Caerlaverock Catch-up

A community round-up of news, information and events



September 2020

Barbour Hall Bonanza

Lockdown saw all planned events at The Barbour Memorial Hall cancelled but the committee still had good news to share over the summer: "We are thrilled to announce that Barbour Memorial Hall has been awarded funding of £12,400 for the hall - £2400 from D&G Coastal Communities Fund, and £10,000 from the Small Business Grant Fund." The money will go towards plans to upgrade and renovate the Hall.

In addition, the Hall has been awarded charitable status as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Amongst other benefits, this means it can be considered for a wider range of grant funding. "The committee would like to give huge thanks to our chair, Gerald Donnelly, who has invested a great deal of his personal time as a volunteer to make this happen. We look forward to future celebrations with you all!"



Find out more on the Barbour Memorial Hall Facebook page

The Hall committee will be holding their AGM at 8pm Thursday 10th September and hope to have an online link into the meeting available - details will be made available nearer the time. They invite everyone interested in the Hall to join them online: "the hall belongs to us all and it's crucial now that we build a future for the building that fits the needs of our community."

Thank you

A huge thank you to all those who offered their help to the Caerlaverock Community Isolation Support Group, set up before lockdown to make sure backup was available for anyone who needed it. As well as practical assistance with things like shopping, the Support Group was ready with chats on the phone and, for those online, the Facebook Group (facebook.com/groups/caerlaverockisolationsupport) is a useful means of exchanging information - and the occasional daft photo!

Caerlaverock Community Isolation Support Group will continue in the short term at least. The helpline number (during daytime, please, unless really urgent) is 0800 048 7499; it's a Freephone number and answered by one of several local people who've signed up to help.

Open Opportunity

Work has restarted on the new houses on Shore Road, Glencaple. As is often the case, the developer made a payment to Dumfries and Galloway Council as part of the planning process. This is to be used to enhance or establish local public open space, in lieu of providing any within the development; the planning report mentions the Wardlaw Drive playpark and surrounding area, as well as what was then the playing field, as examples of potentially suitable projects. The sum handed over was £33,000.

The issue of the payment has been raised previously, including at CCA meetings, and Caerlaverock Community Association Chairperson, David Gilbert, has now contacted the Council and local councillors. Watch this (open) space!

www.caerlaverock.org.uk
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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 join in!

You can contribute in a number of ways: offer a bit of time, help raise funds or simply raise issues for discussion.

There are no meetings scheduled at the moment but you can get in touch with us by email, through Facebook or by contacting:

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01387 770605 (before 9pm)

The Catch-up is a monthly digest of the CCA website and Facebook page, designed to keep those not online 'in the loop'. If you know of someone locally who would like a printed copy, tell us and we'll make sure one gets to them. And if you've any events or news to share with the community, please get in touch. ***Facebook or email us (details on the left) or phone Hilary Roberts on 770147***

Caerlaverock Primary School

"All the pupils are excited to be back and have settled in well. There is no social distancing being adhered to between the children in the school, but the adults are still keeping a 2m distance from one another. There is a little more emphasis on outdoor learning, but in general we will be getting back to full time education across all curricular areas, but with some restrictions in some areas. The children and adults are constantly keeping clean by washing hands and sanitising at every opportunity."

Mr Tennant (Principal Teacher)

WWT Caerlaverock

The Centre has now reopened but with some changes, such as one way paths and alterations to hide access. Opening times are currently 10am to 4pm, with the last admission at 3pm. In order to safely manage numbers, all visitors, including WWT members, must book in advance. You can do this online at www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/bookings If that's not possible - or if you have any other queries - you can phone the Centre on 770200.

SNH – NNR Caerlaverock

"Apart from everything being very busy on all our sites, we have mostly been lucky enough to avoid the more serious issues relating to higher visitor numbers across other parts of the country. We have been catching up on maintenance work across the reserve, so it should be getting back into shape."

Caerlaverock Church

It's currently not possible to meet at the Church but there's a weekly service from locum minister Douglas Irving on You Tube, shared through the CCA Facebook page and website. You can contact Rev Irving on 01556 610156, mobile 07793 542411.

Motorhomes



Caerlaverock Estate have completed essential maintenance at Castle Corner and it has reopened to motorhomes and caravans. The Quay End at Glencaple is also being well used again. CCA have updated the guidance on their website, reminding visitors that the Quay is a shared community space: "We share this space with you, please let others enjoy it too!" Visitors are once again sending in thank you messages along with their donations.

Caerlaverock Castle

The Castle has now reopened to visitors, although some areas and facilities - including the café - remain closed at the moment. Booking is currently essential - see the Historic Environment Scotland website for more or phone 770244.

The Boathouse

The Boathouse are open inside and out for food. A takeaway menu is also available. Booking advisable for inside tables; no need to book for outside tables which are weather dependent! Caerlaverock Estate have expressed their gratitude for the support of the community in allowing them to use part of the grassed area on the Quay.

The Boathouse Shop continues to offer free delivery of groceries and their own ready meals within 5 miles, as well as order and collect. Find out more on their website (theboathouseglencaple.com) or call 770673.

The Nith Hotel

The Nith Hotel are now serving lunches Thursday to Saturday, as well as evening meals Monday to Saturday and food all day from 12 noon to 7pm on Sundays. Booking is essential. The weekend takeaways (order day before) are also continuing. Check their website (www.nithhotel.co.uk) for latest hours and menus or phone 770213.



Thanks for reading! Please share your news and events with us - see over for contact details.