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and the surrounding area**

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR THE BUGLE 2009

In several months I will reach the ripe old age of 65, so I pause to think of how much Christmas celebrations have changed both in church and in the secular world.

In the early fifties there was no Christmas tree in the sanctuary, nor would it have been allowed. We did have one in the hall with a few paperchain decorations to help the Sunday school parties go with a swing. And they did! The world, recovering from the effects of earlier hostilities meant that Christmas, although very much an enjoyable family occasion, was no lavish affair.

What a contrast to today! I am glad of the brightness the Christmas lights bring as they chase away the dark days of December and the great choice of gifts available. Although it can get a bit too hectic, let's not complain and give a thought to shop assistants at their busiest.

One thing has not changed and never will, the truth of the Gospel Message, the Good News, the Christmas Message, that Jesus was born into the world for the salvation of mankind.

May God bless you this Christmas and always.

Richard Campbell

Pimp Your Brick Event

On a wet and dismal Saturday it was great to have a turnout of nearly 60 children for our Pimp Your Brick Day on Saturday Oct 24th. Everyone had great fun (adults too) creating the masterpieces and the finished articles will be used to create a colourful memento of the children's contribution to the Community Centre fundraising campaign.

In the adjacent tea room the Guides worked hard to supply everyone who attended with hot soup and home baking.

The Guides raised £245 in the tea room and £300 was received for Pimp Your Brick.

Many people have indicated that they were unable to attend on the 24th and the organisers are considering running a repeat event in the spring. Please let me (Jane Bain) know if you would be interested in this.

Available to view on the day were some of the bricks already purchased through the Buy A Brick campaign. Anyone wishing to contribute to this scheme can do so by going to the village web site (www.gargunnock.com) and following the link to our JustGiving page to make your donation. Please remember to add Gift Aid if it applies to you as this makes a big difference to our fund raising totals. Also, please specify what wording you want on your brick – remember 2 lines with 16 characters including spaces on each line. Wording to go on your brick can be emailed to buyabrick@gargunnock.com

If you don't have internet access you can buy your brick by phoning Jane Bain (860287).

Community Centre News

We have some good news and some bad news.

The bad news first. We have been unsuccessful in our lottery application which is a bit of a disappointment given that we have been in the lottery application process for almost two years. The main reason given for the refusal was:

"Projects that focus on the provision of general meeting space are not a strong fit with the outcomes and priorities we wish to address through the GCA (Growing Community Asset) investment area"

While not stated in the letter from the lottery, I think it is safe to say that the main reason is that there will be a shortage of lottery funding over the next few years because of the Olympics and we have been caught up in that backlash.

However, there is better news on the LEADER application front. We currently have an amber light for our application and we can still apply for up to 90% of the required amount if we complete our application before January 2010. As we have already raised 25% of the money we need we are well on our way. Douglas Coupethwaite and I have pulled together the application for submission. There has also been an indication from one of our local councillors that the absence of the conditions that were going to be placed on the transfer to community ownership by the lottery will help smooth the transfer of the centre to community ownership.

So the failure of the lottery application may turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

Douglas Johnston

Chairman Community Centre Management Committee



Gargunnock Playgroup & Gargunnock Primary School

are joining forces to
hold a fundraising
night, featuring

GUNNROCK

**SATURDAY 27th
FEBRUARY**

**BLAIRDRUMMOND
HALL**

Transport will be
provided full details in
the next issue of The
Bugle



For the past few years many people in the village have donated money they would normally spend on Christmas cards for fellow villagers to CHAS. In the past this has raised over £1000.

If you would like to join in all you have to do is put your donation and a note of all family members names in an envelope and send to Jane Milne, Juniper Ridge, Leckie Road.

On Christmas Eve there will be a Christmas Card/Poster on the notice board and in the shop window. This will wish EVERYONE in Gargunnock a very Merry Christmas from everyone listed on the Card/Poster.

If you would like an email copy of the card please include your email address along with your donation.

If you are making a donation by cheque please make it payable to CHAS.

ROSS IS GARGUNNOCK'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Gargunnock FC annual player of the year dinner was held in Stirling Golf Club on 24th October. While the attendance was a bit lower than in previous years (quality rather than quantity!) this did not detract from the enjoyment of the occasion. Maitland welcomed the guests, on behalf of the committee, after which a lovely 3 course dinner was served.

