

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Welcome to December's newsletter. It would seem winter is well on its way and the festive lights around the village and at the pub are a welcome sight indeed!

Pitcairngreen Village Association

We would like to thank all those who have used the hall in the past year and to wish everyone in ourcommunity a very happy Christmas.

The hall bookings are quieter this month. Barre fitness will finish on 12th December and is moving to a larger premise in Perth in the New Year.

Early in the new year we hope to have the main hall painted and we are also planning to spend the the £5000 grant we were recently awarded to fund some more play equipment near the swings.

Thanks also to those committee members who have attended meetings through the year and helped to run the hall as well as to hall caretakers Samantha and David who are expecting a new member of their family early next year. We send them our best wishes.

We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Andy Young



We have a lovely no pressure local baby and toddler group that has been running since April this year and we are really enjoying getting together every week!

We have all age ranges of children that attend from just a few weeks old newborn all the way to pre-school age. We also love having pregnant people come along to meet new parents in the area before baby arrives!

We always have snacks for adults and children, as well as a much needed hot drink for grown ups to enjoy while the children play or sleep.

We run every Thursday morning 10:30am - 12:30am during term time, to attend its £2 per child and additional 50p per additional child but you can keep up to date with when we are on via our <u>Facebook page</u> that has all the latest and up to date information regarding the group.

Our last date for the playgroup this year will be 12/12/2024. Our restart date after new year is the until we can find some help to run the group.

Almondbank & Pitcairn Bairns cont.

We are desperately looking for some help to run the group due to maternity leave. We are looking for local people to run the group after new year and you don't even have to be a parent to do so! We would love to hear from aunties, uncles, grannies or grandpas to run the group as well as parents.

Feel free to get in touch via the Facebook page to volunteer.



Hogmanay on the Green

Weather dependent, there will be a village celebration on the green to see in the bells. Please congregate on the green for 11.50pm. Oil drums will be lit, and there will be sparklers and toasting marshmallows. Bring your own bottle and your festive cheer!

Village Lunches

The next village lunch will be hosted in Pitcairngreen Village Hall on 6th January between 12 noon - 1.3opm

We will have homemade soup, filled rolls and homebaking along with tea & coffee. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.





Would you like to include something in next edition?

Contributions are most welcome to this newsletter. Any great photos, event info or local stories welcome. Thank you.

Send your contributions by email to: themowats2006@btinternet.com



Other Church News

- The Craft Group the next meeting will be held in the church on 16th December.
- Please watch facebook or the Church's notice board for information about the Church Youth space during December.



Almondbank Tibbermore Church

Rev Malloch will lead all the usual Sunday services in December. These services will all begin at 11.30am.

Christmas Services & Events in December

Monday 9th at 6.30pm - tree lighting with Church singalong of Carols and songs followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 24th from 11.15pm - Christmas Eve Service.

Wednesday 25th from 10.30am -Christmas Day Family Service Tea and Coffee continues to be served in the hall after the Service every Sunday. All welcome so please come along.



from the members of Almondbank
Tibbermore Church

Poppy Scotland Collection

I am delighted to say that our annual collection is banked and we have reached a great total of £1332.37! This is up on last year and we really appreciate the generosity from all of those who donated and to our fantastic volunteers. Thank you so much!





Our full programme and how to join us is found on our website www.wshs.org.uk

West Stormont Historical Society

You may be wondering what local comedian, Bruce Fummey, has in common with the monument to local poet Robert Nicoll (1814-1837) - they are both going to feature in WSHS forthcoming topic evenings!

13th January - Bruce Fummey toured his live Scottish historical comedy show Stories of Scotland all round Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and Canada in 2023/24. In January 2025 he's off to do it all again with a new show Scotland Made the World. Before he heads to the colonies, Bruce will be performing the show for the first time ever to members of the West Stormont Historical Society in Luncarty Church centre. We are delighted to be hosting Bruce as a speical guest before he heads off on his tour.

January 27th will also be a special evening as we celebrate all things Scots in music! Local duo Plaid Song will be performing some traditional, well known songs and some of their own songs and, as always, they will be bringing their insightful historic themes and chat to the occasion. Peter Bruce will also be returning to perform for the WSHS, we are delighted to host Peter and look forward to a evening of music and song.

This event will take place in the Bankfoot Church Centre on Monday 27th of Jan 2025 from 7.30pm.



From January we will be reducing our opening hours for the quieter period:

Monday-Thursday: CLOSED | Friday & Saturday: 12pm - 11pm Sunday: 12pm - 9pm (kitchen closes at 8pm)



Pitcairngreen Inn Christmas Party!

We have a DJ booked for the 21st December for a party night including karaoke. We are fully booked for meals that evening however the party is open to everyone so come along for a fun, Christmas themed party! Starting at 8pm.