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MEET THE NEW TEAM @ AHEAD

Ahead (South Ayrshire) now has a full team! Here you can meet the new team of Community Builders, the new Tandem Development Worker which is a recent addition to the project and the Management Team.

COMMUNITY BUILDERS



Jen Williams began working with Ahead in November 2015. She has been the lead Community Builder in Craigie since Ahead started operating in the area in the summer of 2016. Jen has a background of working with young people and adult volunteers. She enjoys badminton, music, learning new things, being involved in her own local community, building lego and reading books with her 2 sons. She never says “no” to a cup of tea.

Toni-Ann Hope takes the lead for the Dalmilling area. She has experience working in the Community Justice sector and was a Regional Family Support Co-ordinator for children and families affected by imprisonment. Toni-Ann is passionate about working with all different types of people, encouraging and helping them to believe in themselves that they can achieve their goals and dreams. Toni-Ann thinks that the time and effort that people put in to making their communities better places to live is amazing!



Kirsty McArdle joined the Ahead team in October 2019, taking the lead in Wallacetown. She brings a wealth of community experience, skills and knowledge of North Ayr, having been a resident for nearly 13 years, as well as volunteering as a leader at many groups including Rainbows, The Unique Youth Club, events at St. Quivox Church, Teddy Bear Tots, Sea Cadets, and the Dalmilling Festive events (Afternoon Tea with Santa and the Santa Dash). Kirsty is passionate about helping to make communities a place where everyone feels included and welcomed.

Kirsty Bell, the newest member of the Ahead project, has experience working in Health and Social Care Partnership with children and families. Kirsty is excited to work and engage with people across the local communities and will take the lead for Wallacetown North, Lochside and Whitletts.



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TANDEM



John Reid started with the Ahead Team at the end of January 2020, as the Tandem Development Worker. This post is funded through the Aspiring Communities Fund.

John's role is to link in with the work of the Community Builders to assist the communities of North Ayr to develop a longer-term partnership approach to building community capacity. This aims to empower the communities and residents of North Ayr (KA8 postcode area) to become more cohesive and resilient

John will work with individuals, community groups and partners to develop tailored capacity building and lifelong learning programmes; Such as Wellbeing Sessions; Healthy Eating Workshops; First Aid; Mental Health First Aid; Social enterprise awareness and training. John will also work with the community to identify and establish new community hub(s).



Karen Monaghan has been a Community Engagement Officer within South Ayrshire Council for over 25 years. During this time she has held various positions within a number of council departments i.e. Social Work/Education and Regeneration as well as managing a 4 year seconded project, which was in partnership with Ayrshire & Arran NHS, Addictions & Mental Health fields. Over the last 5 years Karen has been located within the Communities Team with a responsibility for supporting and developing the activities of Community Councils across South Ayrshire. In addition

to the support given to Community Councils, she has a supervisory responsibility for the Ahead/Tandem staff. The support and experience Karen brings to the team is greatly appreciated by all.

Bryan Hamilton has worked in the third sector for 30 years, the last 11 for CEIS Ayrshire. He is primarily responsible for Skills & Training within the organisation and leads the team which delivers everything from National Training Programmes like Modern Apprenticeships and Employability Fund to Construction Health & Safety and general Employability Training. Since CEIS Ayrshire took over responsibility for Ahead he has line managed the Ahead/Tandem Staff. He is a life-long Ayr United fan and season ticket holder.



MANAGEMENT TEAM

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter and finding out about the great community activities we have heard about in the past few months. If you would like to contribute to future newsletters or if you would like to be on a mailing list to receive an electronic or paper copy of the newsletter in the future please do get in touch.

FESTIVE FUN IN AYR NORTH 2019

Community Builders love the festive period and really enjoy attending different events in communities throughout November and December. It is a great time of year and a fantastic opportunity to bring people together. Here is a flavour of what was happening across North Ayr.



Dreams And Wishes



DREAMS & WISHES FESTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY

Ahead supported Dreams & Wishes with the Festive Family Fun day. The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity to bring residents together, whilst also raising the profile of the group and helping them to raise funds to support local families and plan future event; to keep up to date with upcoming events details can be found on the Dreams & Wishes Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Dreams-And-Wishes-104003367630267/>



The event at Pro Soccer premises in Ayr, included football tournaments, raffles and stalls, and a meet & greet with Santa. The group managed to raise around £300, and would like to say a big 'THANKS!' to everyone who contributed and supported the event.



At the event Community Builders enjoyed speaking to members of the community about their ideas, opinions, and views on the area they stay. These were written on gift tags and displayed on the "Community Wish tree".

