

# Christmas SANTA PARADE AND CAROL SINGING 2019

**WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2019**

**Parade starts 6:30pm from the church hall gardens**

Santa will be taking a different route this year: we will meet in the gardens of the Parish Church Hall and parade across the road around Thistlencuk, then into the Napier Hall.

**All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

We are planning to once again have Santa in the building and have a short programme of entertainment provided by Gavinburn School Choir, Rev Scott McCrum and James McCracken.

This will be the fourth Santa Parade which now seems to have become a tradition and gets bigger each year!

This event is only possible through the goodwill of a number of people who donate, support and assist in a variety of ways.

## HANDSOME AND GRETEL

*A family pantomime coming to the village on 27 December.*

Tickets available every Tuesday and Thursday morning in November at Napier hall, by emailing secretary@oldkilpatrickcc.org.uk, or sending us a message on Facebook.



*This issue of the newsletter was produced jointly by Action Old Kilpatrick (AOK) and Old Kilpatrick Community Council (OKCC) for all residents of the village.*

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

This year we were delighted to receive community support for our efforts to celebrate Christmas in the village. You may recall that due to cost savings by West Dunbartonshire Council it was decided that other than in the main urban areas of the district that no Christmas trees or lights would be displayed.



In response to this, Action Old Kilpatrick decided that we would ask the community to donate baubles in order that we could decorate the trees at what is known as the Christmas Tree Triangle. We are grateful to all those who contributed a bauble!



The trees did look good and we received a lot of positive comments for our efforts plus we made it onto the BBC News!

We negotiated with our Council friends and were donated a lovely little Christmas Tree which would have been great to watch grow year by year. Sadly, this was not to be as our little tree was vandalised during the summer.

This may have been to our advantage as we can now report that we have our very own lights (4 lampposts) and the Napier Hall will be lit too!

Hopefully, although we are starting small, in time, families, businesses and groups may wish to add to this by sponsoring a lamppost.

### Let's Light the Village!



Thanks to Allyson Byrne @ LL&D Lighting (a village business) and to West Dunbartonshire Council for all their support.

We invite you to continue showing us your support by joining us in upcoming events.

## AOK UPDATE

Action Old Kilpatrick consists of volunteers and supporters who want to make Old Kilpatrick a great place to live!

We rely on good will and support from residents, community members and community groups plus the support of West Dunbartonshire Council in particular Ian Bain and Bobby McLeish from Greenspace.

### Fundraisers

Action Old Kilpatrick hosts an annual fundraiser at the local Bowling Club which allows us to subsidise our activities throughout the year.

Last year, we also held a successful Scottish night in January and plan to do so again next year due to popular demand!

### Adopt a Station

We were invited to apply for an award as this year we had adopted the station. Can you imagine our surprise as we were awarded the Bronze Award for being third best in Scotland! Well done to Carolyn, the driving force behind this initiative. She has great plans for next year too!

### Keep Scotland Beautiful

We also entered the "It's your Neighbourhood" award scheme run under the auspices of Keep Scotland Beautiful.



Just last week four members of the group attended the annual presentations and we are absolutely thrilled to report that we received an "Outstanding Award".

***These awards are in recognition of the efforts made not only by our volunteers but also to the many individuals and business's who help with their support/donations through the litter picks, the horticultural group, the Twisted Thistle and the Ettrick for allowing us to hold our meetings, the Bowling Club, the Scouts, the staff at the Napier Hall, Paul Uppal for his support and others.***

***Many thanks on behalf of us all!***

## NEW CONTAINER

It is with great delight that AOK can report that we were gifted a container by Murphy's Contractors for storage use. This means that we have a central point to store our increasing number of garden tools and means that we now have a group HQ. Plans are afoot to decorate the container, have a notice board advertising our activities and where we can welcome new members.

Murphy's have been kind to AOK during their stay in the village and we thank them for their generosity.



## ANTONINE ARBORETUM

The Antonine Arboretum is finally taking shape!

Negotiations are well underway to provide this wonderful new addition to the village. We have taken on board all comments and hope to provide the village with a sustainable and beautiful legacy project.