Prior to the presentation of the main awards, a number of "special" categories were revealed, such as Supporters' Comment of the Year and Linesman of the Year (which was won by 5 year old Alexander Ferguson!!).

It was great to see our Manager Andy Mayhew, who managed to spend half an hour or so in the company in spite of his illness, and he and club Chairman Jimmy Ferguson presented the main awards -

Top Goalscorer - Kyle Henderson (17 goals)
Supporters' Player of the Year - Paddy Nicol
Young Player of the Year - John Morris

Commitment and Teamwork (C-A-T) Trophy - Andy Mayhew, who had shown tremendous commitment in continuing to arrange fixtures and teams direct from his hospital bed (nurses permitting!)

Player of the Year - Ross Corry. Although it had been a disappointing season for the team, Ross produced a very high level of performance on a regular basis and was an inspiration to his fellow team mates. A recipient well worthy of the award. Congratulations, Ross.

The evening finished with a disco with a wide range of music to suit all ages (apart from "Sunshine on Leith")

Next year the committee hopes that the dinner will be better supported. You don't have to be a football fan to enjoy it. After all, there is a Hibs supporter on the committee - I mean, what can HE possibly know about football!!!!

GARGUNNOCK SONGSTERS

The Songsters are preparing for Christmas. For over a month now those passing the Community Room Drop-In Centre on Wednesday evenings, have been hearing the sound of Christmas music.

We are performing an evening of Christmas Music at Alva in early December, and of course, are blending our voices with yours at the Carol Concert to be held on Sunday 20th December.

Samantha is now well and truly into her stride as our new Conductor, gaining in confidence in this role, which is new to her, and encouraging us to give of our best.

The annual village carol singing for The Aberlour Trust round the houses, will also be organised. This is open to all and is a very enjoyable pre-Christmas fun night. As always, hope that you and your friends - all ages - will join us for this event.

Details of all Christmas events will be advertised locally, so hope to see you at some or all of them.

New members - male and female - will be most welcome to join our ranks, so if you are new to the Village, or lived in the area for a while and looking for a new interest, please come and join us - the more the merrier.

Best wishes from all in the Choir for Christmas.

Janette Wilson, Secretary

COMMUNITY CENTRE USERS

The blue strap that secures the chairs has gone missing, it has property of GCC on it. Also, one of the attachments for the Dyson vacuum cleaner has disappeared, could users of the last few months check that they have not accidentally picked them up.

Could the person who leaves aluminum cans next to the green store not do so anymore. We no longer collect them and it is causing problems in disposing them.

Many Thanks

GARGOYLES NEWS

The Gargoyles Folk Group will be singing Christmas songs for the Aberlour Trust at two Christmas Farmers Markets in December.

The first is in Stirling on Port Street, Saturday the 12th December and then in Cupar (yes-all the way to Fife!) on Saturday the 19th December. So if you see familiar faces at the market, it'll be us, singing our socks off as usual!

Save The Date

2nd Dec	Opening of Bite & Blether
11th Dec	Live Music at the Inn
12th Dec	Gargoyles Folk Group Port Street
13th Dec	Tidy up Woodland Walk
20th Dec	Christmas Concert
20th Dec	Gunnrock at the Inn
22nd Dec	Carol Singing
26th Dec	Pool Competition at Inn
31st Dec	Celebrate New Year at the Square
31st Dec	Jocatz at Inn New Year Celebrations
19th June	Gala 2010

WELL DONE EMILY ANDERSON

Earlier this year, when surfing on the CBBC website, I was drawn to a pop up ad asking viewers if they wanted to take part in a programme. When at primary school I used to love going to Marion McDougall's from school, in good time to watch RAVEN. I remember secretly wishing I could be one of the participants, but thinking it is always other people you see on TV! In a moment of madness, I thought I would tempt fate and respond to the ad.

The BBC soon sent an application form which I promptly filled in and returned. A good few weeks later, I was invited to take part in an audition at the BBC headquarters in Glasgow. There were hundreds of us... we were asked to perform a few charades and interactive tasks on camera before being interviewed. We were told that the same audition process was taking place at the different BBC regional centres throughout the UK. Could I really hope to be picked?

Amazingly, I was invited to a second, longer audition. This one took place in Aviemore over a weekend. There were now only 64 of us. Only 18, plus 1 standby, would make it to RAVEN- series 9. Mum and Dad kept telling me how well I had done to get that far, but to remain realistic! I could hardly believe it when the BBC phoned with the news that I had secured a place as a warrior for series 9!