The most common wishes expressed by the community members was their desire to have a local drop in mental health support group, as well as an environmental clean-up day, particularly in the Whitletts area. The Community Builders are excited to work alongside the community to help make these wishes come true. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like to find out more information please contact your local Community Builder



AYR ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAIR



The Parent Council of Ayr Academy organised a Christmas Fair which was held in November. The Community Builder in Craigie supported the Craigie Crafters, Craigie Bingo and Community Book Club to attend with stalls. This was a great opportunity for members of the different groups to be together. The event was well attended with good support from both the Craigie Community and School Community. Children attending were delighted to meet Santa during the first of his visits to Ayr North and it got the Festive Spirit off to a great start. Entertainment was provided by the wonderful Ayr Academy Concert Choir and festive refreshments were served by Ayr Barista Crew.



FESTIVE FUN IN AYR NORTH 2019



SANTA ROUNDS

On Christmas eve, Community Builder Kirsty McArdle hosted the North Ayr Christmas rounds. The route included Wallacetoun, Lochside, James Brown Avenue and Dalmilling. Over 500 people came out to speak to them. The local residents of North Ayr donated over 1000 sweets for Santa and his team to hand out which was well received by the excited children. They received great feedback from the community on the event. The new Community Builder had historically run this event in the Dalmilling area but through Ahead she was able to bring it to other areas.



CHERRY TREE E.Y CHRISTMAS FAIR



Toni-Ann connected with the early years centre through Allannah, a local Mum who the CB met at another group, Teddy Bear Tots. Allannah invited her along to the family groups as they were in the midst of their Christmas Fayre preparations. At the first visit Toni-Ann felt warmly welcomed by staff and parents alike, and recognised another Mum from Tots, Kayleigh. It was nice to feel part of the nursery community instantly, as well as the opportunity to meet new families.

Toni-Ann was really impressed by the level of detail that went into the creativity and planning, with parents and staff working tirelessly to make their very own Santa's Grotto from scratch, out of resources they found within the nursery, making their own Christmas Eve plates, Reindeer Hot chocolate, home baking, and gathering raffle prizes.

Ahead (South Ayrshire) enjoyed supporting the event by providing the grotto gifts, as well as arranging for Craigie resident and volunteer, Jack to deliver his Santa duties! Jack also brought along his dog Rory who is a therapist and made his debut as Santa's Reindeer dog! A total of £991 was raised and will go towards future nursery activities and events. Well done everyone for supporting and contributing to a successful event! Turn over to see more about Cherry Tree Early Years Centre.



COMMUNITY INTRODUCTIONS



AGNES SMITH

Agnes is a well known face in Ayr North. She has lived in the area for over 40 years and has taken on many roles within the community. Agnes started volunteering over 25 years ago starting out at the salvation army, she is now a volunteer with the 10:10 trust and café hope in John Street. Agnes runs a community drop in at Ross Street, Ayr on a Thursday where

she is on hand to help with benefits, budgeting, housing, form filling and housing utilities. She has worked with many people over the years, including people with mental health issues and the socially isolated, she is trying to use her skills and knowledge in her own business "Mrs Smith's Cleaning Services" to help people in need. Agnes is very much in demand due to her friendly nature and her clients like nothing more than to have a sit down and offload their concerns, through this Agnes has been able to build up the trust of her clients and has helped them become more independent and sociable. Anyone who knows Agnes will know that she is an animal person, she has successfully completed a dog behaviour course and her house is usually bursting at the seams with dogs. Agnes loves helping others and is very passionate about her community and making it a better place to live.



MARK ROBERTSON

Mark has lived in the Wallacetown area for the last 4 years. He has immersed himself in the area and has become involved in many different groups and initiatives. Most recently he has connected with the Millfriars tenants and will soon be commencing work on the garden areas. He volunteers his own time to deliver Heart Start first aid training to local residents of North Ayr. Mark has been a volunteer for Ayr Sea Cadets for

the last 5 years, devoting a huge portion of his free time to working with local children in this national uniformed youth charity organisation. Through his time volunteering with the Sea Cadets he has had the opportunity to work with youths aged 10 – 18 years on a variety of different activities, including various watersports, first aid and seamanship. The weeks he spent offshore travelling round the British Isles has been his favourite so far, enjoying the tremendous impact it had on the cadets in his care. He has gained many qualifications including first aid, powerboating and rowing, Mark gained his rowing instructors qualification in August 2017 and was part of the "Get Rowing Campaign". This campaign offered rowing taster sessions to a selection of South Ayrshire primary schools. This was aimed at primary 7 pupils and many schools benefitted from this programme including Newton, Dalmilling, Forehill and Southcraig, Mark has a passion for volunteering and aims to assist as many youths as he can get the best start in life and help them achieve their dreams, Mark prides himself on being a good role model, which aspires those he works with to do the same. His short term plan is to get more involved in keeping his area tidy. He believes as we live in such a beautiful historic place and we need to look after it for the future generations.

