. What is the Monarch's official residence in Scotland?
2. Where is the Highland Park Distillery, the northernmost distillery in Scotland, located?
3. Which King of Scots went on to unite the Crowns of Scotland and England?
4. Who is the only Scotsman to have captained the England cricket team?
5. What was the hometown of Charles Rennie Mackintosh?
6. What does legend say is buried at Melrose Abbey?
7. In which sport do Glasgow Hawks, Heriots FP and Gala compete?
8. Which King James was the last British king to die in battle?
9. Which river is longer, the Forth or the Tweed?
10. Which Scottish writer wrote Peter Pan?
11. What was the name of the sheep successfully cloned by Edinburgh scientists in 1996?
12. In which century was the Battle of Culloden Moor?
13. Which Queen was Edinburgh's Queen Street named after?
14. How many people called James has been King of Scots?
15. How old was Mary Queen of Scots when she came to the throne?
16. Which is the deepest Scottish loch?
17. What millionaire philanthropist once said, 'The man who dies rich dies disgraced'?
18. Who are the Doonhamers?
19. Which hills separate Scotland and England?
20. Whose stated intention was to, 'blow the Scots back to Scotland'?

Answers can be found on the back page.



TUG-O-WAR Disgrace for Drummond Place!!

On a glorious evening the Gala Tug-o-War final was fought out between Main Street and a select from Charles Street, Leckie Road and Manse Brae.

It was a keenly fought contest with Main Street emerging as the eventual winners and they received their medals and Cup from Rowan Bovill, the Gala Queen.

The Charles Street, Leckie Road, Millbrae Select defeated Millbrae in the semi-finals and Main Street defeated Drummond Place in the other semi.

Although Drummond Place won one of the "pulls" Main Street protested unfair advantage and claimed that their opponents had cheated by sneaking an additional man in to the team. This did prove to be the case and they were disqualified amid much booing and derision! It remains to be seen if they will ever be allowed to forget this! However it is also a mystery why the Referee did not spot this before the contest began and questions certainly have to be asked about his competence in the job.!

As we know the Garden competition in the village is always fiercely contested by all, but we hear there is a rumour of a new category this year - and that Hector Petrie has already planted out in anticipation of this new category... It is of course the "roof garden".

Hector is being sneaky about his preparation for this category though - his roof garden is only visible to those "round the back"...

Community Centre News

After the brilliant May weekend we are back to the lottery application again. We had to re-submit the application to include all the additional materials the lottery has requested over the past six months in a single document. Iain Gulland took the opportunity to add some more detail into the application. Thanks Iain. In addition it was suggested that we prepare a photo library of illustrating the support for the project in the village. So we put together photos from our fundraising including The Music Festival, The 150th anniversary of the building and the May weekend. Actually when you look at what we have done as a community and the money we have raised I think it looks very impressive. This all went off to the lottery on the 18th July and hopefully the application will be assessed for the third time and get the appropriate committee in September.

The other issue raised by the lottery was the conditions that Stirling Council placed on the community ownership. The Council have now been in direct talks with the lottery and we have been led to believe that an appropriate form of words acceptable to the lottery and the Council has been agreed. Another obstacle overcome!

The initial response from the lottery has been positive but we will have to wait for the final assessment to know if we have been successful.

As part of the application process we have had to have a number of technical surveys carried out on the building. These included:

- Building condition;
- Energy efficiency;
- Rot & woodworm;
- Ground condition; and finally
- A bat survey

The bat survey was most interesting with a surveyor peering into all the nooks and crannies of the building then doing a dawn and dusk survey and they found bats. The report says:

"A small roost area, occupied by possibly both species of pipistrelle bat **soprano pipistrelle** *Pipistrellus pygmaeus* and **common pipistrelle** *Pipistrellus pipistrellus* was located in one area of the main Gargunnoch Community Centre building.

No other evidence of bat roosting was found in the Community Centre Buildings during the survey."

The report is also very helpful in its suggestions for carrying out the improvement work without disturbing them and without major disruption to what we plan to do.