Series 9 was filmed in July near Aviemore. Mum and Dad had to cancel their holidays, because no one knew how long I would be away for. It could be as short as 2 weeks or if I made it to the finals, a full 5 weeks! I had never spent more than 10 days away from home and then it would be to stay at my grandparents' in France. I was quite anxious at the idea of living with people I had never met before, against whom I would be competing and above everything else, not being able to see my family at all during that time. We could phone home twice a week. That was the only contact we were allowed! Would I be strong enough to last?

I kept a diary of all the challenges. On the very first day we started with a kayaking race to find out what our emblems would be. It was strange having to respond to my warrior name "Dyrel". The glaring lights and the pressure of the cameras also took some getting used to. As soon as the words "And action!" were called, we all started paddling frantically. Once reaching the shore, we had to pull down an assigned banner bearing our symbols. Mine, in the first round, was the cloud and my costume, beige. In the first few days, I struggled a bit and in some of the challenges, even performed poorly. I lost a few lives. Lives and rings are the RAVEN currency which all warriors understand only too well. They are earned or lost to mirror performance in the various challenges. It takes nine rings to buy back a life. Everyone starts with nine lives but they don't last long. At the end of the day, whoever has the fewest number of lives must undergo "The Way of the Warrior", a gruelling challenge which makes great television, but means really that you will soon be sent home. I made it to the finals, by which point, Dyrel was competing in a red suit, bearing a sun as an emblem.

Over the weeks I grew less intimidated by Dead Man's Gorge, Pendulum, Forest Of Fear, Riddle Path, Raven's Rock, Demon Square, Pontoon Pursuit, Warrior's Eye, Ring Reach,... and the Last Stand to name but a few! Catchy, mysterious, if not scary names to describe tremendously fun challenges, but 'Oh Boy!', they all were physically tough and mentally exhausting! It is no laughing matter when you are competing to become the Ultimate Warrior! As the weeks went by everything became much harder as the tension grew between the warriors who had not yet been eliminated. Everyone lived with the knowledge that they could be the next one to go. In a

challenge, you could be put against your room-mate. Not only this, but back at the lodge, we were missing home and its comfortable routine as well as newly made, close and already eliminated friends! We weren't told about the challenges we would be facing on the following day. We got up at different times and the work schedule could vary too. Long hours would be spent, between challenges and filming, in a trailer van at the top of some mountain lashed by the rain and swept by the wind! No joke, but it is not that glamorous a life working in television! All too soon, it was time to take part in the Last Stand, the last ever challenge on series nine. This would reveal the ultimate champion; this challenge was all or nothing. After my awful start in this competition, I wasn't sure if I had what it took to complete this final and the almighty obstacle course. My knees were knocking and my stomach churning. My nerves were getting to the unbearable stage. My starting cage opened abruptly. I knew that all I could do was my absolute best and I had everything to win. I had to run back and forwards over obstacles, avoiding demons and solving puzzles. Suddenly, the only thing I was aware of was me hammering as hard as I could at the final gate with my battering ram, and Bertar immediately behind me. Then I gathered all my courage and determination, smashed through the gate and quickly sprinted through the portal. I had never ran like this before

(thank goodness because we've all seen me on sports day!) and hurtled through the portal. When I realised I had won I collapsed to the floor, victim of a panic attack. I was soon back on camera, being presented with the Staff of power. I had won! What a feeling!

Before I knew it, my chaperones were dropping me off at Stirling service station, where an excited Mum, Dad and sister met me to take me home. It was a strange feeling to be suddenly back to familiar surroundings, even though the house did not quite look the same after 5 weeks away. Dad and my wee sister had done a great job of decorating the garage and front doors with banners and balloons! It was great to be back, I had missed my family so much, but bizarrely I was now missing Raven too. The experience I had is simply indescribable. I have grown so much from it and gained so many new friends. True friends, friends I miss and email all the time. Friends I cannot wait to see again and have already arranged to spend time with over the festive period. Would I recommend the experience? Most definitely. Next time you see an opportunity you fancy, go for it. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain! Good Luck!

Emily Anderson



Scottish Water - Stirling/Gargunnoch Mains Programme

Scottish Water has completed work on a £1.1million project – part of a wider initiative to bring clearer, fresher drinking water to the communities of Gargunnoch and Stirling.

