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Dear Friends,

This has been a very busy summer, not least because of Anna and Matthew's wedding. It was an amazing privilege that not many people get to be able to conduct my daughter's wedding. It was lovely to have Anna and Matthew's minister, Rev Dr David Gibson sharing in the service with me. As a family we have been overwhelmed by the love and generosity shown to us by both congregations. We were delighted that so many of you turned out to celebrate with us on the day. A big thank you to you all!

I have also been kept busy with an unusually high number of pastoral concerns including bereavements, serious illnesses and various other matters. There are still a number of folk that I have intended visiting but just haven't had the chance. I will attempt to do so in the coming months. I am grateful to elders, care group and others who share in the pastoral work load.

It is so important that Church members use the gifts that God has given them. As well as the pastoral side it is good that other people have taken a part in leading worship. As we start up a new session we do face challenging times. Some of our members are no longer able to make the contribution that they once did to the life of the Church, and they certainly should not feel guilty about that. It is vital that all of us play our part. Pastor and author John McArthur shares the following important lesson he learned:

I learned a vital spiritual lesson while participating in a track meet during my college years. I was running in the 4x400-meter relay at the Orange County Invitational. Our strategy was simple. The first runner, a speedy sprinter, would get as big a lead as possible right out of the starting blocks. My job was merely to run a clean lap without dropping the baton. Our third man and fourth man could make up whatever ground I might lose.

Our first man ran a great leg and made a perfect baton pass. I managed to finish my lap in a tight battle for first place. The third man went around the curve, came halfway down the back stretch, stopped, walked off, and sat down in the grass. The race kept going.

We thought he had pulled a hamstring or twisted an ankle. We all ran across the infield, expecting to find him writhing on the grass or at least wincing in pain. He wasn't. He was sitting passively. We anxiously asked, "What happened? Are you hurt?" He said, "No, I'm OK. I just didn't feel like running."

My teammates and I responded with the same thing: "You can't do that! Do you realise the effort we have all put into training for this? You're not in this by yourself!"

I've thought often about that moment in relation to our duty as believers. We are supposed to take the truth that was handed to us by our ancestors in the Christian faith and run with it—not aimlessly (1 Cor. 9:26), but always pressing on toward the goal (Phil. 3:14)—so we can [hand off the faith](#), intact and uncorrupted, to the next generation.

We have a high calling indeed – everyone of us. May we respond in gratitude and joy so that it is not only our duty but our delight to run for him.

Colin A. Strong

Parish register

Funeral

Mr Kenneth Manderson, 26 Holm Cres, died 20/04/2019, funeral 08/05/2019

Kenneth's parents, Belinda and Bill wish to express their thanks for the flowers, cards and support of neighbours. The sum of £1,300 was raised for Ayrhire Hospice.

Baptism

Grace England 18/8/19



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We have had a few suggestions from some of our regular movie goers and have decided to start off with a famous old black and white film – CASABLANCA. I hope you will all make an effort to come along, and maybe even bring a friend! The dates we have arranged so far for 2019 are as follows:-

SATURDAY, 5th October

SATURDAY, 16th November

SATURDAY, 14th December

All starting at 7pm

There will be a Christmas movie for children of all ages on Sunday, 22nd December probably starting at 2pm but the time will be confirmed later

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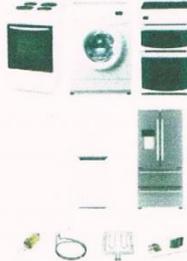
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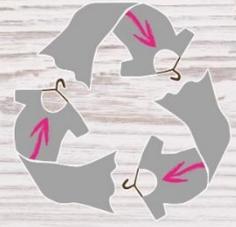
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Great News - Stewarton has a Charity Shop again!!

Following the closure of Ayrshire Cancer Support Charity Shop the volunteers who staffed it have been working hard to re-open our shop in Brown Street, Stewarton and we need your support.

We will be opening on the 14th of September and we need your help.

We need donations and we are looking for volunteers who enjoy meeting people and can help us deliver our vision:-

New 2 You has been formed with an aim to support individuals and build local community. It will be a place where everyone is welcome – so whether you are visiting for the first time or a regular visitor, you can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome whenever we are open.

We are dedicated to and will actively promote inclusion of all sectors of the community and will seek to assist any person regardless of age, disability, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Fundraising: New 2 You will raise money for local charities, chosen by our customers.

Environmental benefits: new resources are not used in the creation of goods and selling second-hand goods prevents them going to landfill. All clothing that cannot be sold will be recycled

Budget shopping: New 2 You will be a dependable source of good quality items at low prices. School uniform, children's and baby clothes will be available for free.

Ethical benefits: reusing goods means outsourced sweatshop labour is not involved in the creation of new stock.

Volunteering opportunities: volunteers can make new friends, help the community and learn new skills.