Our next task is to apply for other sources of funding and now that we have the lottery application out of the way we can concentrate on other sources.

Douglas Johnston
Chairman Community Centre Management Committee

The children and young people of Gargunnoch enjoyed working with artists Kevin Blackwell, Liz Brown and Jaine Marriott during May and June. They had a go at mosaic, felt-making and wood work - resulting in a wonderfully welcoming school entrance and some beautiful seats for the community centre garden. Please do have a look next time you're passing.

Thanks to funders - The Robertston Trust and Stirling Council. Also to those many people 'behind the scenes' who generously gave of their time and experience.

William Wallace makes a Loch a Lake

From the website of the Lake of Menteith Hotel

Port of Menteith is located in the heart of the ancient Earldom of Menteith, and the lands of the powerful Clan Graham. Inchmahome Priory, a small Augustinian Priory, is located on an island in the middle of the Lake of Menteith. The ancient Priory was founded by Walter Comyn, Earl of Menteith in 1238. Sir John Menteith's treacherous role in the capture of Sir William Wallace on the 3rd August 1305 and his subsequent murder is supposed to be marked in two different ways: on the guardhouse at Dumbarton Castle, a gargoyle with a horribly contorted face is called the "fause (false) Menteith"; and the Lake of Menteith is the only natural water body in Scotland described as a lake, and not as a loch. It is argued that the reason for this was to deliberately isolate a loch associated with a much hated figure who was seen as betraying Scotland.

However, this is likely a myth as it was known as the Loch of Menteith until the 19th century. Its modern name is a Victorian alteration reflecting its rather atypical setting compared to other Scottish lochs and also the name of the surrounding area. The 'Laigh' [meaning 'low' with gh pronounced as ch in loch] of Menteith is the low lying land beside the loch. The word laigh may have been mistaken for lake.

Closer to home the road from the Beild Farm down to the A811 is properly known as Laigh Loan and before the main road was built in the mid 19th century was the access to Patrickston and Nethercarse Farms. There was at one time a small farm called the Laigh on the opposite side of the road from Patrickston, standing on low lying ground near to the River Forth.

So now you know!

John McLaren

Gargunnockians or something else?

In the last issue of the Bugle someone described the villagers as "Gargunnockians". Well, this may have been a convenient description at the time but we wondered if there were any alternate names out there?

So please submit your suggestions to the Bugle (bugle@gargunnock.com) or to the usual addresses, and a small prize will be awarded to the most appropriate suggestion.

Also, what do you think a group/collection/gathering of Gargunnockians should be called?

E.g. a gunny of Gargunnockians?

Community Centre Fundraiser

All fired up by the threat of the Community Centre, Hazel Bovill decided that SOMETHING MUST BE DONE to save it and as all the adults in the village appeared to be doing not very much at all (to her eyes!) she was going to be the one to sort things out.

Hazel rallied the support of her friends and family and organised a car wash at the community centre at the end of June.

The polishing posse comprised of Hazel Bovill, Catherine Macleod (not pictured), Catherine Mitchell, Lorna Farquhar & Maisie Ferguson. Chief advertiser was Helen Mitchell (thanks Helen) who managed to avoid getting wet but ran around the village to make sure everyone knew and wee Alex & Allison couldn't resist getting involved too.

Mums were enlisted to reach the high up bits. Well done to all involved for raising £48 over the weekend. The posse have an outstanding appointment to wash more cars which we will be happy to fulfill as soon as possible...

Gala Prize Winners – to add photos

Fancy Dress

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High School

Adults

Groups

1st Prize

Nina MacGregor

Ben MacLachlan

Alexander Ferguson

Kyle Howie

Catherine Mitchell

Angus Bain

Carra Gulland

Michaela Mayhew

Hannah Gilles

Emily Anderson

Stevie Buchanan

Crawford Family

2nd Prize

Louise Crawford

Freya Tinto

Ella Crawford

Callum Lamond

Lorna Farquhar

Maisy Ferguson

Madeleine Gill

Helen Mitchell

Mark Mayhew

Kirsten McAllister

Colin & Muriel Ferguson

Thunderbirds

3rd Prize

Stella Anderson

Sarah McLeod

Ava Thompson

Eva Dallas/Evie Gulland

Sean Klemer

Hazel Bovill

Innes Penman

Gregor Bain

Elizabeth Tytler

Gillian Bruce

MacGregor Family



Basketball competition was launched this year and proved popular with the older children. The winning team was Rory Bain, Cameron Armstrong, William Jamieson and Hannah Gilles.

