



Habbie's Herald

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Dates of Kilbarchan Community Council Meetings

Thurs 26th Jan

Tues 28th Feb

Wed 28th Mar

7.30pm in the

Steeple Hall

If you are interested in joining, or even just attending meetings, please come along and get



Green Spaces Project

Kilbarchan has been fortunate to be awarded a Green Spaces Project Grant.

This substantial sum of money has, in consultation with council representatives, been allocated to improve green spaces in the village.

With this in mind, it has been proposed to be used for the following;

*At the cross, diagonally across from the Weaver's Cottage, the plan is to reinstate paths and the low wall. An information board will be positioned beside a new bench. Trees will be planted in this area thanks to Andros Stakis and Arthur Cole.

* The semi-circular bench opposite the Weaver's Cottage will be reinstated.

*Historic walks around the village will be signposted and leaflets will be produced outlining these.

* A new community noticeboard will be installed.

Thanks to local historian Helen Calcluth who has been providing information for the interpretation panel and walks.

Watch this space for more information!



Christmas Lights

Monday 5th December at 7pm in the Steeple Square is the place to be for our annual Christmas Lights event. Miss Liliias will switch on the lights, the Junior Choir will sing, the Pipe Band will play and Santa might even make an appearance. George Bowie will be helping to ensure that the event runs smoothly and local singer Jamie McArthur will be there to entertain us. So, look out your hats and gloves and bring your singing voices along for a bit of Christmas Cheer!

'Barchan in Bloom

GARDENERS OF KILBARCHAN!

Your Village Needs You! Next year villages all around Scotland will be digging for glory in their efforts to gain the coveted trophy of "Gold" in the prestigious "Britain in Bloom" contest. We, the Kilbarchan Residents, have an opportunity to get our green fingers on this prize. From flamboyant flower beds to wee window boxes, it's time to showcase our tricks of the trowel and proudly present

our planting prowess. If you are a Habbie Horticulturalist, a Casual Cultivator or a Budding Botanist and want to join what promises to be a fruitful journey to gardening gold please contact us at our email address or visit the Old Library to note your interest.



Kilbarchan Fairtrade Village Campaign



Our Fairtrade Group was established in 2010 to work for Fairtrade Village status for Kilbarchan. Fairtrade is about making sure that millions of people who live in poverty in developing countries get a fair price for their produce and labour. We hold regular events throughout the year. Currently we're working

on a Fairtrade wine-tasting event for the end of January. Our members are already very active in both churches and now there's a Fairtrade Group at Kilbarchan Primary too. We're fortunate to have the Fairtrade pioneers the Co-op in the village, but did you know you can also buy Fairtrade at Sheridan's and

Campbell's? Soon you'll be able to ask for Fairtrade coffee and tea at Bobbins, if it hasn't already happened by the time you read this. If you're a local business or just an interested individual who wants to know more please check out our Facebook page, Kilbarchan Fairtrade, or contact Graham Batin on 704478.

LEAP

LEAP Local Energy Action Plan now has a base in The Old Library Centre, Kilbarchan. At our last Community Council Meeting we were fortunate to have a visit from Carol Gemmell, LEAP Project Manager. Carol told us all about the project, the work they are currently involved in and their plans for the future. Funded by the Climate Challenge

Fund the project has had a focus on energy reduction. LEAP will carry out a free survey in your house to advise of ways of saving energy. This can include a draught test and a thermal image of your house. So, if you haven't already done so, contact the LEAP team on 842530 or pop in to The Old Library Centre. It could save you money!

Village Survey

What do you think? Early in 2012 Kilbarchan Community Council will run a residents' survey. This survey, which will be online and on paper will gather your views on the quality of life in Kilbarchan. From this we will establish a village improvement plan, leading to a variety of projects in the future. Please make every effort to complete and return the questionnaire. Your opinion matters!



Send Us Your News!

In the months ahead, Habbie's Herald aims to feature lots more news and views from the people of Kilbarchan. Local clubs, community groups and schools are invited to send in updates of events and activities, and we'll be encouraging local businesses to share some of their top tips from beauty basics to baking recipes. If you run a local business and are interested in contributing stories or being profiled in forthcoming issues, please contact Habbie's Herald by email: habbiesherald@gmail.com

To help fund the printing of future publications, there will also be an opportunity for local businesses to advertise for a small fee. To find out more email: habbiesherald@gmail.com