AYR SEA CADETS

Sea cadets is a national youth charity, offering a different kind of adventure for 10- 18 year olds, helping them launch well in life today. For more details find us on facebook Ayr Sea Cadets or sea-cadets.org



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GREGOR LARMOUR

Gregor is the manager at Pro Soccer in Whitletts and is also the owner of Larmour Entertainment Enterprises. Gregor is always a bright ray of sunshine, and never without a smile on his face! He is most definitely in his element when he's organizing fun events for local children and their families at every opportunity he doesn't think twice about organizing activities that provide a full day of fun for everyone, his castles in the community and monthly family quiz nights are especially popular!

The community builders have had the pleasure of working alongside Gregor for a number of months now, having been introduced through Dreams & Wishes.

Gregor is highly supportive of anything that will benefit the local community and bringing families together by offering low cost family days available to all, he never thinks twice about offering to help in any way he can.

Larmour Entertainment Enterprises motto is entertainment with family in mind, Gregor believes the strongest unit in society is the family. Families coming together create bigger families and benefits everyone in and around them. In the near future he is hosting the Women's Hub Race Night, monthly family games night and monthly bingos alongside dreams and wishes. For more information please contact Gregor on 07480933005 or 01563 531243



FAMILIAR FACES AT RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST



Riverside Community Trust are a charity based in the centre of the town of Ayr. They provide a range of services in the local community primarily to people in recovery from alcohol & drug

issues and people affected by homelessness. Their primary project is **Care & Share** which provides:

- Over 2500 meals per year.
- Drop-in access for over 50 people per week.
- A furniture service for people coming out of homelessness (over 150 pick-ups and deliveries per year).

and much more...

(L-R: Billy, Karen, Stuart)

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..The core event each week is the drop-in facility where an average of 50 people per week can access 13 different social care, health care and financial services on a one-stop-shop basis. C & S also provides a range of other services including a breakfast club, skills activity groups (knitting, baking, cooking, photography etc.) and provides access to IT and formal qualifications. C & S is a central component of South Ayrshire's alcohol and drug strategy and implements the Scottish Government Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). C & S won the COSLA Gold Award in 2009 for its innovative practice.

The Wallacetown community builder has been going along to care and share since October 2019 and has met so many wonderful people, the work that the staff and volunteers do is admirable, the community builder looks forward to going along each week to connect with the many services and meet the people old and new. Here are a few of the faces behind care and share.



KAREN ALEXANDER

Karen is a resident in Dalmling, she is a part time Peer Worker at Care & Share, having first attended 12 years ago, before successfully completing the Peer Worker Programme through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP). Care & Share is close to Karen's heart and has been a big part of her life journey; when she was studying her SVQ Level 3 and having went to the group on placement, she believed in the work so much so that when there was no employment opportunity at the end, she continued on as a volunteer. Soon afterwards, funds were raised to provide a job

opportunity and Karen was over the moon to secure a paid position.

Speaking with the Community Builders, it was clear Karen is proud of her achievement and has fought hard to get to where she is today; she spoke honestly and openly of the challenges she faced, and still continues to face, from having become addicted to drugs to finding recovering, from raising her young children on her own to juggling college work, from volunteering at activities in Dalmling to securing employment. Life isn't always easy for anyone; she says "mental health has a massive impact".

Karen spoke so passionately about how she is able to use her experience, knowledge and skills to help others in the community, telling us she "always wanted to help others but never thought I'd achieve it".

Breakfast Club

Every Tuesday from 10 - 11.30 a.m.

Care & Share (lunch)

Every Wednesday from 2 - 4.30 p.m.

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BILLY WILSON



Anyone who hasn't has had the pleasure of meeting Billy before can't mistake him, he welcomes everyone with a smile and a dance, every week without fail! Billy has been a Volunteer Peer Worker at Care & Share since 2015, having successfully

completed a Peer programme at Ayr College. Billy first went along to Care & share about 6 years ago, after finding himself, in his own words, "a pensioner on methadone".

