



## ACTION SANTA

One cold and wintry night  
Santa said to himself with a smile,  
Visit Old Kilpatrick? I might, I just might,  
Afterall, it has been a while.

The rumour was spread by his trusty elves  
That he might pay the village a call.  
So AOK busied their sel's  
Adding sparkle to Napier Hall.

Gavinburn school came to sing,  
Led by head teacher, Marie.  
Their voices had an angel's ring,  
Tho' it was too wet to sing at the tree!

Meanwhile, at the bridge - the scouts grouped,  
Whilst the drummers worked up a good fray,  
Even antlered police, alongside trouped  
As Santa climbed into his sleigh!

Back in the Napier, spirits were high,  
The atmosphere was electric,  
When from outside the porch, there came a loud cry,  
'Santa is back in Kilpatrick!'

A proud piper led him through the crowd  
And we cheered as he went to his grotto.  
There were songs, stalls, pies - mulled wine was allowed,  
(But not the sort to make you blotto!)

Laughter and chatter filled the hall,  
And Christmas posies were FREE, to take;  
You could make a wish for the village, at one stall  
At another, guess the weight of the cake!

Loch Lomond Ukulele Band  
Strummed many a merry tune,  
And Jim Stark he was just grand,  
But it all came to an end too soon.

If you were there, then you shared the fun,  
But if you weren't, it's a shame.  
But be reassured everyone,  
Santa says he will visit again!

by Christine Menhennet



Our thanks to  
Gavinburn  
Primary School,  
Clan an Drumma,  
Loch Lomond Ukulele  
Orchestra, Jim Stark,  
Scouts, usave and  
Nisa

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Come to one of our meetings  
or follow us on Facebook to  
find out what we're doing!



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## A WALK THROUGH THE PAST



The History and Heritage group are delighted to announce an award of £7,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for their oral history project "A Walk Through the Past: Memories of Old Kilpatrick, 1940s to the present day". We are keen to get started and have arranged an information afternoon on **Saturday 25th March in the Napier Hall, 3.00 - 5.00pm**. We are looking for people to give us their memories of living, working or playing in Old Kilpatrick or to be an interviewer (training will be provided). We plan to produce an audio walk and a booklet at the end of the project. If you would like to find out more or would like to take part, please join us then; or contact us at [info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk](mailto:info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk); or speak to any of the committee.

# ENVIRONMENT

The Environment activities are continuing with the monthly visits to the Saltings and Lusset Glen, where on the last two occasions we have been joined by some staff and pupils from Gavinburn Nursery and Primary School.

We have been successful in obtaining some funding from the Council via the Community Budgeting initiative and there should be more news in the next newsletter on this and other projects that we will embark on over the spring/summer.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS OF AOK SUBGROUPS

### HORTICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

23 March, 7:15pm, Twisted Thistle (back room)

### HISTORY AND HERITAGE

13 March, 7:30pm, Twisted Thistle (back room)

#### THE SALTINGS LITTER PICK

First Sunday of each month

10:00-12:00am

Meet behind Scout hut

#### THE LUSSET GLEN LITTER PICK

Last Monday of each month

10:00-12:00am

Meet beside Glen Cafe

Thanks to everyone who's supported us! If you would like to join us, please get in touch on [info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk](mailto:info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk)

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# HORTICULTURE

It might be winter but the Horticulture Group are not dormant; we're currently planning what to grow for the sunnier days of spring and summer! You should soon see the spring bulbs we planted in late autumn popping up here and there but to follow this, we reckon that for the village entrance planters, the Napier Hall beds, a few hanging baskets and the new and extended beds that the Council are digging for us, we will need about 350 plants to provide seasonal colour and interest - a mixture of low growing shrubs, perennials and annuals.

We have overwintered some things in the greenhouse at Dalnottar, plan a shopping trip to a wholesale nursery and will be growing some things from seed and adding spare plants from our own gardens - all offers of plants welcomed. Spending the last of our Awards For All grant money, we're also buying some watering equipment in order that we don't have to rely on buckets and the patience of the shopkeepers!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

#### GROWING WD SPRING EVENT

When: Saturday 25 March; 10am-1pm

Where: Concord Centre, Dumbarton

#### AOK HISTORY GROUP OPEN INFORMATION DAY

When: Saturday 25 March; 3-5pm

Where: Napier Hall

### MAY

#### ANTONINE COMMUNITY WOODLAND CONSULTATION EVENT

When: Saturday 6 May, 11am-3pm

Where: future Antonine Community Woodland (field behind Gavinburn school)

#### VILLAGE PLANTING

When: 27 May; 10am-12noon

Where: around Old Kilpatrick



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