Caerlaverock Catch-up

A community round-up of news, information and events



September 2018



Caerlaverock calendar out now!

Our Rev David Logan came up with a great idea for an annual photographic competition to find pictures for a local calendar. To kickstart what will hopefully become a very successful yearly contest, Caerlaverock Church and the CCA have jointly produced 100 copies of a calendar for 2019. The *Caerlaverock 2019* calendar is available to buy at The Nith Hotel, The Boathouse shop and Caerlaverock Church. It's A3-size, costs £10 and all profits go to local charities and causes.

Thanks to our local photographers for their contributions to start the project off. And remember that there'll be a competition for photos for the 2020 calendar. So if you think you have something to offer, get snapping and watch out for more info soon on what's needed...

Running shoes on! (Or maybe the kettle...)

The Dumfries Half Marathon route will again take in a good part of Caerlaverock. This year's race, on Sunday 23rd September, starts from Dumfries & Galloway College at 11am. The course then runs along Bankend Road, down past the Canine Rescue Centre at Dovecotewell and along the Shore Road into Glencaple. From there, it turns back up Church Street and on to the War Memorial (yes, that'll be a long haul...) before heading back to the finish line at the College.

Be aware if you're on the road that morning that there will be runners, marshals and other helpers around. And if you don't have to be anywhere else, why not stay and cheer the participants on? Last year's runners took between around 80 minutes to 3½ hours to finish, with the bulk around the 90 minutes to 2 hours mark. Look out for this year's passing and give them some encouragement!

Alternatively, if you fancy joining in, you've still got time to enter - till 17th September for postal entries, or 21st for online. More information from Dumfries Running Club (dumfriesrunningclub.org.uk). If you're local and taking part, please let us know so we can look out for you and give you a special cheer!

A brush up for Bankend bus stop!



Kelly Green of Kelly's Kidzcare in Bankend sent in this photo of Callum and Olivia Baxter, who volunteered to clean and paint the Bankend bus stop. What a difference they've made – the shelter looks fantastic.

Kelly said, "I feel it's important to show the young people of the parish helping keep our community tidy. Sure you will agree that they have done a brilliant job ready for a new notice board to go on."

Thank you to Callum and Olivia for giving up their time to help the community and for doing such a great job. And the new noticeboard? It's already on order and should be up soon.

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Caerlaverock Community Association

is a voluntary organisation acting to benefit everyone in the local community. We are made up of local people who care about our community and want to make it a better place to live. Please come and join in!

We are here to:

- Listen to your voice - to ensure your opinions are heard
- Engage with, and act on behalf of, the community
- Campaign on local issues
- Deal with your concerns and queries quickly, fairly and professionally
- Promote the well-being of our community
- Represent the community
- Bring local people together to help make things happen
- Welcome you to our meetings! They're informal and last about an hour. The next is in The Nith Hotel at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th November.

Would you like a printed copy of the Catch-up delivered in future? Or have you any news or events you'd like to tell the community about?

Facebook or email us (see details on the left) or phone Hilary Roberts on 770147 *(if it's the answerphone, please leave your name and number for a call back).*

News in brief...



• Motorhome parking: big improvement noticed since new signs went up. • Castle Corner: bins emptied more regularly, notices up re dog fouling - making a difference. • School: £1800 funds raised at Fun Day. Thanks to all! Changes to Lottery criteria mean funding's refused, so rethinking plans for Trim Trail. Roll: 24 - 3 P7s left, 3 P1s started • *20 is Plenty in Glencaple* campaign: team effort across community; petition and letters of support gathered and detailed document now drawn up for presentation to Council. Proposes to replace all 30 signs with 20 signs, move all speed limit signs further out at entry points. Unique case - large/farm vehicles, blind corners, school, no pavements... Unanimous support from all attending the CCA meeting on 29th August. • Wildfowling: Local clubs at SNH meeting on 21st August (along with representatives from national shooting and conservation organisations BASC and SASC, Caerlaverock Estate and CCA) re management of wildfowling on the Caerlaverock National Nature Reserve. Awareness that local businesses potentially affected by changes. Consultation a priority. • Nith Inshore Rescue: involved in two missing persons searches over July/Aug. Crew have had First Aid refresher training. Landscaping works almost complete: new area of hard standing for parking; grass seed sown on top of bank; new gas tank to be screened off. • The NNR-Caerlaverock-hosted Wild Foraging Walk with Mark Williams on Saturday 22nd September is already fully booked.

What's On in September...

Hutton Hall Community Centre have their Autumn Fayre on Saturday 8th September (2-4pm): entry £1 adults, 50p children (includes tea/coffee/juice and biscuits). Games stalls, face painting, Big Raffle (first prize a £100 note!) Donations are needed please for the bottle stall, cake and candy, and tombola.

Then dance to Wired that evening: doors open 7pm, tickets £5 (includes sausage or bacon roll for supper) and you get a free drink if you buy them in advance…

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WWT Caerlaverock events for September include two art exhibitions in the Cathan Café. *Elements of Harmony*, acrylic paintings by Mary Carberry, runs until Saturday 15th September. Then from Sunday 16th, there's an exhibition of local landscapes and nature studies of birds from the Nithsdale Artists group.

For children age 4 and under (and their accompanying adults!), there are *Stories in the Yurt* on Friday 21st (11am-12noon). And throughout September, follow the Peter Scott trail to find out more about the man who began WWT and set up Caerlaverock Wetland Centre. (For both of these, normal admission charges apply, WWT members free.)

The **Canine Rescue Centre** are holding their rescheduled Fun Day Dog Show from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 22nd. Entry: adults £1, children free. Pedigree, obedience and fun classes (£2 to enter a class). Stalls, refreshments and lots of fabulous dogs!

Knitters - and crocheters - needed



Our Community Police Officer tells us that Police Scotland and Children 1st are appealing for knitted or crocheted Trauma Teddies to comfort children caught up in traumatic circumstances. Patterns and more info are on the Children 1st website (www.children1st.org.uk) and completed bears can be handed in to the Police Station.

Thanks for reading! Don't forget to let us know if you need a printed copy delivered in future.

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The Catch-up is available through the CCA website and Facebook page (details overleaf). Pick up a printed copy from The Boathouse, The Nith Hotel, Caerlaverock Church and the bus shelters at Kelton and Bankend. It would be great if you could print out or collect a copy for family/ friends/neighbours who don't access the internet or who would like a paper copy to read at home.

And finally...

Feeling a bit gloomy now summer's gone? Here's something to cheer you up: some particularly happy shield bug eggs, spotted on a birch tree near Caerlaverock Castle by Alison Robertson. Every season has its joys. Keep smiling!