Billy openly chatted to the Community Builders about his life of addiction, going into recovery and now living a busy life as a Volunteer with the various Riverside Community Trust activities, Monday to Friday, as well as volunteering for Café Hope and Maybole Recovery. It's hard to see where he finds time to get a day off, but this is what Billy loves, he loves keeping busy and being able to help others.

Billy says, "I believe anyone can change if they want it! There's a big supportive community around here".

STUART THOMSON



Another passionate Volunteer Peer Worker is Stuart, a resident of Dalmilling, who was first introduced to Care & Share by a friend in 2019. Having attended regularly, Stuart then enquired with the group whether there was any opportunity for him to "give something back" and so he secured

himself the position as a volunteer. In his role he is able to provide a listening ear to anyone who needs it. Stuart is on hand to help with various issues or challenges people say they're experiencing, in the past he's been able to help someone out with securing housing, using his knowledge of local services to sign post and link people into.

Stuart takes pride in his role and spoke passionately of it, he says "I like helping out". Out with volunteering, Stuart has varied skills and interests, from being a qualified hairdresser, to enjoying cooking and having recently studied a Health & Social Care course at Ayrshire College.

We love to meet new people and hear what they are involved in and what they are passionate about. If you know someone you could introduce us to please do get in touch.

THANK YOU CHERRY TREE E.Y.C



Cherry Tree Early Years Practitioners Anne Scobie and Gillian Gearson do a fantastic job working alongside families, delivering a range of groups every Monday to Thursday. Everyone is welcomed with open arms by all who attend, and there is always lots of fun and laughter. Future events are also in the pipeline, including bingo and a psychic night. Toni-Ann would highly recommend popping along to see what's on offer.

The Community Builder would like to take this opportunity to thank families, community volunteers, and all staff (including management, practitioners and Modern Apprentices) for welcoming her as much as they have, and she looks forward to continuing working alongside everyone.

AYR ACADEMY PROM DRESS APPEAL

Community Builders recently connected with Audrey McLeod & Kirsty McKnight, Educational Wellbeing Officers at Ayr Academy; their job is to help raise attainment levels by helping young people get the best education they possibly can so that they can do well in life.

Audrey and Kirsty engage with young people and their families through a range of activities including a breakfast club which is made available to every pupil, Monday to Friday from 8:20am-8:45am. This is possible through funding and donations from Tesco and Asda.

Moreover, Ayr Academy staff helped to organise a big family Christmas Dinner; this was funded by Asda who kindly provided a generous donation of £1000. The event was well attended and enjoyed by many families and members of the local community.

Upcoming events are also being organised by the team, including a prom wear service. The reason behind this exciting proposal is to allow pupils to experience their school prom without the financial barrier that is often associated with such events. The Ahead Community Builders are excited to be working alongside Ayr Academy to support this activity.

For more information on the project, or to donate dresses please contact Audrey McLeod 01292 612028.

If you have skills in fashion & design, health & beauty, sewing etc., and are keen on donating your time, please get in touch with the Community Builders Kirsty & Toni-Ann on 07587246007 or 07800994842.



PROM DRESS

Ayr Academy are looking to provide some of our pupils with Prom Dresses so that they can experience a school prom. We feel that financial situations should not be a barrier to pupil's experiences.

With this in mind we are looking for Donations that would help make this dream come true for our pupils.

If you can help, in any way, please contact:-

Audrey McLeod - Education Wellbeing Officer on 01292 612028

Audrey.McLeod@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



WHITLETTS VICTORIA



HAVE WHITLETTS VICTORIA PLAYED THEIR LAST EVER JUNIOR MATCH?

No, we're not talking about the demise of Ayr's Junior Football Club but rather the next stage in its' development and a move onto a new venture in Scottish football. The advances the Vics have made in recent years will continue but with football in Scotland having been suspended indefinitely due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and the likelihood of Vics joining a brand new league in Scottish football next season, Whitletts' recent 3-2 win over Arthurlie at Dunterlie Park may well be the last match the Dam Park side have played in junior football.



Since the Vics played their first ever match, a 2-2 draw with Ayr Newton Rovers at the Recreation Ground on 12th August 1944, the club have played in the junior leagues. But now there is the real prospect of Whitletts joining a new league that is being formed for next season which will form part of Scottish football's recently established pyramid system. Talks are at a very advanced stage between the Scottish Football Association (SFA), West Region Juniors, Lowland League and the East and South of Scotland Leagues to create a new West of Scotland Football League. This league would sit at the sixth tier of Scottish football, below the four divisions in the SPFL and the Lowland League and on a par with the East of Scotland and the South of Scotland Leagues and it could be in place for the start of the new football season. This, allied to the proposed new stadium for the Club and its' charity, Vics in the Community (VIC), could lead to the Club applying for the SFA's National Club License (NCL). The NCL is the criteria that the SFA have laid down for clubs to become members of the games national governing body and would involve a minimum criteria for administrative and stadium requirements. Once clubs obtain their NCL, they would become members of the SFA and be eligible to play in the Scottish Cup! Not only that but if Whitletts were to win the West of Scotland League, with a NCL they would be eligible to gain promotion to the Lowland League and then they would only be one promotion away from playing in the SPFL!

