

AOK had a busy summer which we celebrated with our supporters at the fundraising evening at the end of August. But that doesn't mean it's time to rest! We have many plans for projects in Old Kilpatrick, small and big - more flowers in the village (new spring bulbs!), developing the community field, litter picks, collecting more photos and stories for our oral history project, interesting talks, training opportunities for volunteers and many more.

Next year, we will hold bi-monthly volunteer meetings where you can come and chat about our work or how to get involved with AOK. We always welcome ideas for new projects and we need new volunteers to help us!

Follow us on Facebook for up to date information on our activities and events.

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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REDISCOVERING THE ANTONINE WALL

AOK attended a conference about the Antonine Wall recently and heard about the many great ideas for enhancing awareness of the wall across its full length. In Old Kilpatrick, the wall runs through the community field between Gavinburn school and the A82. This field belongs to the Forestry Commission but AOK has been given the use of it and we are developing ideas for marking the line of the wall in the field and for planting some trees there to make the most of Old Kilpatrick's hugely important Roman connection.

There will also be a distance slab near the bascule bridge provided by the Antonine wall project, which was recently awarded almost £1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to promote the rich history of the wall. The whole project is very exciting and AOK will play its part in making sure Old Kilpatrick gets maximum benefit from it. Watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

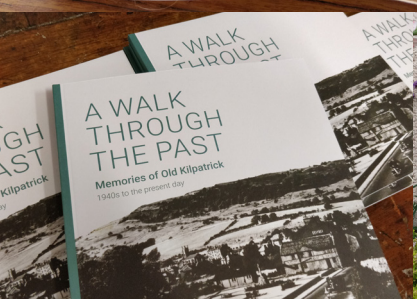
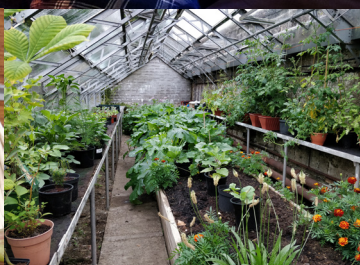
A VILLAGE REMEMBERS

When: Sunday 11 November 2018, 11:30am
Where: Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick
What: commemorating the centenary of the end of WWI with refreshments

DECEMBER

SANTA PARADE & CAROL SINGING

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



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 group and events/meetings.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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.

So, if you have an issue, an idea or want to have a discussion then feel free to come along and see how the first tier of local government works.

The Community Council is for the first time in some years complete. We have an enthusiastic and supportive council determined to encourage and develop initiatives that make Old Kilpatrick a great place to live and socialise.

Over the winter months we hope to put into action our plans to hold a variety of sessions with groups and individuals to encourage involvement in the village. We hope to work in partnership with other organisations to develop our local attractions. We are the village at the end of the Roman Frontier...a village that sits on a UNESCO World Heritage Site!

The Community Council plans to have a memorial event to recognise the end of the First World War: "A Village Remembers" is on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 11.30am in the Napier Hall. All welcome to attend!

OK PLAYGROUP

On Friday 10th August we had a very successful open day to celebrate the launch of our new playgroup garden. The Lord Provost William Hendrie cut the ribbon to mark the official opening and we had a fantastic turn out from our playgroup parents and children, as well as some members of the local community. All those who visited got a chance to explore the new garden and all its wonderment, taking part in some fun outdoor activities; as well as making use of some of the new structures including the outdoor stage, playhouse and mud kitchen.

We have been developing the garden for a year now; it was previously a disused section of green space at the back of the Napier Hall. We managed to create the garden on very little budget and were fortunate enough to receive donations from friends and members of the public varying from plant pots, soil, to woodchips. We regularly visited the reuse centre in Old Kilpatrick, always finding some treasures including our amazing coloured netting that acts like a magical tunnel as you walk through the garden. B&M were fantastic and we are very grateful for being able to purchase our garden needs at reasonably reduced prices. Much of the hard labour was completed by ourselves and some local children.

The garden will be used as an additional learning space for the children. In the design we hope to not only to spark the imagination of the children with our fairy garden, use of bright colours, interesting spaces and lots of free play; but to create a garden that reconnects children to nature.

Old Kilpatrick playgroup runs on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9.30am till 11.30am in the Napier Hall for children aged 2-3 years; we have limited spaces. We also have a mother and toddlers' group, same times, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am till 11.30am, for children from birth till aged 2.

Please contact Julie on our Facebook page (Napier Hall toddlers and playgroup) if you are interested in joining our group.

Old Kilpatrick playgroup garden open day



DEVELOPING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

A new Communities Project Worker, Brian McQuillan has recently started working across West Dunbartonshire to help look at developing Community Transport services.