It is one part of an extensive suite of works that will serve the Stirling area for decades to come, including retiring the old Touch water treatment works and providing a clearer, fresher water supply from the Turret water treatment works near Crieff.

The projected completion date for the Stirling/Gargunnoch mains replacement project was late October/early November. It was officially completed on November 7th.

The final cost of this part of this particular project was £1.1m. Some sections of the main were already lined but required flushing. There was no money wasted in terms of the lining, flushing and scouring and the project cost was within the estimates of the project team.

We used a technique called sliplining wherever possible, which involves small excavations at key points which we use as entry points to slip new plastic water mains inside the existing old main. This has numerous advantages. The main customer benefits are less excavations and interruptions to supply, and also the bonus of having the new main encased in the old one, offering double protection against bursts in future.

In a small number of sections we had to lay brand new water mains - this was around certain tricky bends and under a burn - for engineering reasons we couldn't line the existing main with polymeric lining or slipline a new main into the existing pipe. This is labour intensive and expensive so is only done where all other techniques are not possible.

We had to issue boil notices to properties at strategic points along the new main when we were replacing pipes and running the water through them for the first time. This is a precautionary measure that is in place until we test samples to assure ourselves that the new supply is meeting strict standards defined by the Drinking Water Quality Regulator (DWQR). This is required by law and is in the interest of protecting public health – a key responsibility of Scottish Water and one that we take very seriously.

When we were replacing and lining a particular 1km section of main we could only renew 100-200m per day. In order to ensure public health remained protected during this time we had to keep a boil notice in place for certain properties which were served by this main.

As we worked our way further along, we could take more and more properties off the boil notice, until the job was complete and all samples came back as meeting DWQR standards. We apologise if some properties had to boil their water for longer than may have been necessary. In a complex project such as this occasionally errors are made. Some properties may have had to boil their water longer than neighbouring properties without notification of the notice being lifted. We apologise for this inconvenience.

Scottish Water would like to thank the people of Gargunnoch and Stirling for their understanding while we carried out this challenging project. Local people were very co-operative and helpful towards the project team. The short term inconvenience of the project will be outweighed in years to come by the long term benefits of a modern, robust and wholesome water supply.



Gargunnoch Primary School Primary 1 Enrolment

**The 2010/2011 school year starts on
Tuesday 17th August 2010**

Children who are five years old on or before 17 August 2010 must start their primary school education on this date.

Children who are five years old between 18 August 2010 and 28 February 2011 may start their primary school education on this date.

**Primary 1 enrolment will take place at
Gargunnoch Primary School on**

**Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th January 2010
1.30pm – 3.15pm**

As part of the enrolment procedure Stirling Council checks the residency details of all pupils seeking admissions to its schools.

To avoid delay in enrolment parents should bring the following documentation with them:

1. Child's Birth Certificate
2. Child Benefit Letter / Book
3. Working Families Tax Credit Letter
4. Recent Council Tax Bill

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Letters to The Bugle

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Many people would be attending Remembrance Services at different locations, but for those who attended the service at Gargunnoch Church, this was a memorable, touching service.

Mr. Campbell has Three Churches to minister to, and the service at Gargunnoch on this occasion was led by the Rev. Jim Brown, who has been a regular visiting Minister over the past year or so.

As there is now no local British Legion within the Village, the community was represented on this occasion by members of the Community Council, who participated in readings, and laying the poppy wreath.

The service was linked by readings, poems of times past and by a modern writing expressing the fears of the families currently serving in the forces.

As the wreath was laid, Mr. Brown read out each and every name on the memorial plaque at the Church.

This was a poignant, touching service for all present, and for those who would have liked to attend, but could not do so, know that in Gargunnoch those who have fought, are currently involved, and have suffered in so many ways throughout the world as a result of war, were remembered with dignity.

