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Community



Dumfries
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Welcome to Community



Co-Leaders Linda Dorward and Stephen Thompson

Following the recent local government elections, Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed a new Administration, incorporating SNP, Labour, and the Independent Group. The Co-Leaders are Stephen Thompson and Linda Dorward.

They said: "We're privileged to have been elected in our wards and, as Co-Leaders, we're looking forward to working with our local communities and the Council employees who did such an amazing job throughout the Covid pandemic. Together, we will ensure that people's voices are heard and that our Council makes a positive difference to the lives of people living in our region."

For the first issue of the Community Bulletin since they were appointed, the Co-Leaders provided some information on their backgrounds.

Stephen said: "Originally from Ireland, I was brought up in the Scottish Borders before going to university. I was later employed in the IT sector in Edinburgh and moved to Dumfries and Galloway to work for a local web-design company before starting my own web business. I've been here with my family ever since. I was honoured to be first elected as a Councillor for Annandale North in 2012, which I have served ever since."

Linda said: "I've worked in the public sector for my entire career. Initially, I trained as a psychiatric nurse and worked as a senior charge nurse in acute psychiatric admissions. I moved to work in the Scottish Prison Service as a nurse manager, rising to prison governor in Dumfries. I have extensive experience in managing and leading, motivating teams, and achieving culture change. I have a Masters in Applied Penology, Criminology and Management. I am proud to be working for the people of Lochar Ward, as a newly elected member."

best wishes

Linda and Stephen



100 Max

On Saturday 4 June, it will be 100 years since Maxwelltown war memorial was unveiled and a short commemoration will take place at 10.15am.

The War Memorial was paid for by public subscription and unveiled by Lord Lieutenant of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, Lt Col Dudgeon. It has subsequently won many awards for its appearance.

Local resident Tom McCaughtrie has been carrying out some research into the memorial and its unveiling and will give a short talk at the commemoration. He said: "Delving into the history of memorial unearthed some interesting information. For example, the officer presiding over the unveiling parade was named Blount. His grandson, Norman, went on to be a pharmacist and chairman of Queen of the South FC."





Ambassador's party in Dalbeattie

Dalbeattie High School has achieved Bronze SCQF Ambassador status, recognised by the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, for wider achievement in supporting pupils with wider learning experiences and opportunities, not just focussing on exam grades.

All secondary schools in Dumfries and Galloway are SCQF School Ambassadors, developing senior phase learning pathways in line with the Developing the Young Workforce Strategy and providing a balance for learners between vocational and academic qualifications. Dalbeattie High School is the first to successfully upgrade to Bronze Ambassador status.

The SCQF has recognised it's whole school approach, pupil awareness, parental engagement and understanding of the framework, and how it can be used to support learners and employers.

By developing a number of external relationships with partners, such as Stewartry Active Schools and Community Sport, local employer Jas P Wilson, Dumfries and Galloway College, and Dumfries and Galloway Council, the school has been able to offer its young people a wide range of qualifications and curriculum pathways alongside more traditional options.



Dalbeattie Primary flies the flag

Dalbeattie Primary School has been selected as 1 of 200 schools in the Commonwealth to have its artwork featured on silk flags to be flown during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant on the Mall in London on Sunday 5 June.

Primary 4/5 entered the competition as part of the River of Hope project organised by the Thames Festival Trust.

Pupils focussed on the River Urr, finding out about its history, biodiversity and wildlife, particularly the Atlantic Salmon, and the potential effects of climate change on fish populations. They saved up their food packaging and discarded wrapping paper to recycle into fish scales for their collages of salmon. They also wrote letters to The Queen about climate change, including messages of hope for the future, overlaying them in the style of postage stamps.



More info:

thamesfestivaltrust.org/river-of-hope/

platinumjubilee.gov.uk/event/platinum-pageant/



Soul Food

The 1st Dumfries International Street Food Festival [DISFFest] will take place in Dock Park, Dumfries, on Sunday 5 June.

For more info: see: [\(20+\) Dumfries International Street Food Festival | Facebook](#)

Home Teams appointments

As outlined in a previous Bulletin, significant changes are being made to the way in which community health services are being delivered, with Home Teams being developed.