Now all of that may sound a bit fanciful but as Chairman John Dalton highlighted, that is the level of the Clubs ambition. "Whitletts Victoria have made some tremendous advances in recent years, none more so than with the creation of our own charity, Vics in the Community and all the fantastic work that they have done in the North Ayr Community" said John. "We are also close to completing a deal with South Ayrshire Council that would see the Club return to Whitletts and play in a redeveloped community football stadium behind Whitletts Activity Centre, which would become a new home for the Club and VIC. We will be working hard in the months ahead to gain the funding to ensure that our proposed new home will meet the requirements of the NCL to enable us to be able to play in the Scottish Cup and who knows, maybe one day we'll play a major SPFL club in the Scottish Cup." But as John explained that 'dream' may not be as far fetched as it seems. "This season Broxburn Athletic played St.Mirren in a Scottish Cup tie in front of 5,000 spectators at St.Mirren Park. Yet just over 4 years ago, Whitletts defeated the West Lothian club 3-1 in a Scottish Junior Cup tie at their own Albyn Park ground. Since Broxburn joined the pyramid by becoming a member of the East of Scotland League a couple of seasons ago they have made tremendous advances, so why cant Whitletts make the same progress?"



Meanwhile the outbreak of the Coronavirus has hit junior football with all Whitletts matches postponed until further notice, so with a move to a new league set up looking inevitable, after 75 years, Whitletts Victoria may well have played their last ever junior fixture. You can keep up with all the latest news from Whitletts Victoria on the clubs' website www.whitlettsvictoria.com, on twitter by following @wvfc_official or on our facebook page

CRAIGIE COMMUNITY ASSOC.



In February the Craigie Community Association held their AGM, this was the first for a few years. There was a great turnout on the night of residents supporting the Association. Lorraine McKenzie from SAC attended the AGM to talk everyone through the new constitution which was adopted. The Craigie Community Builder was invited to lead the section of the meeting where Craigie Crafters, Community Book Club, Craigie Greenspace Group, Wednesday Wanderers and Craigie Youth Club became affiliated with the CCA to allow them to share information, resources and support each other and the work of the CCA. All the groups were represented at the AGM. The Community Builder had prepared a

display board with information of the new groups for all members to see.

The long standing Office Bearers stepped down from their roles and new members offered to take these roles on. The CCA now has a Chair – Jack Johnston, Vice Chair – Fiona Dunlop, Secretary – Lindsay Muir and Treasurer – Andrea Hose. It is hoped that the Office Bearers who stepped down will remain involved with the CCA and support the new members. With a good number of new and experienced members the CCA is looking forward to what it can achieve in the future for the benefit of their community.



CRAIGIE CRAFTERS' LATE LUNCH

Craigie Crafters came together for Lunch in a local hotel in February. This was their Christmas / New Year lunch which they were at last able to organise. 14 people attended the Lunch and it allowed both the morning and evening session members to catch up as some are only able to attend one of the sessions each week. The group were looking forward to attending the Craft Fair together in March which they are able to fund themselves through money they have raised.



CRAIGIE UPDATE

Since Covid-19 Craigie Crafters are meeting up twice weekly on Zoom and the Community Book Club is also meeting up once a month on Zoom. While we are physically distancing we are not socially distancing. If anyone is interested in joining these groups online, please contact Community Builder Jen.



COVID-19 SUPPORT

South Ayrshire Life

has extended its services in response to the **COVID-19** crisis.

0800 432 0510

will now direct you to

South Ayrshire Lifeline

The dedicated helpline can help with food pack deliveries, prescriptions, telephone befriending, hearing aid batteries and signposting.

These services are coordinated in conjunction with our Third Sector and South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnerships.



The Young Scot Card

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

It's easy to feel a bit overwhelmed and scared by everything you're hearing about coronavirus disease (COVID-19) right now. Find out more about what's happening and the simple steps you can take to help prevent catching COVID-19 and spreading to others. Also find out more about what you can do if you are feeling anxious and worried, and how you can support others in your community.