Name and Address supplied

Change of Street Name & Speed Limits Proposed

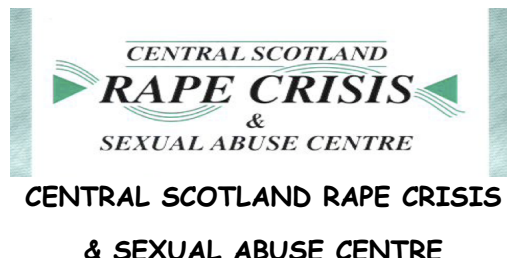
It appears that there is a growing opinion in favour of an application to be made to the Local Authority for the older part of Drummond Place be renamed "The Drummond Raceway". This would allow the formal adoption of at least Trunk Road speed limits - 60 mph - on this section of the road in place of the 30 mph limit which is so often ignored as to be worthless. By changing the name and speed limits, the inhabitants and users of this part of the Gargunnoch road system would avoid falling foul of the law concerning speed limits and risking points on licences and £60 fines.

It is anticipated that, in the near future, a petition to the council in favour of the name change and subsequent speed limit alteration would be made available for signing at all local points.

A Drummond Place Resident

Editorial Note: The Bugle obviously maintains a neutral journalist position on potentially controversial matters of this nature but anything which assists the law abiding nature and road safety within the village should be commended.

Osprey Homecare Services (see Ad opposite) have a special offer for our Bugle readers, when you spend £60 you will receive £10 off your bill, remember and mention the Bugle when making your booking.



Central Scotland Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Centre exists to provide a free and confidential service of emotional support and practical information on legal and medical issues to survivors who have experienced Rape, Sexual Assault or Child Sexual Abuse, throughout Central Scotland. Our telephone Helpline is staffed by trained volunteers and offers long or short-term support by e-mail, letter, telephone or face to face counselling. We also support friends and families.

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for the community

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On your own? Want company?

Fancy a chat?



Whatever your situation, join us on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of every month for a bowl of home made soup and
some delicious home baking accompanied by tea, coffee or hot
chocolate



Open from 11am until 3.15pm

in the Community Centre

All proceeds go towards the
refurbishment of the Community Centre

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING - TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER

If you'd like to join us then be at the shop at 7pm.

We'll be covering as much of the village as we can manage
between 7 and 9 to 9.30pm, so listen out for us.

We're singing in aid of the Scottish charity THE ABERLOUR TRUST
this year. So put on your warmest clothes, antlers,
flashing earrings, bring a torch and come and have a really
Christmassy evening!

Accompanied children and non singing collectors are very welcome.
Weather permitting.

Further information from

Helen Rowell, 860630 or Zoe Clayson, 860664

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

A date for your diary - 20th December - Children's concert
2.30 p.m. Evening concert 7.30 p.m. Come along, join in the
pre-Christmas fun and see some new faces. Santa will, of
course, be with us to keep everything going in his usual jolly
way. Tickets will be available nearer the time from the shop.

CHURCH

Services at Christmas - Sunday, 20th December during which
the children will present a nativity play. Christmas Eve service
will be in our sister church in Doune at 11.30 p.m.

In past years we have taken part in the Blythswood Shoe Box
Appeal. This year it was decided to help Start Up. It is a
charity based in Stirling which assists homeless people in a
variety of ways. One is by providing packs of goods as
detailed on the list shown below. Please note all should have
a long sell by date. Donations of money would also be
welcomed to provide duvets, electrical goods etc.

If you wish to donate any of the items on the list please
contact Johan Mailer, Tel. 860313 or Audrey Birrell, Tel.
860321 and they will collect the items or they can be handed
in at any of our church services during December. At the end
of the Church service on 20th December, there will be a
retiring collection for the charity.

Cleaning Materials

Cream Cleaner
Multipurpose Cleaner
Washing Up Liquid
Toilet & Kitchen Rolls
Dish & J Cloths
Toilet Soap & Cleaner
Pot Scourer
Duster

Toiletries

Shampoo & Conditioner
Soap, Shower Gel (M&F)
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Flannel, Tissues
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Cutlery Sets

Tinned Goods

Baked Beans
Spaghetti
Soup
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Fish
Vegetables
Fruit
Pudding

Dried/Other Goods

Tea & Coffee
Sugar
Pasta
Rice
Salt & Pepper
Jam
Pasta Sauce

Community Council Still in Business !!

Your Community Councillors finished their 3 year term at the end
of October. All were eligible for re-election and six nominations
were received. There is now a new National scheme for the
operation of Community Councils and one of the changes means
that Community Councillors will now hold office for 4 years.

The "establishment" for Gargunnoch is for 9 Councillors so there
are 3 vacant places. It would be good to see these positions filled,
especially from younger age groups. The "Qualifications" are - to
be a local resident, over the age of 16 years and with an interest
in Community matters, representing Residents interests in
Planning matters and in dealings with Stirling Council and other
Official bodies. Come and see us (before we come and see you !!)