The agreed functions of a Home Team are:

- Palliative and End of Life Care
- Rehabilitation and Enablement
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Rapid Response
- Discharge to Assess

Michelle Beecroft, formerly a Senior Social Worker in Annandale and Eskdale, has been appointed as Home Teams Service Manager and 8 Home Team Leads will take up their posts at the end of June:

- **Frances Butler** - Rhins (formerly a Senior Social Worker in Wigtown Area)
- **Andrea Williams** - Machars (formerly a Senior Charge Nurse in Wigtown Area)
- **Carol Bell** - Stewartry (formerly a Senior Charge Nurse in Stewartry)
- **Carolina Mroczkowski** - Dumfries North (formerly a Senior Charge Nurse in Nithsdale)
- **Liz Baines** - Dumfries South (formerly Area Manager for CASS)
- **Laura Blundell-Smith** - Mid and Upper Nithsdale (formerly a Senior Social Worker in Nithsdale)
- **Nicola Hood** - Upper Annandale and Eskdale (formerly Public Health Improvement Practitioner in Nithsdale)
- **Rebecca Sorrie** - Lower Annandale and Eskdale (formerly a Social Worker in Annandale and Eskdale)

For any queries relating to the Home Teams project team, e: dg.home-teams-project@nhs.scot



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QUIT YOUR WAY with our support

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Clean Sweep

The Council's Facilities Team has achieved national recognition, winning the Outstanding Contribution to Cleaning category at the ASSIST Conference, where the awards were open to all 32 Scottish local authorities.

The Facilities Team kept schools, community facilities and workplaces as clean and germ-free as possible throughout the Covid pandemic.

A spokesperson said: "Recognition on a national level affirms the dedication and commitment of our staff, many of whom multi-tasked to ensure that our cleaning services was always delivered. In unprecedented times, flexibility was key and the team's Find it Clean, Keep it Clean model was forward thinking and effective. By remodelling our processes and developing a multi-skilled workforce we delivered a customer-focussed cleaning service."



Volunteers' Week is a chance to recognise the contribution volunteers make to our communities and say "thank you".

Volunteers' Week is supported by our Council and celebrated by small grassroots organisations as well as larger, household-name charities, who together run hundreds of activities.

These activities showcase and celebrate volunteers and the contribution volunteering makes in our communities.

It goes without saying that volunteers played a key role in the pandemic response. During an exceptionally difficult couple of years, people from all walks of life took the time to volunteer and make a huge difference to their communities, just as they do every year but even more so.

On Wednesday, the Council recognised the work of Kirkcudbright Development Trust which develops and supports projects to create local community opportunities. Providing facilities and services, it encourages activity and boosts tourism.



The Trust's projects include:

- **The Johnston:** Raised £2.6m to restore and develop a former school. Includes a nursery, youth facility, gin distillery, pottery, and planetarium.
- **Dark Skies Planetarium:** state-of-the-art visitor attraction, emphasising the wonders of space and the region's dark skies.
- **Kirkcudbright Youth Project:** Working with young people to build confidence, aspirations and skills.
- **Kirkcudbright Information Centre:** Providing tourist info on local attractions and hospitality.
- **Silvercraigs Caravan Park:** Operating a tourist facility, including a major upgrade of hook-ups, toilets and showers.
- **Harbour Square Stage:** Replacing the old wooden stage for musical and theatrical performances.
- **Barhill Woods:** A conservation project providing opportunities to walk and enjoy nature.



Waste Not

The Council's Waste Service won a Bronze Award in the Waste and Recycling category at the APSE Striving for Excellence Awards 2022 for the rollout of its new kerbside collection service during the Covid pandemic.

Key factors included:

- elected member commitment and leadership
- pre-engagement with residents
- benchmarking with other areas
- partnership working with national and local expert agencies
- staff involvement
- targeted communication campaign

The outcomes achieved include:

- immediate high householder participation in new service
- high resident satisfaction
- positive staff and team morale





Travel support for hospital parents

Lochmaben Golf Club has donated £1,997 to the Dean Johnstone Travel Fund at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary to help relatives of sick children to visit them in hospital.