<https://young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus>



Breathing Space

Open up when you're feeling down

Need help now? Call free on
0800 83 85 87

<https://breathingspace.scot/>

Opening hours

Weekdays: Monday-Thursday 6pm to 2am

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This service is for people in Scotland

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<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus-mental-wellbeing#finding-support>

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for Scotland's mental health

www.samh.org.uk/about-mental-health/self-help-and-wellbeing/coronavirus-and-your-mental-wellbeing



<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/information-advice/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/your-wellbeing/> ; Helpline on 0800 12 44 222. It's open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

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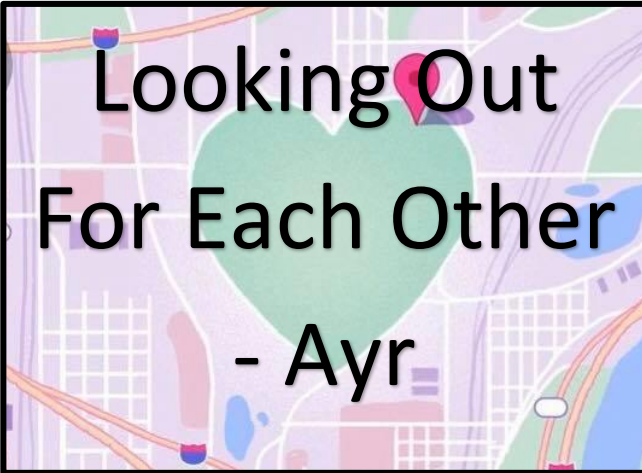
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SHARING THE LOVE OF THE KING OF KINGS

COVID- 19 FOOD RESPONSE TEAM

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MON-FRI 9AM UNTIL 8PM

WHAT WHERE WHEN

We have left the What, Where, When section in this issue. Although due to Covid-19 all groups are no longer meeting as usual we hope all will resume in the future. Please do have a look and if there is something you might be interested in joining when it is back up and running please do get in touch with the contact person or your local Community Builder to find out more.

Also some groups are now meeting up online eg. Craigie Crafters, Community Book Club and Room60. Please get in touch if you would like to join a group online.

If you are involved in a group and would like to try and get everyone together online please do contact a Community Builder. We are not experts, but we will provide assistance where possible to keep your group connected during this time.

While we are physically distancing we are keeping socially connected!

WHAT WHERE WHEN

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS CRAIGIE WALKING CLUB

GET YOURSELF OUT HERE AND JOIN OUR WALKING GROUP
EVERY WEDNESDAY

March to November



MEETING AT AYR ACADEMY AT 6.30PM
ALL WELCOME - ROUTES VARY WEEKLY
ANYONE UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH AN ADULT

WALK IT
WEDNESDAY

CRAIGIE GYM GROUP

Did you know that residents can use the Gym at the UWS? This is a great facility on the doorstep. If you are interested in this and would like to try it out with a small group, please do join us on a Monday & Wednesday morning. For more information or to check when we are going please contact your Community Builder, Jen. Alternatively the Gym is open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm. Gym staff are friendly and helpful. See you there!



CRAIGIE BINGO

At Morrison Gardens

For more info Contact Andrea on 267086

BINGO!

Tuesdays Eyes down for 7.30pm

CRAIGIE CRAFTERS

Evening Session

TUESDAYS 6.30PM – 8PM

At Ayr Academy

&

Morning Session

THURSDAYS 11AM TO 12.30PM

Morrison Gardens

For more info please contact

Community Builder Jen on 07508331796 or jencommunitybuilder@outlook.com



PARENT LED COMMUNITY



YOUTH CLUB

CHILDREN FROM
CRAIGIE / HAYHILL AREAS
WELCOME: P4 – P7

COST WILL BE £2 PER CHILD PER SESSION
(this includes a snack)

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month
(during term-time) 6.30 – 8pm

Plaza One, Ayr Academy, University Avenue, Ayr



Neighbourhood
Watch SCOTLAND

A new Neighbourhood
Watch scheme has recently
been set up in Craigie.

To sign up please register at:
nwscotland.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/LocalArea

Find out more on our Facebook page
facebook.com/neighbourhoodwatchcraigie



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or you can anonymously report this to Crimestoppers on 0800555111.
But remember to always call 999 in an emergency.

WHAT WHERE WHEN

CRAIGIE GREENSPACE GROUP

Craigie is an area with wonderful walks, parks and open green space.