The Meeting on 24/11 dealt with the formalities of electing Office
Bearers.

These are Chairman- Douglas Coupethwaite, Vice Chairman- John
Craigie, Secretary- Geoff Peart, Treasurer- Edmond Mansion.
Maitland Clark and Barbara Drummond complete the team.

We discussed the recent incidents involving some very anti-social
behavior by a number of young people. There have been several
individuals reported to the Fiscal for various offenses (we cant say
any more at this stage)

The Police under the PACT (Police and Communities Together)
initiative have been asked to give high priority to dealing with
youth disorder. It is apparent that drink has been involved in
some of the recent troubles, although there is no suggestion that
it is being obtained locally.

Obviously our thoughts turned to what we can do to deal with
these problems and the number one action has got to be
phoning the Police when you see or hear something that
concerns you, it is an inescapable fact that if the Police aren't
aware, then they cannot do anything about it. The number is
01786 456000.

Several people have commented that parents of badly behaved,
disruptive youngsters don't care what their kids are doing but
have they considered that the parents maybe don't know ?? If
you know who they are then maybe you should have a word with
them. With that in mind Crossreach staff at Millmuir have said
that they would want to be alerted to any negative behavior
involving the youngsters they care for and their number is 07795
503166.

The next meeting will be on 5th January 2010, assuming we'll be
back from the New Year celebrations by then !! Best Wishes to
you all.



Why not help Gargunnoch Primary School raise funds by ordering some of your Christmas shopping from the Yellow Moon catalogue (delivered today with

the Bugle)? There are craft products, Christmas cards, educational games, toys and lots of other stocking fillers.

Many more items can be found on the Yellow Moon website www.yellowmoon.org.uk

For every purchase Gargunnoch Primary will receive up to 25% cash back.

You can order by phone, fax, post or online, details on page 3 of the booklet. Yellow Moon will send your products direct to your home and Gargunnoch Primary will receive a cheque from Yellow Moon.

It is important when placing an order to quote the unique source code for Gargunnoch Primary - SGA1086

Many Thanks, Gargunnoch Primary School Parent Council



Gargunnoch Playgroup & Toddlers
Charity no SC 013990

Christmas Shopping On Line?? Use any of these on-line stores? Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Debenhams, Play, John Lewis, Toys R Us, Next, Boden? Did you know you can help raise funds for Playgroup and Toddlers at no extra cost to you?.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk provide a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for Playgroup & Toddlers. Use the links from the easyfundraising website to get to your chosen retailer's site and then each purchase you make will generate a **cashback donation** to Playgroup & Toddlers.

How it works

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Register as a user
3. You will be asked which cause you wish to support
4. Look at the alphabetical list and choose "Gargunnoch Playgroup" which has been registered as a cause
5. When shopping in future, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, and choose the retailer you want to shop with. You will be redirected to their site and the donation will be made as soon as you buy your goods.
6. Please be assured that the donation comes from the retailer and NOT from you. You only pay the same as you would have by going to the retailer site in the first place.

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 2 1/2 to school age and runs on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to 11.30am in the community centre. It costs £4.75 per session.

Toddlers meet every Wednesday and Friday mornings 10-11.30am in the community centre. It is an informal group of parents, carers and grandparents that come along with their children from birth upwards. We are also very happy to welcome pregnant mums to meet the other parents and carers that attend and have a cuppa and some cake.

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.

If you would like more information on Playgroup please contact Claire Smith (860278) or Morna Tinto (860208). If you want more information on Toddlers please contact Shona Crawford 860404

LOOK OUT FOR SUTTONS CATALOGUES BEING DELIVERED OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS

Gargunnoch Senior Citizens' Christmas Gift Fund

Thank you to all who supported our quiz sheets. This was a trial fundraiser which will be repeated due to its success. Congratulations to our winner:- Mrs. J. Gilliland who wins £20. Her sheet was picked out of those with all correct answers received by the closing date.

Thank you also to Trish Petrie and Muriel Ferguson who donated £425 from their Christmas Fair. This was a very welcome boost to our funds and their generosity is much appreciated. This donation will allow us to continue with the village tradition of recognising our Senior Citizens (ie. those of pensionable age). This year's vouchers will be distributed in early December. As the list is mostly guesswork, if by any chance you have – or someone you know of has – been missed out please contact Jill Patrick (treasurer) on 860269.