The funds were raised at the club's annual Mhairi-L competition and raffle, with the Bank of Scotland in Castle Douglas donating £500.

Club captain Colin Will said: "Each year, the captain gets to choose a charity for the club to support."

Kirstine Burns, senior charge nurse, said: "When children have to travel long distances for treatment it can put a lot of financial strain on their families, especially if they have to make several journeys. The Dean Johnstone Travel Fund is there to support families who otherwise may struggle with the additional travel costs associated with a child who has complex health issues."

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Galloway
Council is
recruiting
foster carers /
host families**



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For more info on fostering see: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDGC/bulletins/3111344>



New Committee Makeup for Council

Following the recent local government elections, Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed a new Administration, incorporating SNP, Labour and the Independent Group, on 24 May.

The new Council agreed on the size of committees, proportionality, and committee chairs and vice chairs.

Economy and Resources

Chair: Katie Hagmann

Vice-Chair: Sean Marshall

Education and Learning

Chair: Richard Brodie

Vice-Chair: George Jamieson

Communities

Chair: Archie Dryburgh

Vice-Chair: John Campbell

Social Work Service

Chair: Andy Ferguson

Vice-Chair: Ian Howie

Finance, Procurement and Transformation

Chair: Carolynne Wilson

Vice-chair: Dougie Campbell

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny

Chair: Gail Macgregor

Vice-Chair: Malcolm Johnstone

Planning Applications

Chair: Jim Dempster

Vice-Chair: Emma Jordan

Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee

Chair: Archie Dryburgh

Vice-Chair: Richard Brodie

Nithsdale Area Committee

Chair: Tracey Little

Vice-Chair: Davie Stitt

Stewartry Area Committee

Chair: Dougie Campbell

Vice-Chair: Kim Lowe

Wigtown Area Committee

Chair: Willie Scobie

Vice-Chair: Katie Hagmann



Dumfries and Galloway's Fostering and Adoption Team is currently recruiting foster carers

- Do you have a spare room?
- Are you caring and understanding?
- Could you open your home to help a child or young person?

Would you be willing to undertake regular training to support and develop the care you provide?

- You could be just who we are looking for.
- You will receive 24/7 support from a highly motivated and skilled team of workers along with a weekly allowance.
- With your help, we will give children and young people a loving, warm, and caring place to call home for as long as they need it.

If you are interested and want an informal chat about what we do please contact the Fostering and Adoption Team t: 01387 260 068 or e: FosteringAndAdoption@dumgal.gov.uk

Quiz of the Week

“If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find that you’re ready for greater challenges.”
Pat Riley



1. Who is Britain's longest reigning monarch?
2. Which band had Christmas number 1 hits with the same song in 1975 and 1991?
3. Who played Princess Diana in last year's film Spencer?
4. How old was the Queen at the time of her coronation?
5. Which musician had a recording studio called Paisley Park?
6. Princess Anne and her daughter, Zara Tindall, have both competed in the Olympics in which sport?
7. Prince Charles was created Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester on 26 July 1958 but his investiture wasn't held until which year?
8. Who starred as Queen Elizabeth I in the film Elizabeth: The Golden Age from 2007?
9. What is the name of the Scottish residence the Queen traditionally visits each summer?
10. Which member of the Royal Family was the brains behind It's a Royal Knockout?
11. Who played Queen Victoria in the 1999 film Mrs Brown?
12. Which member of the Royal Family had income of £22.2m last year from the Duchy of Cornwall?
13. What is the name of Prince Charles' official residence?
14. Of which football club are Prince William and Prince George fans?
15. In 1748, what did King George II decide he was going to have 2 of that most of us have only 1 of?
16. Who was the first monarch of both England and Scotland at the same time?
17. Who is styled current Duke of Rothesay when in Scotland?
18. In 1917, the royal family rebranded as the House of Windsor. By what name was it previously known?
19. Which foreign language does The Queen speak fluently?
20. What TV show featured Meghan Markle prior to marrying Prince Harry?

