

Uplawmoor Village Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring 2020 Village Newsletter.

This year, the Uplawmoor Community Council have decided to publish a Village Newsletter, including content from as many groups as we can.

If you'd like to get involved in the next one please get in touch by emailing secretary@uplawmoorcouncil.co.uk. We hope you enjoy reading the content and that this helps bring you up to date with everything that is happening in our busy village.

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2020 Dates for your Diary

This year we are taking part in the Great British Spring Clean on **Sunday 15th March at 11am**, meeting in the Mure Hall Carpark. Pickers, Bags and Gloves will be provided along with refreshments after.

Lights On 2020—plans are already underway to make 2020 bigger and better! Keep the 9th of December free and keep a look out online for more details nearer the time: www.uplawmoorcouncil.co.uk





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Neilston to Uplawmoor Link – in more ways than one!

Neilston and Uplawmoor are surrounded by wonderful landscape, but getting out there with kids on bikes, (or wobbly adults on bikes!), buggies etc. can be difficult. How good would it be if people could safely walk or cycle off-road out into our lovely countryside, on paths designed to be suitable for all ages and abilities? A recent grant from Sustrans, the national walking and cycling charity, is supporting concept design work, plus community, landowner, council and wider engagement, for a route from Neilston to Uplawmoor. The project is also the first major collaboration between NDT and Uplawmoor Development Trust, and we're delighted to be working with our neighbouring community. The route is part of ERC's Strategic Cycle Corridor no 1 and the nationwide effort to create great, safe routes and 'Places for Everyone'. The award comes at a good time, as it will help reinforce 'Active Travel' (that's walking and 'wheeling' to you and me) as a priority in discussions about Neilston village centre. And the link is not just between the two communities; if the proposal works out, there would be great new connections around the countryside between and beyond the two villages, and there could be a bridleway incorporated alongside! Come along and hear more about the project; it's early days and there's lots to be sorted, but you'll see where we've got to and you can meet the consultants who have wide experience of all aspects of projects such as these.

There will be two Drop-in Information Session on Thursday 5 March, one in Caldwell Parish Church Hall, Uplawmoor between 5.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. and one at Neilston Bowling Club, Kingston Road, between 7.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Both sessions are open to all Neilston and Uplawmoor residents - choose a time convenient to you!

Look out for updates on both projects on NDT and UDT Facebook and websites, or contact pauline.gallacher@neilstontrust.co.uk (NDT), Martin Houston [martinhouston@aol.com](mailto:martinjhouston@aol.com) (UDT).

Upcoming Events

BARN DANCE We will be holding our biennial Barn Dance at Linnhead on Saturday 30th May, and full details will be announced in the next couple of months. Previous ones have been a huge success, and we expect this year's to be no different!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING the AGM of the trust will be held in March or April this year. Details will be advised to all during February. In the meantime, if there is anything you would like to bring to our attention, please get in touch with us.

Projects:

There has been quite a few years of high activity and much effort from your Development Trust in the provision of new children's play park equipment, outside gym equipment, and a Multi Use Games Area. During 2019 we did not have such large projects, but ongoing ones are:

PLAYING FIELD

with the help of our work parties we made some big improvements in the path round the playing field. The worst parts near the Children's Play Park, and near the skate ramp have shown big improvements, but there are a few other parts of the path which need fixing, including the path from Neilston Road into the Playing Field. You can see the difference! We will endeavour to improve these other puddled parts soon. Your help at future work parties would be greatly appreciated. It's



good fun and its so good to see the community spirit.

THE GLEN The Glen in the village was donated very kindly by a resident some 30 years or so ago, but in order to ensure its upkeep, ownership was transferred to East Renfrewshire Council who manage the trees and fences in the Glen. It would be great to see more use of the Glen, and we have a paths group working on this in discussion with children from all village organisations and the school. Ideas passed to us from these children include generation of focal points in the Glen (all Natural), a den, picnic area and a small stage. Improvements to the path will also be undertaken.



NEILSTON TO UPLAWMOOR LINK Of course as you will have seen earlier in this newsletter, a lot of effort is being put in to the proposed cycle and walking link from Uplawmoor to Neilston. Uplawmoor Development Trust is working on this project jointly with Neilston Development Trust and Martin Houston is our representative on the project, who with the help of other Trustees, will be arranging displays and project updates for Uplawmoor residents. All villagers are invited to the information Sessions detailed opposite to see what's planned and to ask questions. We hope to see a large turnout for this event.

OTHER WALKS The Trust is actively pursuing possibilities to open up old walking routes accessed from the village. Many of these have been used by dwindling numbers of villagers in recent years, and many villagers are unaware of them. Possibilities are still at an exploratory stage. We shall report further in due course. "Secret Walks and Ways" have been suggested by our adventurous local children. These would be a set of led (accompanied?) walks to explore the periphery of Uplawmoor, with a bit of local knowledge thrown in. This idea is very interesting and will be looked at by our Paths group.