Watch out for our next quiz sheet – riddles this time! – which will be available mid to late January. The winner of this will be announced at our Spring Fair (new venture for us) in March. Look out for further details in the New Year.

Words of the Month

saturnalian (adj) : unrestrained revelry
(can also mean "orgy" - but that's another story!!)
neoteric (adj) : new

So to all our readers -

"Have a Saturnalian Christmas and a Happy Neoteric New Year"



Love low carbon living in Gargunnoch

Are you interested in saving some money by reducing your fuel bills? Would you like to assist in improving your local community? If so, Going Carbon Neutral Stirling (GCNS) is offering to help you to tackle these issues while reducing your carbon footprint.

GCNS, a programme of Keep Scotland Beautiful, is being funded by the Scottish government to help support Stirling residents to make easy, lifestyle changes which will reduce carbon emissions across all aspects of life including waste, energy, food, transport and heating.

Small, easy steps can make a big difference and GCNS are inviting all community groups in Gargunnoch to get involved. From mother and toddler groups, to sport and over 50's clubs, GCNS will work with your group to create a personalised action plan with one activity per month to do at home and/or at work. These plans, a little like Weight Watchers, are designed to be completely simple to start and fun to maintain. Actions could be swapping your light bulbs for energy savings ones which each save around £100 over their lifetime (GCNS can provide free bulbs to each person), or joining a lift sharing scheme (GCNS can show you how to do this). The first year's activities are easy and will also save you money – so beat the credit crunch by cutting carbon!

If you'd like to find out more or get involved call 01786 471333 or email simon.gooden@ksbscotland.org.uk



THE KNIGHTS POST on Sunday

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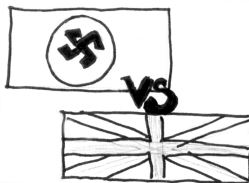
BREAKING NEWS - HITLER STRIKES AGAIN !

by Helen Mitchell

British Commonwealth declares WAR on Germany!
BRITAIN ARE READY NAZI POPULATION WILL FALL!

Hitler crosses the line!

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain decides if Hitler does not remove his troops from Poland before 11 O'Clock on the 3rd September, Britain would step in. No such word was heard from Germany or Hitler - Britain is now at war!!



Hitlers treaty turns out to be a lie. Alongside Britain are France, Australia, South Africa and Canada - The British Commonwealth.

Chamberlain's words to the public have proven to be Soothing: "Do not fear! We will win this war, our conscience is clear".

A young, anonymous man, aged 20 said: "I am proud to go to war! It is high time those Nazi's and that vile Hitler were stopped - And we will stop them!" All British citizens are going to be issued with national registration identity cards, to identify German Spies.

Britain is well prepared - We Will Win!

The Bugle were invited to read Newspaper Articles written by the P6/7 class at Gargunock Primary as part of their project on WWII.

We were very impressed with the standard and content of all the reports and have included two examples to share with our Bugle readers.

Well done Helen and Ruairaidh.

Councillor's Column

I am very pleased to have this opportunity of contributing to the 'Bugles' next edition. Having been a Councillor previously for eight years, including four as Provost, in the old system of single member wards, representing Strathendrick in the west, it was quite a change to move to our new twelve village multi-member system covering all of West Stirlingshire. However, I am enjoying it, despite the pretty heavy workload and have the advantage of living in the Ward.

Many congratulations to the members of the reconstituted Community Council which I know will again work hard to promote the best interests of Gargunock. I'm sure all in the village are grateful to those who serve in this way and will offer support.

The Council continues to encourage all forms of recycling and thanks to the overwhelming response of the public, we are well ahead of our targets and citizens are now recycling around 45% of household waste. Gargunock is the first of our West Stirlingshire villages to be included in the food waste option and I believe the take up is good. Certainly for those of us without compost bins - or dogs! - it removes a considerable amount from landfill.

Some years ago, I was involved with issues surrounding the Provost Park Pavilion and I think we all believed we had resolved these. However, some further uncertainties have emerged and I have arranged a meeting for all concerned with the relevant Council official when I hope we can resolve everything finally. I think the misunderstanding and confusion are on the Council's side!

More generally, changes which should simplify and, even reduce, some of the parking charges in Stirling will be welcome as is the increased use of the Castleview Park & Ride, now that it includes the hospital - and concession tickets apply!