Football winners were Joe Clayson, Charlie McLean, Innes Penman, Gregor Fitches, Euan Thompson and James Cumming. (the bibs the winning team were wearing belong to the school and one is still missing, does anyone know where it might be?)

The winning netball team comprised Gail Hyland, Emily Anderson, Grace Gill and Chloe Bruce.

The winners of the welly boot throwing competition were Hazel Bovill (under 10s), Gordon Milne (under 16s) and Fraser MacSporran (adults).

Alan Montgomery of Bridge of Allan won the Treasure Hunt and received a cheque for £100.

The winning square was on the old school playing field next to Community Centre.



Charity No: SC013990

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year. We raised over £2,000 through our fundraisers like the Christmas Fair, Sponsored Obstacle Course, Easyfundraising and the Suttons Seeds Catalogue, amongst others.

Playgroup and Toddlers is a community based charity run by, and for, people in the village. To continue this service we need to fundraise, we also need people to come along and use the services!!

Playgroup is for children aged 2½ to school age and runs on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 11:30am in the Community Centre. Playgroup costs £4.75 per session.

Toddlers meet every Wednesday and Friday mornings 10:00am to 11:30am in the Community Centre. Toddlers is an informal group of parents, carers, grandparents that come along with their children from birth upwards. We are also very happy to welcome pregnant mums to meet other parents and carers that attend and have a cuppa and some cake. Toddlers costs £1.50 per session.

If you have a Toddler and an older sibling who is not yet at school, you are all welcome to come along and join in the Toddler sessions.

Toddlers starts again on Wednesday 19th August and Playgroup re-starts on Thursday 20th August.

If you would like more information on Playgroup please contact Claire Smith (860278) or Morna Tinto (860208).

If you would like information on Toddlers please contact Shona Crawford (860404)

GARGUNNOCK INN BEER FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST
Starting at 12.30

A great day for all the family
Family BBQ, a variety of real ales to enjoy,
live music in afternoon and evening from
Gun Rock and Brecks Band
Kids are provided for by bouncy castle, face painting,
games etc

This was a tremendous success last year so come along
and join in the fun. If you can stand the pace it goes on
until about
9 o'clock!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to local girl Rebecca Maxwell, who has been appointed an Assistant Chief Executive of Stirling Council.

Rebecca starts in her new post on 10th August and will be responsible for Sustainability, Economy and Environment.

Well done, Rebecca – another “plus” for the Village!

Dorothy Leaves the Shop

The Shop was sad to lose a valuable senior member of staff on 2nd July.

“Dottie” (as she absolutely hated to be called!) decided to call it a day and join her husband Bob in a life of retirement. She joined the Shop about 4 years ago, when Maitland had it (so it was his fault was it?), and soon made herself an invaluable part of the then team, which was then carried on into the new regime.

Present proprietor Carol said “ She will be hugely missed and especially her counsel. She is welcome back anytime – e.g. tomorrow!!”

Typical of the comments received from customers was Douglas Coupethwaite who said “She was great. She knew what I was in for before I even opened my mouth! Before leaving the shop I always asked if there was anything else I needed!”

Phyllis Cameron summed things up nicely when she said “Dorothy was always very helpful – but also very kind. If she could do something extra for you she would. I will certainly miss her.”

So it’s best wishes to Dorothy and Bob for a long and happy retirement together.

A Big Do-it Yourself Job?

Came across this down near Stranraer recently on an old seaplane slipway and was intrigued by its dumpy shape and that big bulbous bit at the front (prow?) I thought only big ships had that to improve fuel efficiency on long journeys.