Uplawmoor Friends of ACCORD Hospice.

We run three fundraising events a year, a Bridge Lunch at the Golf club, a Curling Bonspeil at Greenacres and a third which this year is a Quiz,(previous years include craft fairs, fashion show, concert, open garden). We are very grateful for the wonderful response we receive raising around £5,000 a year which almost funds the running of Accord Hospice for one day !!

We rely on people and local businesses who have always been very generous in donating raffle prizes for these events for which we are most grateful and we trust that this will continue.

We would be delighted if anyone would like to join us or has suggestions for further fundraising activities. Please contact Cath Close 850412 or any committee member.

Caldwell Golf Club

Caldwell golf club is a short walk from the village and is one of the best courses in the region. With over £ 500,000 invested in the course in recent years it has never been in better condition. Why not take a walk down the hill to visit us in person, or visit us online at



www.caldwellgolfclub.com where you can find out more about us and also view the live video stream of the first tee.

Our gents groups offer new members the opportunity to join them; these groups play three times a week outside of our Tuesday and Saturday competition days.

We boast and are proud of our ladies section that encourages new lady members to join them in their weekly ladies only coaching session in addition to participating in the various lady events which take place weekly.

We welcome and encourage families to join our club and we offer a family membership package which allows junior members to join their friends at the weekly junior coaching sessions in addition to playing with their parents on those long summer nights.

Our doors are always open so please come down and visit us and see what you have been missing.

Our new membership season starts in March and we have no joining fees. If you want to find out more, please contact us using secretary@caldwellgolfclub.net.

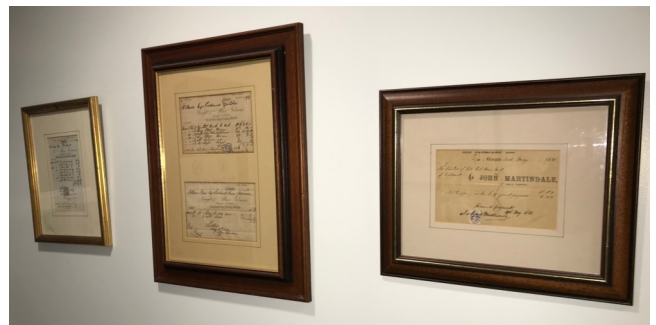
Caldwell Crew Youth Group

The Caldwell Crew youth group started as a crafts group in the run up to the Christmas Lights On event in 2019. Meeting on a Monday night from 7:00pm in Caldwell Church Hall. Weekly activities include crafts, games, cooking, quizzes and movie nights. In January 2020 the group received the Saltire Award for their volunteering to help with the lights on event. There are 9 regular attendees with 5 others coming occasionally. Anyone age 12+ is welcome along to join the fun.



The Mure Hall Company

The Mure Hall Company leases the hall from East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) and is responsible for the interior decoration and furnishing of the Hall. The hall is well used on weekdays by local clubs, groups and classes but is available for hire at certain times during the week and on most weekends for that special event: be it birthday, anniversary, school reunion or whatever. Last year Alistair Corbett took over as Lets Convener and oversaw the introduction of a new booking system which appears to be working well. Bookings should be made directly with ER Culture & Leisure via the Halls & Venues link on the ERCL website; if there are any problems or questions feel free to contact Alistair on Alistaircorbett311@gmail.com. Also last year new carpets were laid in the Hall and we received a donation from Mr John Ewing of framed documents relating to the Mure family which are now on display in the hall corridor.



Neighbourhood Watch

There was an incident earlier in the year with two individuals going door-to-door stating that they're selling cleaning products. The offence the police were going with was "peddling without a license" (fine if you're children selling cakes for charity, less so if you're a grown man selling stuff from a rucksack...).

We want to reiterate that police guidance is always; if something feels suspicious, call 101 and let them know. There's no qualifier on "suspicious" - gut feel is fine. After all, people going door to door should have ID and uniform. We live in a very safe, quiet village (as evidenced by the police rarely having anything to report when they come to the community council meetings each month...), so please don't be alarmed by any of the above! However, keeping an eye out for each other is a good thing, and sensible use of 101 is an excellent way of doing that.

Uplawmoor Heartbeat

At the moment of writing this we are in the process of handing over custodianship of Uplawmoor's defibrillator to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC). ERC are now placing defibrillators in communities throughout the county and we feel it is prudent that Uplawmoor should have their defibrillator managed and maintained by ERC and we are grateful for the support of Councillor Angela Convery.



Six years ago we embarked on the project of obtaining a public access defibrillator for the village and we would like to thank the British Heart Foundation, Scottish Ambulance, ERC, Uplawmoor Community Council (UCC), Mure Hall Company and the residents of Uplawmoor for supporting us.

We would also like to thank Caldwell Church Soup Lunches and UCC for their help in funding ongoing expenses (chest pads and battery).

