

Caerlaverock Catch-up

A community round-up of news, information and events



February 2019

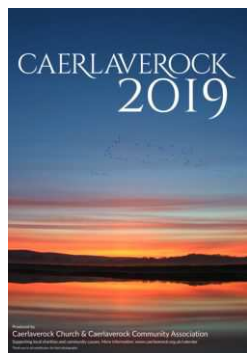
Caerlaverock Calendar Charity Presentation Evening



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the first Caerlaverock Calendar Presentation Evening on 15th January, generously hosted at The Boathouse.

Rev David Logan introduced the night, thanking everyone who participated in one way or another: his 'partner in crime', Malcolm Laurie, for his input in the organisation,

graphic design and production of the calendars; The Nith Hotel and The Boathouse for kindly helping to sell the calendars; the people who submitted photos at short notice back in September 2018 - and to everyone who bought one, two, or a few calendars!



As the production of the 2019 calendar had been funded by donation, there was £1000 to allocate to local good causes and charities. Both Homes for Hens and Dumfries and Galloway Canine Rescue Centre received £100 each, The Nith Inshore Rescue were presented with a cheque for £300 and Caerlaverock Primary School were given £500 to go towards their trim trail (or alternative plan). Lady Clare presented the cheques to representatives of each group.



And next - the 2020 Calendar!

Can you help to make next year's Calendar an even bigger success?

Photographers: the 2020 Calendar will have up space for up to three photos for each month (1st, 2nd and 3rd place). We'll be looking to represent all seasons/months. A panel of judges will decide the winners and all photos used will be fully credited (unless you ask otherwise!). Submit your photos by email - send hi-res versions please - to caerlaverockcommunity@gmail.com

Sponsor a month to help fund production: individuals or businesses can sponsor a page, with logos and contact details (optional). Some months have already gone - so ask soon!

Nominate charities and good causes: tell us which local good causes you'd like to see benefit from next year's Calendar sales.

Buy the Calendars! Pre-ordering - for personal or business use - helps us calculate numbers for print. We're happy to take multiple or corporate orders.



And sell them! They make great presents. If you'd like to sell some, please get in touch.

Feedback has been taken on board: the 2020 calendars will still be A3, but foldable, for more practical wrapping and posting!

For more on the 2020 Caerlaverock Calendar, see www.caerlaverock.org.uk/calendar
You can also email us, or phone Malcolm Laurie on 0792 079 6565.

www.caerlaverock.org.uk

www.facebook.com/caerlaverockcommunity

email: caerlaverockcommunity@gmail.com

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 Feb. Everyone welcome!

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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



A wee hand for the Tall Ship



Photo: Rob Wells

Tall Ship *La Malouine* needed a bit of help on 21st January after a mechanical breakdown near Carsethorn. Nith Inshore Rescue were called out and used their boat *St John* to tow the 70 tonne *La Malouine* safely back to Glencaple. After spending a couple of days at the Quay for repairs, the ship completed the journey to her winter berth at the Kingholm.

Grants available for Caerlaverock residents

The Hutton Committee of The Dumfriesshire Educational Trust, who are responsible for awarding grants to residents in the Parish, have asked us to mention the type of grants which the Committee can award to those resident in the Parish.

There are two categories:-

- (1) For apprentices, which could also include modern apprenticeships, and involves the award of grants to assist with the purchase of tools and equipment.
- (2) For elderly residents the grants involve the payment of quarterly sums.

The Committee are always open to new applications from residents in the Parish who fall within the two categories and if anyone considers that they may be eligible and wish to make enquiries they should contact The Hutton Committee, c/o JHS Law, Solicitors, 8 Bank Street, Dumfries DG1 2NS. Telephone number: 01387 739 000.

Benches refurbished at Quay End

If you've had a wee wander round the Quay End in Glencaple recently, you may have noticed some brand new benches and tables. Actually, you'd be wrong if you did, because these are the old ones all sorted up for another summer season (and to endure the elements until then)!

Thanks to a tip from a local, Caerlaverock Community Association applied to the Dumfries Community Payback team to have the benches and tables taken away and refurbished. Old wood has been replaced, repairs have been made, and the benches treated all over to a fine finish. A couple of benches are still being worked on, and the stone bench at the end will be spruced up too. Lastly, Ian Hamilton's bench will receive a bit of TLC.



The cost to CCA is minimal; the only charge is for additional materials required. All work is undertaken by people in the Community Payback scheme. Thank you to everybody involved - a really good job, done well! And we have been told that when they need a bit of attention in a couple of years, they will be happy to help us out again then too.

And finally - more photos, please!

It's not just new photos we're interested in! Do you have some old photos of Caerlaverock people or places lurking in a distant cupboard, drawer or long forgotten album? Could you share them with us for the CCA website? Please dust them off and send them in - they are of interest to many people! You might even find they can help to fill in some details for you. And you can remain anonymous if you wish, just let us know!

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

What's On in February

Badminton Tuesdays at the Barbour Hall, 6-8pm. All welcome. £20 cost for the night to be split between all who come along.

Join Rev David Logan for a **cuppa and a chat** in The Nith Hotel lounge from 10-11.30am every Wednesday.

Caerlaverock Church Burns Supper 7.30pm at The Nith Hotel, Friday 15th. Tickets from Sheila on 770327 or Catherine on 770444.

Barbour Hall Community Get-Together **Soup Social**, 12 noon-2pm, Thursday 21st. Soup, traybake and tea/coffee for £1. Book swap. Transport can be arranged; call Joyce Donnelly on 770505.

WWT Caerlaverock events include **Wild Swan Feeds** (11am and 2pm every day.*)

Stories in the Yurt, 10-11am on Friday 9th, is for accompanied children aged 4 and under.** There's a **Dusk Flight** event on Sunday 13th,

from 4.30pm** and in the Cathan Café, **Birds of Sea, Loch and Shore**, a selection of work by Galloway-based printmaker Lisa Hooper, runs until 9th March. And from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd, the **Scottish Puddle Jumping Championships*** return! How high can you jump? How big a splash can you make? Creativity, enthusiasm and style are all important. All ages welcome!

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

The next **CCA Meeting** is Wednesday 27th Feb, at the Nith Hotel 7.30pm. **All welcome!**