RBCFT Film of the Week



RRR

RRR is a Telugu language action drama in which two male revolutionaries fight back against British colonialists in the 1920s.

The film was released in March 2022 and broke the record for the highest opening-day collection earned by an Indian film. The film has grossed over 1,150 crore (US \$150m) worldwide, setting several box office records for an Indian film.

The film pairs 2 of the country's biggest stars, NT Rama Rao Jr (known as Jr NTR) and Ram Charan, as friends from either side of a bloody colonial divide.

Jr NTR plays Bheem, a warrior from the Gond tribe, while Charan is Ram, a fearsome police officer who is underestimated by his white superiors. The characters are inspired by 2 rebel heroes from the era, Komaram Bheem and Alluri Sitarama Raju. Alison Doody and Ray Stevenson play the villainous British colonialist husband and wife team.

RRR has everything you require from an Indian film, elaborate stunts, insane action sequences, and hugely rewarding dance/music sequences.

At one point a tiger and a wolf collide mid-air during a brawl with one of the film's heroes; there's a Trojan horse filled with jungle cats and assorted wild animals; the heroes pull entire concrete blocks out of place without breaking sweat, and manhandle a motorcycle like it was a child's tricycle.

You will have that sense of "wow!" multiple times during RRR with its clever use of high-definition slow-motion scenes. And the filmmakers are keen for you to know that no animals were harmed in the making of the film as they were all created, very cleverly, with CGI.

RRR is on Netflix and is a great way to spend 3 hours of your bank holiday weekend. It's not a family friendly film (rated 15 for strong bloody violence) but it's one of the most entertaining epics you'll ever see.

M O R S E L S



The **Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre** (RBCFT) in Dumfries has been awarded £2,600 from Film Hub Scotland's **Cinema Incentive Scheme**. The funding encourages venues to take more risks in programming so that audiences can experience a broader range of films.

To mark **Mental Health Week**, staff at the Ryan Centre and Merrick Centre participated in an event to tackle loneliness.



The Community Assets Wigtown Team has planted **4 trees donated by Stranraer Rotary Club** to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

Ian Johnson, a supervisor in the Council's Community Assets team, became the **hero of a medical emergency** while recently touring Seville on an open-top bus. When a fellow passenger collapsed and was unresponsive, Ian used skills developed as a retained firefighter to resuscitate the Dutchman and save his life.

The Ryan Centre in Stranraer has teamed up with the **Rhins Foodbank** to become a collection point.

Key Contacts

National Covid-19 Helpline 0800 111 4000

For people who don't have family or existing community support and can't get online and who are over 70, disabled, require the support of mental health services, are pregnant or receive a flu jab for health reasons, will be directed to our dedicated local team who can offer essential assistance.

NHS24	111
www.nhsinform.scot	
Emergency	999
Doctor Out of Hours	111
Dumfries and Galloway Council	030 33 33 3000
www.dumgal.gov.uk	
Employability Support Helpline	01387 260 060 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Business Support Helpline	01387 260 280 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub	030 33 33 3001
Social Work Out of Hours	01387 273 660
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway	0300 303 8558
Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service	0300 303 4321
www.dagcas.org	
Samaritans	116 123
SHOUT	Text SHOUT to 85258 for free
Scotland's Domestic Abuse Helpline	0800 027 1234
Age Scotland	0800 12 44 222 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
Shelter Scotland	0808 800 444 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
LGBT Helpline Scotland	0300 123 2523
Childline	0800 1111

If you would like help understanding this or need it in another format telephone 030 33 33 3000

Quiz of the Week Answers

- Queen Elizabeth II
- Queen (Bohemian Rhapsody)
- Kristen Stewart
- 27
- Prince
- Horse Riding
- 1969
- Cate Blanchett
- Balmoral Castle
- Prince Edward
- Judi Dench
- Prince Charles
- Clarence House
- Aston Villa
- Birthdays
- James I (formerly James VI of Scotland)
- Prince Charles
- Saxe-Coburg and Gotha
- French
- Suits