Thanks to Neilston and Uplawmoor First Responders for providing familiarisation/training sessions for the residents.

Finally I would like to thank the team (past and present) for getting the project off the ground, for their continuing support and management and for turning out in all weathers to perform the weekly checks.

So please remember the defibrillator is outside the front door of the Mure Hall for public use 24/7. In the first instance always dial 999 and stay with the patient, if possible send someone else to get the defibrillator, (the cabinet is alarmed - ignore that). The instructions are clear and simple for anyone to use.

Defibrillators save lives.

Friday Lunches

Lunches are served every Friday in the winter months between 12pm and 1.30pm in the church hall.

The cost is £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children and for this you are served a choice of soups; sandwiches or rolls with a choice of filling; tea, coffee or juice and a chocolate biscuit. We cater for vegetarian and gluten free diets.

Everybody is welcome. Some school children attend and Libby, our 'Lollipop Lady', is on duty on Friday lunchtimes to help the children cross the road. We have high chairs for babies and some room for prams.

Uplawmoor Primary School

Here at Uplawmoor Primary School we have been participating in the RSPB Great British Schools' Birdwatch which is being run from 6th January 2020 to 21st February 2020. We have turned our classes into conservation scientists to help the RSPB track the ups and downs of birds across the country.

To prepare for our important data collection away back in December we designed and built bird feeders in a House Challenge. Our House Captains have been maintaining these with the support of Mrs Crawford to ensure any visiting birds have the opportunity to have a tasty snack in our grounds. It was fun researching what foods birds would like to eat. In addition to this we have all been applying our literacy skills of reading for information to investigate key features and characteristics of different birds to support our bird spotting.

Throughout January we all got on our wellington boots and warm coats and braved the elements to see what birds we could spot. It was cold and wet but we loved looking at our playground and environment in a slightly different way! We have been very excited by the range and large numbers of birds that we have spotted, including lots of sightings of Carrion Crows, Starlings, Robins and a few Pied Wagtails. We are sure the RSPB will appreciate our data contribution and we are excited to have found a new interesting hobby for many. Lots of us enjoyed it so much that we have been using our knowledge of the features of birds to do some bird watching at home and around the village.

Pupil Council and Children of Uplawmoor Primary School.

Village Shop

A small community shop every Thursday, held in the church hall, between 10am and 12am.

On sale we have: breakfast rolls, scones, local eggs, cards, books and occasionally jams and chutneys or other baking.

On the 1st and 3rd week of the month the butcher comes with local beef, pork and lamb, as well as pies etc. May, comes weekly to sell her homemade Ice-cream. A florist comes some weeks with cut flowers and plants for sale. Occasionally other come to sell their wares. A tearoom is also available for a small donation.



Caldwell Parish Church

At the heart of the village, Caldwell Parish Church is a place for people to gather, on Sundays and throughout the week. We come together for our service every Sunday morning at 10am, when we sing, pray, hear Bible readings and reflect on how the Word of God affects our lives, relationships and world today.

Our services are open to all - from regular worshippers to those who've never set foot in a church before, and everyone in between. Children are welcomed, for all or part of the service, usually with us for the first part of the service, before going out to spend time together as Caldwell Kids, doing various crafts and activities based on the Bible stories and values. After worship on Sunday mornings, we gather in the hall to chat over tea or coffee and biscuits. Food and friendship are central to the life of the church community whether that be at regular gatherings such as the Seniors Discussion Group, the weekly shop, the Soup Lunches, or occasional events such as the Christmas Lights evening when the UCC lays on festive fare! Come and join us - All are welcome!

Caldwell Kids Sunday School

Babies and toddlers can enjoy creche, songs and playtime; older children learning about the life and teachings of Jesus through bible stories, crafts and games. Caring for others through fundraising activities for charities researched and chosen by the children. Our annual Village Christmas Card Delivery Service raised £792 for the charity 'With Kids', an organisation offering a range of therapeutic services to children and parents/carers. Looking forward, the children will be hosting an event to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day at the Village Shop on Thursday 7 th May to raise money for Erskine.

Messy Easter all-family event on Saturday, **21 March 2020**, 4 – 6pm at the Mure Hall. This event follows the successful pilot last year of two 'Messy' events at Harvest and Advent bringing together children and families in fellowship and fun. The Messy Easter theme of 'New Life and Beginnings' will be explored through games, crafts, songs and storytelling followed by a small supper. Children of all ages are welcome. Further Messy events are planned for this year. For further information please contact Janette Fairfull (850285) or Loraine Strang (850601).

Kidz Corner @ The Village Shop



We had lots of fun with children of all ages last year, starting with making yarn eggs at Easter right through to stained glass leaves in autumn. We started Caldwell Cobbles which everyone loves to find on their walks. We will be back again this year at the village shop 10am to 12 noon as soon as the school holidays start - see you at Easter! The next few dates are:

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