

As this is the first newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted us throughout the previous year. Without the efforts of our volunteers, the village would not be such a colourful place to live!

We at Action Old Kilpatrick had a great 2017; we've come together as a group through our various activities, we've made friends who are willing to help, we've made friends with other groups throughout the district, we've had fun and some minor frustrations (who knew cosmos could grow so tall and so rampant!).

Thanks must go to staff and children of Gavinburn Primary School who have assisted with a number of our projects, to our three local hostellers (especially The Twisted Thistle for letting us use their function room for our meetings), to our local businesses, to WDC Greenspace, especially Sandra Anton (honest, we do listen!), to Y-Sort-it, to Paul Uppal and family, to the staff at the Napier Hall and to all the local groups and individuals who have given us support and welcomed our efforts.

Finally, to the volunteers of AOK - many thanks for all your support in 2017 but the work continues... We have some new exciting projects planned for 2018!

All support is welcome so if you have any surplus seeds or plants please get in touch!

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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

AOK PLANTING DAY

When: Saturday 2 June 2018, from 10am
Where: around Old Kilpatrick

SUMMER FETE

When: Saturday 9 June 2018
Where: Old Kilpatrick Church Hall

AOK AGM & PUBLIC MEETING

When: Tuesday 19 June 2018, 7:30pm
Where: Napier Hall

AUGUST

AOK FUNDRAISER SOCIAL EVENING

When: Saturday 25 August 2018
Where: Old Kilpatrick Bowling Club
Tickets will be available for sale soon - please email info@actionoldkilpatrick.com to reserve yours.

NOVEMBER

A VILLAGE REMEMBERS

When: Saturday 10 November 2018 (TBC)
Where: Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick
What: commemorating the centenary of end of WWI; more details will be published in due course

DECEMBER

SANTA PARADE & CAROL SINGING

When: Wednesday 19 December 2018
Where: Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick

SANTA PARADE & CAROL SINGING 2017



Old Kilpatrick Community Pages

A new feature of our newsletter is giving space to local groups and organisations to introduce themselves to the community and tell us about their meetings and events.



If your group wants to be featured in the next newsletter, please email us at info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk with information about your groups and events/meetings.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm
Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick**

Old Kilpatrick Community Council has been active in the village for some 30 years. They meet monthly in the Napier Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (except July).

Community Councils play an important role:

- they bring local people together
- they talk to West Dunbartonshire Council and other agencies about issues affecting the area
- they are run by local people
- they must be consulted regarding planning applications
- they are consulted on a regular basis on a whole range of other issues by West Dunbartonshire Council

Community Councils depend on local people taking an interest in the place they live - get involved! Our meetings are open to the public - everybody is welcome.

MEN IN SHEDS

Men's Shed Clydebank is a place where men meet regularly with other men, pursue activities together, share these skills and learn new ones. It's a place where you can either work, relax, make and repair things, pursue hobbies and pastimes, get practical help with projects, share skills and make new friends, have a cuppa, a chat, and a laugh, and get out of the house for a while. We have a 1600sqft 4/5 room Shed + loft area and Clydebank members have plans for one room to be a social area, to sit back, read, relax, and put the world to rights.

Men's Shed Clydebank opens at 1.00pm every Monday & Wednesday until mid/late afternoon.

Updates: [facebook.com/menshedclydebank](https://www.facebook.com/menshedclydebank)

OLD KILPATRICK BOWLING PARISH CHURCH

**Old Kilpatrick Summer Fete
Saturday 9 June 2018**



Old Kilpatrick Bowling Parish Church are holding their annual Summer Fete on Saturday 9th June 2018. The fete is an annual event which has been enjoyed by the community and beyond for a number of years. The fete traditionally starts at 12.40pm when a parade, which includes pipers and local dance schools, leaves Ferry Road for the short walk along to the grounds of the Church Hall. This year's theme for the fete is The Wizard of Oz and people are invited to dress up as their favourite characters from this iconic movie. Prizes will be given for the best dressed Dorothy and the best dressed Munchkin. Look out for the yellow brick road and the signs for Kansas City!

Entry is free to all and there will be various stalls to attract your attention including tombola, home baking, arts & crafts, bouncy castle, face painting, jewellery and a plant stall amongst others. A BBQ will also be available for refreshments selling tasty burgers and hot dogs together with a tearoom where you can sit down and take the weight off your feet. Local stallholders will also be present offering a wide array of lovely things to buy including wood carvings and more, which will add to the community feel. We look forward to seeing you there.

1ST OLD KILPATRICK BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY BB BANTER

The Company was formed on 12 March 1932 by our founder Captain, William Wylie, a true gentleman, who was still attending Company events at the age of 90.