Finally, very best wishes for the Festive Season. My wife, Elspeth, sings with the Gargunock Songsters so we look forward as usual to the annual Christmas Concert, this year on Sunday evening, 20 December. See you all there!

As always, I can be contact during the day via Viewforth on 0845 277 7000 (lo-call number) or at home on 01360 660616 (and leave a message if no reply and I'll get back to you!).

Colin O'Brien

2010 Gala - The Gala committee have already started to make plans for Gala Day 2010.

Plans are still at an early stage and we would welcome input and assistance from anyone keen to participate in this fun village event.

Our theme for 2010 will be The Circus.

As in the last couple of years Gala day will be followed by our Gala BBQ. There will be sporting events throughout the day and the usual evening events along with some new ones perhaps!

Gala day will take place on Saturday June 19th, please put the date in your 2010 diary!

10pence

Sunday Chronicle

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1914 Again?

War breaks out in Europe as Adolf Hitler crosses the line

We Need You!



4th September 1939

British Army enlistment form P12

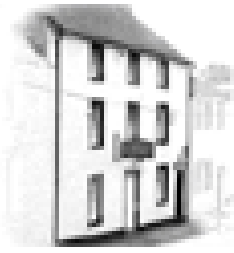
On the 1st of September 1939 Hitler sent out his order of war as he marched his dogs of war through the border of our peaceful allies, Poland. This man, if so can be called had signed a treaty with our most excellent Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain. Hitler tore this treaty up like a dog chewing a child's homework. Chamberlain has tried desperately to keep a

second World War at bay. This appeasement meant nothing to this German mad man. As a last push for peace Chamberlain sent a note stating that if Germany was not prepared to withdraw their troops from Poland by 1100 hours, a state of war would exist between the two countries.

No note came so the inevitable happened. War was declared on the 3rd of September. Britain was joined by it's Commonwealth nations and France in the struggle against the Iron Curtain, United we will Stand!

Written by Ruairaidh Scott, Sunday Chronicle

Help your country and follow the rationing. Your country needs you!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS at the GARGUNNOCK INN



11th Dec

*Live music with Jimmy Johnston
all your favourites and more starts 9pm*

1st - 24th Dec

*Come and enjoy our festive Yuletide menu
3 courses £16.95*

20th Dec

*GUNNROCK, back by popular demand Gunnrock
playing all your favourites starts 4pm
Be early its going to be busy*

25th Dec

*The Inn is serving Christmas dinner.
Bookings from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Enjoy a 4 course meal with tea and coffee
£47.50 for adults, £25.00 for children under 14*

26th Dec

*Come and compete against the best Gargunnock
has to offer in our annual Boxing day pool
competition. Starts 1pm
Please give names to the bar staff*

31st Dec

*New Years Eve. Bring in the Bells with all the locals,
live music by the Jocatx.*

*Enjoy a 3 course meal £24.95
(book early its always busy)*

1st Jan

*New Years Day come and enjoy a few drinks to try
and shift those hangovers bar is open
1pm until 12.30am*



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We are hoping to publish Issue 7 of the Bugle mid to end January please email us with your stories and pictures of your Christmas and New Year events by Sunday 10th January 2010.

We wish everyone a fun time over the holiday season and thank you all for your support and feedback, it is very much appreciated.

If you would like to advertise in The Bugle our rates are listed below (all sizes approx)

1/8 page £10 1/4 page £15
1/2 page £25 full page £45

If you commit to 6 Ad's you only pay for 5

We also offer a business card ad or a couple of lines for tradesmen/childminders etc for £5

Do you have any pictures, stories or letters you would like included in The Bugle, if so please email them to bugle@gargunnock.com or hand them in to

Maitland 38 McNeill Crescent
Douglas 2 McClarens Park
Jackie 2 The Glebe

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.



New Year at The Square

**Why not see in the New Year at the Square.
Come along about 10 minutes to midnight, celebrate
the arrival of the New Year, and enjoy some
entertainment for a half hour or so before going off
to do your first-footing.**

**The Church bell will toll at midnight
Fireworks? Return of Santa's Bell?
Accordianist? Fiddlers?
Piper? Traditional Dancing?
Giant Conga from and back to Pub?**

**There is no formal programme, it all depends on
the weather and who turns up on the night.
But something will happen.**