There are opportunities for all to get involved and join with us in planting a community orchard, viewing areas, a forest school and a viewing point to see the wall delineated with wild flowers.

New links and friendships have been made with the Antonine Guard, the Scottish Canal College and many thanks to Gary at Dear Green Space.

2020 will see West Dunbartonshire Council host an annual conference regarding the Rediscovering the Antonine Wall Project, and we will keep you informed of all details regarding this through our social media.



# OLD KILPATRICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Old Kilpatrick Community Council is a group of residents who are elected at the first level of community democracy. Their role is to be the bridge between the community and the local authority; they have a relationship between public and private bodies to help identify community needs and future ambitions.

In Old Kilpatrick, we have a committee of active participants from a variety of backgrounds who are keen to engage with the community to gather their views on what they like about living in the village, what they dislike about living in the village and what they would like to see in the future!

Over the coming year we are planning a number of events and we would love to hear from all residents about their ideas

Watch out for advertised drop-in sessions and a online questionnaires!

**Please note that we meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Napier Hall;** whilst this is not a public meeting the meeting is open to all and attendance is encouraged.

The Community Council has been striving to encourage social interaction in the village and has throughout the year brought a number of activities to the community.

By doing this we want to nurture a sense of well being allowing us to live in a supportive and inclusive community.

This year we were delighted to bring to the school the "Pop Up" Opera run under the auspices of Scottish Opera. The children who attended loved it! And so did the members of the community who attended!

This December we are bringing for one night only a village pantomime "Handsome & Gretel", brought to us by Theatre Presto, a theatre company based in Glasgow.

Tickets can be purchased at the Napier Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout November or through our Facebook page (adults £6, accompanied children £4).

Plans are underway to host a Community Film Club in the village. Anyone interested in getting involved please get in touch.

## REMEMBRANCE BENCH



The Community Council would like to express their thanks on behalf of the village to the **Dunbartonshire & Argyll Somme Association.**

This local West Dunbartonshire community group have kindly donated a new bench at the War Memorial which is absolutely beautiful. What a perfect addition to the garden surrounding the War Memorial!

This group consists of men who fundraise to commission memorial benches throughout the district.

Thank you for all your effort, we wish your group best wishes and may you continue to remind us of the sacrifices made by others so that we may live.



## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Victory in Europe Day, commonly known as VE Day, is a day celebrating the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on the 8th May 1945.

The Community Council are planning a week of activities around the village culminating in a village party on **Saturday 9th May 2020.**

Friday 8th May 2020 has been designated as a bank holiday to enable us with the opportunity to pay our respects to those who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today.

We are hoping that we can call for assistance:

**Do you have any old photographs or war time artefacts?**

Watch out for more details coming soon.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### BAUBLE SUNDAY

Sunday 1 December 2019, 2pm

Outside Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick  
Bring any spare baubles and join AOK to decorate trees in the village

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Sunday 8 December 2019, 4pm

Outside Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick

### SANTA PARADE & CAROL SINGING

Wednesday 18 December 2019, from 6:30

Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick  
Parade starts at church hall grounds

### HANDSOME AND GRETEL

A family pantomime

Friday 27 December 2019, 7:30pm

Old Kilpatrick Bowling Club  
Tickets: £6/£4 child. On sale every Tuesday and Thursday morning throughout November in Napier Hall, or contact the community council.



*Action Old Kilpatrick and Old Kilpatrick Community Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2020!*

## 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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## REGULAR AOK ACTIVITIES

### MAINTENANCE DAYS

Every first Saturday of the month, AOK volunteers meet at Erskine View and work though the village tidying up flower beds and planters, along with any other work that's required. Volunteers are always needed!

### LITTER PICKS

**Saltings litter pick:** first Sunday of each month, meet at 10am behind Scout hall

**Lusset Glen litter pick:** last Monday of each month, meet at 10am beside Glen Cafe

AOK volunteers took part in the annual community greenhouse cleanup on 9 November, with support from Subsea 7 staff. Huge thanks to everyone who came along to lend a hand; the greenhouse is now ready for next year!



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