If you make use of and enjoy the green space in your community and have an interest in improving or preserving these areas please come and join other residents at the next Craigie Greenspace Group meeting taking place:

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month

From 6.30pm

At Morrison Gardens



AN EASY AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

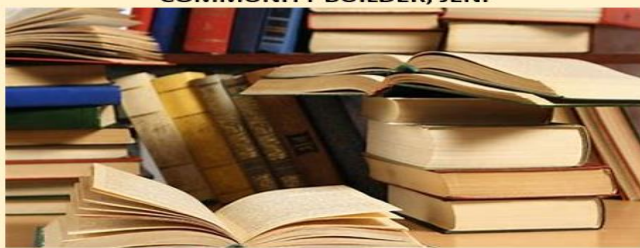
COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

AT AYR ACADEMY LIBRARY

THURSDAY 6.30PM – 8PM

EVERY 4 WEEKS

TO FIND OUT THE DATE OF THE NEXT BOOK CLUB AND
THE CHOSEN BOOK PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
COMMUNITY BUILDER, JEN.



Volunteer Opportunities in Gardening

HEDGEROW GARDEN PROJECT

Are looking for volunteers for their Plot to
Pot Project in Craigie Allotments or why
not join the team of volunteers at

AYR ACADEMY HORTICULTURE GROUP

A flagship school project making the most
of their raised beds and greenhouse.

Contact Alex on 261005

Exclusively Women..

A group for women, run by women, tackling
issues and giving opportunities to women



Lochside Community Centre

Every Friday

11:30am– 2:30pm

(unless going on an outing)

Light refreshments will be provided

Women connecting together to chat, try new things, share
thoughts, ideas, gain confidence

and build healthy positive relationships

For further information contact Sammy Brown on 01292 267381

or Heather Davidson on 01292 559414

South Ayrshire
Community Safety
Partnership

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Community Learning
and Development

south
AYRSHIRE
COUNCIL

Join in the Barn

Drop in music sessions

- 🎵 Would you like to get involved in a
new music project?
- 🎵 Would you like to learn a musical
instrument?
- 🎵 Do you play a musical instrument?
(beginners welcome)



Wednesdays
2.00pm - 3.30pm

Lochside Community Centre

Contact David on 01292 559407

All Welcome



WHAT WHERE WHEN



S1-S6
Mon, Tues, Wed
6:30pm - 8:30pm

P6, P7
Thursday
3:30 - 5pm

www.roomsixty.co.uk

facebook.com/roomsixty

NEWTON WALLACETOWN CHURCH LUNCH CLUB

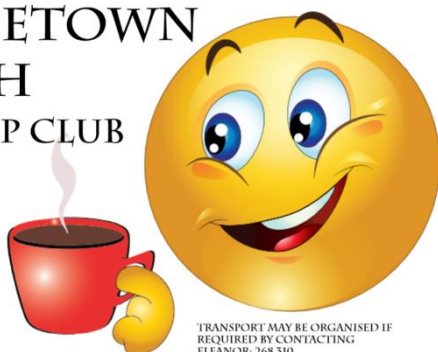
October to April
Thursday from 12noon



NEWTON WALLACETOWN CHURCH FRIENDSHIP CLUB

COME AND JOIN
US FOR
TEA, COFFEE, SCONE, CHAT

FRIDAY'S
1:30PM - 3:30PM
IN CHURCH HALLS



TRANSPORT MAY BE ORGANISED IF
REQUIRED BY CONTACTING
ELEANOR 268 310

Wallacetown Chair Aerobics



Join us for some gentle exercise, great music, and
excellent conversation.

Friday @ 11am

At

The Salvation Army Halls,

John Street,

Ayr

First session free. £2 thereafter

EXTEND

Ahead
(Check Appointments)

FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATIONS & WORKSHOPS

By Sheena Stewart from Ayr Floral Art Club

Last Friday of each month at 2pm



£5

Victoria Court, Mill Street

Tea & Coffee is provided.



Lonely? Fancy a cuppa?
Hope Corner is now open
every **Thursday 10am - noon.**
Tea, coffee, toast and company!



Ayr Free Church
John Street
Ayr KA8 0BS

COMMUNITY CINEMA @ NWC



WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/COMMUNITYCINEMA.NWC

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A
MOVIE IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

NEWTON WALLACETOWN CHURCH
60 MAIN STREET,
AYR, KA8 8EF

WHAT WHERE WHEN

NEWTON WALLACETOWN

BADMINTON CLUB

Tuesdays 1pm to 2pm

At Newton Wallacetown Church
Hall, Main Street, Ayr

£2 per session

(First session is free)

Beginners and experienced players
are welcome.

All equipment is provided, just
bring a pair of trainers.