Community Transport is generally transport developed by local people which is provided on a not-for-profit basis by a charity in direct response to the needs local communities. Services are provided to address the needs of people who have a disability, are less mobile, socially isolated or experience barriers in using public transport.

Part of Brian's role is to recruit volunteer drivers and he would be interested in finding out if there is anyone that could spare 2 or 3 hours a week to help a local charity that provide a community bus service. Anyone interested, or wanting more information, can contact Brian on 01389 737535 or brian.mcquillan@west-dunbarton.gov.uk.



Action Old Kilpatrick adopted the Kilpatrick train station in the summer and are now looking after three planters on both platforms of the station. Huge thanks to Murphy contractors for providing the soil!

1ST OLD KILPATRICK BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY

The summer break is now over and the first meeting of the new session for all sections was on Monday 3 September. We continue to meet in Gavinburn School on Monday nights:

Anchor Boys

Boys from P1 to P3 - 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Junior Section

Boys from P4 to P6 - 6.30pm to 7.45pm

Company Section

Boys from P7 upwards - 7.50pm to 9.30pm

We look forward to welcoming new members, and welcoming back existing members, for the new session with a varied programme of activities being lined up for the boys by the officers. If anyone has an hour or so to spare on a Monday to assist with the Junior Section Boys please contact Company Captain.

Ian Stormonth, Company Captain

Mobile: 07849630377

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Helpers required for our Girls' Brigade Group

- Any gender or age between 18 - 70
- You must hold a current PVG (although we can help organise this)
- You must be sympathetic to Christian values

Contact minister@okbchurch.co.uk to find out more



HISTORY & HERITAGE MEMORIES OF OLD KILPATRICK

The History & Heritage Group have recently celebrated the launch of our oral history project outcomes in the Napier Hall which 60 people attended. It was in March 2017 that AOK was awarded funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake the project and the fruits of our labour are now available for people to see and hear.

Over that time, the volunteers have created a booklet, two audio walks, a leaflet and a new website. The 56-page booklet contains many quotes taken from the 27 interviews we conducted with local individuals including memories of living, playing and working in the village from the 1940s to the present day. In addition, many of the people interviewed were willing to provide the project with historically interesting photographs of the village and its people.

The audio walks consist of sound clips from the oral histories blended together with 'voiceover' sections providing basic directions and historical information. Unlike other more traditional historical experiences, the audio walks provide an immediate and intimate experience of past events. In essence, these walks help bring the past to life. Whilst helping to reinvigorate an interest in the local history and heritage the audio walks also provide the additional health benefit of taking exercise. All you need to experience these walks is a smartphone or mp3 player and a set of headphones, just download them from our website.

The first of the walks is the longest at approximately two miles and takes users on a journey through time and landscape visiting the local school, the former bus depot (and site of the Roman Fort), the Forth & Clyde Canal, the Saltings, the Erskine Bridge and other places of interest. The second walk is shorter and takes users through Lusset Glen and to the High Park before returning to the centre of the village.

All of the digitally recorded interviews and images will now be transferred to West Dunbartonshire Libraries & Cultural Services where they will be securely archived and made available to future researchers of all ages with an interest in the history and heritage of Old Kilpatrick.

A limited number of the free booklets are available from Waterson MacPherson LLP, 181 Dumbarton Rd, Old Kilpatrick, Dalmuir Library and Clydebank Library. To download or access the audio walks and to see and hear images and sounds from the project please visit: www.awalkthroughthepast.org.uk.

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



HORTICULTURE SUMMER GROWING

The main challenge for AOK Horti group this summer was watering - not something we anticipated during the tough winter when temperatures in our unheated greenhouse fell to minus 10 degrees! Volunteers worked hard on 2 watering rotas - one for the greenhouse and one for the village flower beds; a special thanks to all the shop owners and village residents who supported us with water supplies. We are now researching an automatic system for the greenhouse and possibly water butts for the village.

Because of everyone's efforts, after a colourful spring start, then a green blip, the flower beds have bloomed brightly since July. Our suffragette colour scheme at Napier Hall worked well, our poppy strips to commemorate the end of WW1 kind of worked but we sowed a little late and too densely. Our major success has been the building and planting of the raised beds on the platforms of Kilpatrick station; well cared for by two of our volunteers in particular, the pinks and purple blooms of these beds have greatly enhanced arrival by train!

We are still needing more volunteers - you don't have to be an expert, attend meetings or come to all our sessions - just turn up when you feel like it. We have one more maintenance session this year - Saturday, November 3rd (meet 10.30 am at the main shops - we will be going to the greenhouse) and we also hope to have a community bulb planting day in late October - watch out for the posters! Bring good gloves if you're coming - we will supply tools.

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

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