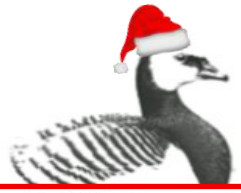
# Caerlaverock Catch-up

A community round-up of news, information and events



December 2018

## Community Cinema in Caerlaverock?



Over forty people braved the frosty night air on Monday 26th November to take part in a test night (as, 'testing the equipment') for potential community film screenings. Rev David Logan presented one of his favourites, 'Sunshine on Leith' at the Barbour Hall in Glencaple. It was a great community event and feedback was good (and so was the popcorn and chocolate!). So - is there enough support to make Community Cinema here happen?

What are your thoughts? Would you come to film nights regularly, and how often should they happen? Would you travel to Bankend/Glencaple for a film night? How much would you be willing to pay (to cover costs - there would have to be a licence for each film shown)? Should they be kept family friendly? Are Monday nights a good night? And do you have any ideas for future films?

Please let us know. Together with the proposed film nights organised by The Boathouse, we could have regular screenings around the parish, letting the community come together in a cinema setting.

## Christmas is coming!



The Christmas season in Caerlaverock got off to a great start on Saturday 1st December with the Barbour Hall's Christmas Fayre. On Sunday 9th from 2-4pm, it's Hutton Hall's turn with their Family Christmas Party. All ages are welcome, with tea, coffee and mince pies for the grown-ups; Santa will be making an appearance, so please let Kelly know who's coming so she can tell him how many presents to bring! Email greenkellyanne@yahoo.co.uk or call 07584 932203. Kelly's also the contact (she's a busy woman!) for the Christmas Meal for all Caerlaverock residents aged sixty and over, which is at Hutton Hall on Tuesday 11th.

Caerlaverock Primary's Christmas Celebrations take place in the Barbour Hall on Wednesday 19th at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to the Snowman Drive! There will be suitably Christmassy refreshments and a Christmas raffle. Buy your tickets now for the Christmas Hamper Draw at the Boathouse, where there's a sample hamper on display. And if you can donate any contents for the hampers, please hand them in to the school, who would be delighted to have them.

On Christmas Eve, Monday 24th, there's 'A Country Kirk at Christmas'. This family service will take place at 7pm in the church, which will be specially decorated for Christmas and will be candle lit. If you can, please share transport as parking is limited. The service will be about one hour long and will be suitable for children, with lots of your favourite Christmas Carols. Free mince pies and hot spiced apple juice after the service.



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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!

Our meetings are informal and last about an hour. The next is in the Nith Hotel at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th February.

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*The Catch-up is a monthly digest of news from the CCA Facebook page and website. You can print copies from there for friends; they're also available from the bus shelters at Bankend and Kelton, from The Boathouse or The Nith Hotel in Glencaple, or from Caerlaverock Church. If none of those are possible for you, let us know and we'll get a copy to you! Tell us too if you've any news or events you'd like the community to know about.*

***Facebook or email us (see details on the left) or phone Hilary Roberts on 770147***

## Remembrance thanks





Caerlaverock joined communities across the country on Sunday 11th November in marking Remembrance Day. Thanks go to all who helped with the arrangements, including Norman Brown who made the new shelving for the wreaths at the War Memorial, using recycled 'plaswood' donated by the RPC BPI factory in Dumfries. The shelving means the wreaths can be safely secured and so not at risk of blowing away - which might well have happened later that day, as the weather deteriorated sharply. Despite that, a large gathering joined piper Callum Watson and trumpeter Caoimhe Lundy on Glencaple Quay to commemorate the end of the First World War. CCA Chair David Gilbert read the names on the War Memorial and the event ended with the lighting of the beacon. Thanks to Tom Brown for taking the helm with the organisation of the event and to Douglas Anderson for creating the silhouette of the soldier and for many other 'behind the scenes' tasks. Thanks too to all who attended to remember those from our community who endured much worse than wind and rain...

## WWT Caerlaverock events in December

Join the warden at the Wild Swan Feeds at 11am and 2pm every day.* The Robin Trail* is open throughout the month: find the wooden robins - maybe spot some wild ones! - and then visit the Yurt for some natural Christmas crafts. More craft opportunities on Saturday 8th, with Christmas Crafty Kids from 1-4pm.** There are Festive Stories in the Yurt on Friday 14th December from 10-11am, for (accompanied) ages 4 and under.**

In the Cathan Café, the current art exhibition *In the Liminal Lands* by Moniaive-based artist Sarah Keast continues until 15th December. Then from 16th December until 26th January, there's an exhibition of illustrations depicting the birds and landscapes of Orkney, by local Dumfries and Galloway artist, Lucy Hadley.

If you're thinking of walking to the WWT, be aware that Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) are renewing the final stretch of boardwalk at Holland's reed bed. Work started on 19th November and should take around 4 weeks, but it is weather dependent… Access will still be possible in the meantime, but you might get your feet wet!



** Normal admission charges apply, WWT members free. ** Booking is essential. Please ring the centre on 770200 to book a place.*

## Be prepared...

- SP Energy Networks (who look after the equipment that delivers your electricity, regardless of supplier) have a Priority Services Register for customers who may need extra support at the time of a power cut, in the long or short term. You can find out more and sign up online, or by phoning 0330 10 10 167. You can also do this on behalf of a family member or neighbour.
- Dumfries and Galloway Community Resilience Team visited recently. Community resilience is "about communities using local resources and knowledge to help themselves during an emergency in a way that complements the local emergency services." Please do let us know if you have important information, facilities or equipment that could be used and/or you'd like to be involved in setting up Caerlaverock Community Resilience Plans. It could benefit everyone in the community!

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

## Come for a cuppa and a chat

Rev David Logan will be at the lounge of the Nith Hotel from 10:00 to 11:30 every Wednesday. Why not join him for a cup of coffee (or tea) and a chat?



## Fair play and congratulations!

Judith Mylne works tirelessly and with such enthusiasm for Fair Trade and now she has been recognised nationally for her inspiring dedication. Congratulations to Judith on being made Scottish Fair Trade Forum's Volunteer of the Year!

## A date for the (new) diary

The Barbour Hall have organised another Caerlaverock Community Get-Together for Thursday 10th January, from 12 noon to 2pm. Soup, bread, traybake and coffee/tea for £1! There'll be a book swap too. Transport can be arranged: please phone Joyce Donnelly on 770505.

## And finally:

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