For more info contact Jen on 07810711788

RIVERSIDE PLACE RECREATION CENTRE



Bingo on Mon & Fri Eyes down 2pm

Beginners Tai Chi on Tues 9.45am – 10.45am

Advanced Tai Chi on Tues 11am – 12noon

Computer Club on Tuesday 12noon – 3pm



Tramp Supper 1st Wednesday of each month from 5pm

Soup Wednesdays on Wed from 12.30pm
£3 for Soup, tea, scones & biscuits

Annual Events take place throughout the year.

For more information please contact
May Reilly on 01292 268188

Riverside

For 0 – 3s

**Every Wednesday
in term time**

from 9.30am to 11am

In Riverside Church

**Come for a chat and make
new friends while your little
one can play.**

Toddlers

NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP

Café
John Pollock Centre



Available for residents in Dalmilling of all ages.



Monday from 2pm

WILD RHYTHM



Music Group for anyone with
any form of disability

Thursdays

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Dalmilling Church

Singing, percussion and instruments, let's get
together and make some music!

Group led by local musician Scott Nicol

Costs: £2 per participant

£1 per carer

Includes tea, coffee and refreshments

Wheelchair access available via the church hall door

For more information contact
Paul Algeo - Development/Family Worker
palgeo@churchofscotland.org.uk
07494264103



Church Address: Dalmilling Church
Dalmilling Road
Ayr, KA8 0PF



The North Ayr TheGither Project is a Registered Scottish Charity SCO45150

WHAT WHERE WHEN

MAINHOLM COMMUNITY BINGO

At John Pollock Centre

WEDNESDAYS

Doors open at 6pm

Eyes down at 6.30pm

For more info contact Christine Hose on
01292 287852

THE SEWING CORNER

Dalmilling Church Hall, Thornyflat Road

Community sewing classes

Learn hand and machine sewing, mending, simple alterations and up-cycling, and have fun too!

£1 per class, all materials and equipment provided

Use your new skill to make things for fun or to sell. Keep your clothes looking good and fitting you. Save money by repairing your clothes and your children's clothes.



Thursdays 1-3pm.
New class will open if demand.

For more info
contact Eileen on
07717 796541

TEDDY BEAR TOTS

Wednesday

9:30 – 11:30am

Dalmilling Church Hall



Toddler Group for parents/carers and children aged 0 -3 years old in Dalmilling Church Hall.

£1 per family and 50p for unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits for adults.

Come along for songs, stories, crafts, play time and snack!

DO YOUR THING!

If you would like more information or there is something you would like to see in your community and you are passionate enough to want to do something about it please contact your local Community Builder.



FOOD MEMBERSHIP CLUB
HELPING YOU
SAVE MONEY ON
YOUR FOOD BILLS

LOCATED IN AYR NORTH

Save £100s on your weekly family food shop by joining your local food membership club in Ayr North from £3.50 per week



FIND US ON FACEBOOK - KINGDOM STOREHOUSE



GET CONNECTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

South Ayrshire Life can direct you to find a
volunteer role of your choice!



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SELF MANAGEMENT RESOURCE OF THE YEAR

Freephone: 0800 432 0510

Text: 07713 009 306

Email: enquiries@salife.scot

www.southayrshirelife.org

or visit us at

South Ayrshire Life

57 Newmarket Street, Ayr KA7 1LL

Go along to your local
Tenants & Residents
Association, Community Council
or Neighbourhood Group
meetings -

River Ayr Tenants Association

2nd Wed of each month @ 10.30am
Riverside Place Recreation Centre
Contact May Reilly on 268188

**Victoria Court Residents
Association**

1st Friday of each month @ 11am
Victoria Court

**Lochside Neighbourhood Group
Meeting**

Lochside Community Centre
All Welcome.

**Newton Green Tenants &
Residents**

2nd Tuesday of every month @ 5pm
in Newton House
*Contact Andrew McKissock on
07519 344387*

North Ayr Community Council

1st Wed of each month @ 7pm
Lochside Community Centre

**Fort, Seafield & Wallacetown
Community Council (South
Wallacetown)**

2nd Wed of each month @ 7pm
Ayr Town Hall

**Newton & Heathfield Community
Council (North Wallacetown)**

Last Tuesday of month @ 7.30pm
Newton Bowling Club

**Newton & Wallacetown
Community Association**

1st Monday of each month @ 7pm
Foresters Hall

*Contact Patricia Wallace at
patricia@wallacedunn.co.uk*

Locality Planning

3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30pm
in the

John Pollock Centre

Contact Neil Goudie on

Neil.Goudie@south-ayrshire.gov.uk