It was built at the back of a farm down the A75 about 10 miles inland then transported to the waterside. I saw its mate there at a more advanced stage of construction. I think it may be a scallop dredger but I’m not sure. That white bit down near the front (and others along the underside) look like big chunks of zinc and are probably sacrificial anodes designed to attract corrosion first rather than the steel of which the boat is made. *John McLaren*



Word of the Month

Obfuscate (verb) to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally

(like, for example, by using the word obfuscate itself!)

STAFF WANTED

Gargunnock Village Store

Part-time permanent position available
from the end of September for a

SALES ASSISTANT

**Must be over 18 years of age
as working in a licensed premises.**

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Kids - you can buy a brick too!!

We plan to create



in the Community Centre devoted to your bricks.

Come along to our **Pimp Your Brick Day**

in the autumn, you'll be able to buy a brick and design and decorate it however you like.

Details will come nearer the time but meantime, get your thinking caps on.

We'll provide all the materials - you provide the inspiration!

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Maitland 38 McNeill Crescent
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Delivering your Bugle

We hope, for the foreseeable future, to be able to deliver your copy of the Bugle to your door. However, we have only a small number of volunteers and struggle to cover the more "outlying" houses. We will always ensure that there are some copies available at the Shop for you to pick up. Please bear with us while we try to find a solution.

Thanks to John Craigen for providing Test Your Knowledge

Forth & Endrick FA

2 June	Gartocharn 4 Gargunnock 2	Derek Hunter 2
10 June	Gargunnock 3 Killearn 3	Kenny Mailey Ross MacSporran 2
13 June	Drymen 3 Gargunnock 1	Stuart Kirkpatrick
20 June	Gargunnock 5 Gartocharn 3	Ross Corry Ross MacSporran 2 Craig Ritchie Kyle Henderson
30 June	Gargunnock 1 Blanefield 2	Kenny Mailey
4 July	Aberfoyle 1 Gargunnock 2	Kyle Henderson 2
7 July	Gargunnock 2 Balfron 4	Kyle Henderson 2
14 July	Deanston 3 Gargunnock 0	
25 July	Thornhill 3 Gargunnock 0	
28 July	Gargunnock 0 Finty 2	

Test Your Knowledge Answers

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| 1) Holyrood House | 11) Dolly |
| 2) Kirkwall, Orkney | 12) The 18 th Century |
| 3) James VI | 13) Queen Charlotte |
| 4) Mike Denness | 14) Seven |
| 5) Helensburgh | 15) One Week |
| 6) Heart of Robert the Bruce | 16) Loch Morar |
| 7) Rugby | 17) Andrew Carnegie |
| 8) James IV | 18) Queen of the South |
| 9) River Tweed | 19) The Cheviots |
| 10) J M Barrie | 20) The Gunpowder Plotters |

Garden Competitions

The Village Gardens Competition Final was judged on Friday 31st July with the following results

Layout Category

- 1st Mr & Mrs Sinclair, 19 Millbrae
2nd Mr & Mrs Clark, Cladich, Station Road
3rd Mr & Mrs Lees, 19 Drummond Place

Flower Category

- 1st Mrs McDougall, 26 McNeill Crescent
2nd Mr & Mrs Glen, The Cottage, Main Street
3rd Miss Kirkpatrick, 19 Charles Street

Vegetable Category

- 1st Misses A&A Birrell, 3 Burnside
2nd Mr D Petrie, 3 Stevenson Street
3rd Mr & Mrs Pizey, 23 Millbrae

Flowers & Vegetables

- 1st Mr Nicol, 5 Stevenson Street
2nd Mr N McNicol, 6 McNeill Crescent
3rd Mr J Paterson, Dasherhead Cottage, Station Road

"Village Garden Judging"

This year, the judge came from Polmont and admitted he was surprised at the size of the village as he walked around. He was also very impressed with the excellent variety of the gardens in each category. Judging was extremely close with only 1/2 a point between the first, second and thirds.

This was the first time he had judged the gardens and he congratulates everyone, winners or not, on the work done.

Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Flower Show in the Community Centre on Saturday 29th August. All Welcome