We currently run three Sections, Anchor Boys (P1-3), Junior Section (P4-6) and Company Section (P7-S6). We are part of Old Kilpatrick/Bowling Parish Church and meet in Gavinburn Primary School on a Monday evening.

Before Christmas all sections "sang" their hearts out at the annual Old Kilpatrick Church Carol Concert. The boys of the Anchor and Junior Sections also joined other organisations to take part in the AOK Santa Parade to the Napier Hall. The boys had a great time. To round off the year, all sections joined together for a night of culture to watch Snow White at the Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock. We all had a great night and would highly recommend a visit to the Beacon if you are looking for a more intimate pantomime venue for Christmas 2018.

Kevin Downie, with assistance from Alan Tait, from 1 Erskine BB Company are jointly providing the boys, and girls from the Girls Brigade, with instrument practice, the aim being to start up a joint Brigade band. We wish all instructors and young people every success in making this work.

The Junior Section will be participating in the International Team Games at the end of March. This involves completing six team activities in the school one Monday evening and then submitting the results to BB Headquarters. Once results have been received from all sections worldwide, we will be advised of the overall results.

The Company Section have participated in Badminton & Table Tennis Competitions at both Battalion and National level. We also participated in the Battalion Squad Drill Competition and, after carrying out the programme to a high standard, we finished third. Four boys and the Captain will once again be attending the Cumbrae National Camp from 25-28 May under canvas in Millport.

To help raise funds for our end of session outings and annual display we held our fundraising disco on Saturday 3 February. A great night of dancing and singing with the usual raffle and Irish bingo was enjoyed. We are delighted to announce that the sum of £690 was raised. Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts in any way.

We are presently rehearsing for our annual Inspection and Display, which will be held this year on Friday 18 May in Gavinburn Primary School. Please come along and support the boys with your presence.

We offer a varied programme for boys of all ages and would make any boys wishing to join us very welcome.

Ian Stormonth
Company Captain

OLD KILPATRICK SENIOR CITIZENS TUESDAY CLUB

Every Tuesday, 1pm - 4pm
Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick

Are you looking for something to do on a Tuesday afternoon? Why not come along and see what we have to offer.

The Club meets every Tuesday in the Napier Hall (side door entrance) from 1pm - 4 pm.

Our programme consists of live musical entertainment, get up and dance if you want to, occasional film showings, bingo, fish and chip days. We also have visits to the Theatre, outings and special day celebrations.

All pensioners, male or female, are welcome. Just bring along a cup and a biscuit.

Call 01389 381131 for further information.

HORTICULTURE AFTER THE SNOWS

'April showers bring May flowers' and this is what AOK Horti Group are all hoping and we are itching to get going! We have had the soil replaced up at the community greenhouse and this year we are going to experiment with multi coloured beetroots, aubergines, chillies and a variety of squashes. In the village we are adding one flower bed - near Gavinburn Gardens and have also adopted Kilpatrick Station through the Scotrail project, so look out for planters up there! We intend to celebrate two historic themes in some of our village planting; in the planters at the shops and Napier Hall we will celebrate 100 years since women got the vote (Suffragette colours of purple, white and green) and dotted against the walls and fences of the village, we hope to have strips of Flanders Poppies to commemorate 100 years since the end of the first World War.

Want to help out? First Saturday of every month starting in April, we will be in and around the village from 10.30am onwards tidying, planting and hoping to get more volunteers. Please look out for the AOK banner and come and introduce yourself - we need more volunteers!



• This seat was refurbished by Action Old Kilpatrick for the people of the village, 2017 •

Eddie Reid has kindly produced plaques for the benches AOK refurbished last year

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

HISTORY & HERITAGE MEMORIES OF OLD KILPATRICK

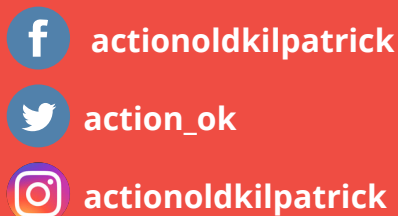
The History & Heritage group are in the final stages of the oral history project. The interviews are complete and the team are currently processing the data into textual quotes for the booklet and sound clips for the audio trails.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the project. What a rich history the village has! We are still looking for old photographs of Old Kilpatrick for the booklet so, if you have any, please email us at info@actionoldkilpatrick.org.uk.



A1934 Dumbarton Road, early 1970s Back of Kirkton and Gavinburn St beyond (courtesy of Clydebank Heritage Centre)

Please visit our social media for more up to date information on our activities and events



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