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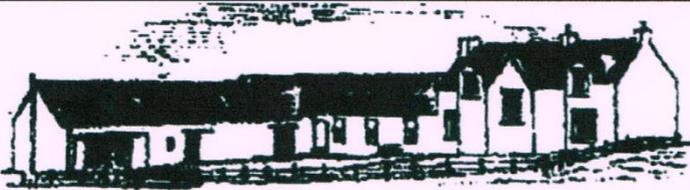
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Refreshments will be provided, there will be a raffle, and a selection of Ugandan Crafts will be on sale.

Pass It On Trust is a charity that supports schools in two communities Shammah PS, in Soroti, Eastern Uganda and Good Hope PS, in Wakiso, Central Uganda. It has offices in Scotland and Uganda.

Both communities' are marginalised and families suffer from varying degrees of rural poverty. Education is not free in Uganda and the schools provide essential education for children who cannot afford state education,

Pass It On Trust Uganda supports the communities in a range of ways. This includes the provision of books, school supplies, furniture and donation. Sponsorship of school; fees by donors ensures that more children can finish their education.

Enterprises include farming, animal husbandry, baking and sewing. Every penny donated is spent on these communities.

Pass It On Trust also supports two women's groups and promotes women's literacy, with the creation of a women's literacy group in Soroti. Through outreach , Pass It On Trust Uganda campaigns to end early child marriage.



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Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.30pm

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At the first meeting we'll be chatting about our holiday reading list which included

The Dry by Jane Harper

The House between Two Tides by Sarah Maine

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez

Meetings 1st Thursday of every month

3rd October 2019	6th February 2020
7th November 2019	5th March 2020
5th December 2019	2nd April 2020
Winter Break	7th May 2020
	4th June 2020

For more information please call Susan on 01560 485439 or Janette on 01560 600540

Fenwick Bowling Club

The season is almost at an end. The ladies close on Wednesday, 18th September and the gents on Saturday, 21st.

There have been a variety of games played, some friendlies with neighbouring clubs and others within bowling associations. Also a number of games at weekends, by invitation, where some of the ladies teams have enjoyed success. 2 ladies teams came home with a cup and others just missed out.

2 ladies triples had success in Ayrshire and West of Scotland competitions. Carole Mills, Rosemary Hope and Marilyn Morton (skip) won the West of Scotland Charity game and Catherine McInnes, Jean Murdoch and Marilyn Morton (skip) won the Ayrshire triples.

The gents had a new competition at the club for Gents Senior Triples. 4 Fenwick teams played in the semi-final and the winners were Gavin Murray, Allan Blair and Tom Paterson (skip), with runners-up George McGavin, Roy Rutherford and John Logan (skip).

Fenwick Church Guild

The new season starts on the 24th September with our Friendship Evening with the entertainment provided by our Alistair's friends,

Before that we will have our "Victorian Afternoon Tea" to raise money for the various charities we support, on Sunday 8th September 2-4pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are almost sold out but if you wish to join us please phone Enid 01560 482468 or Irene 01560 600520

FENWICK GARDEN CLUB

We hope you have all had a good summer so far, still a few gardening months to enjoy.

The 2019/ 2020 Session got off to a good start on 15 August 2019 when the Flower and Produce Show was judged by Douglas Boatman, owner of Scotplants. Results of the Show as follows:

- Single Bloom
1st Julie Stevenson 2nd Katy Oldroyd 3rd Irene Couper
- Floral Arrangement
1st Katy Oldroyd 2nd Irene Couper 3rd Pat Parkin
- Bunch of Garden Flowers
1st Fiona McLean 2nd Anne Naismith 3rd Doreen Prince
- Below Ground Vegetables
1st Doreen Prince 2nd n/a 3rd n/a
- Above Ground Vegetables
1st Sheena Greer
Flannigan 2nd Katy Oldroyd 3rd Catherine
- Fruit
1st Tricia Woodward 2nd n/a 3rd n/a
- Indoor Summer Flowering Plant
1st Kim Donald 2nd Caroline Craufurd 3rd John Logan

On Sunday 07 July, two Fenwick gardens, both on Waterslap, one owned by Graham and Elaine Stott and the other by Kim Donald were opened; between them they raised an astonishing £2,900. It was a marvellous day topped off by glorious weather with a slight breeze making for midge-free, relaxed enjoyment. Proceeds of the day went to The Brain Tumour Charity and beneficiaries of Scotland's Gardens Scheme. Our thanks go to all those who contributed to help make the event a resounding success.

We have a wide and varied number of speakers lined up for the 2019/ 2020 Session, most of whom will be giving some practical information as part of their presentation.

If you would like further information, please contact any of the Club Officers listed below:

- Anne Naismith 07860 172699 anne.naismith@btinternet.com
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Fenwick Community Council

Fenwick Community Council held their last meeting before the summer recess on Tuesday 18th June. The Community Council welcomed Cllr. Freel, Cllr Jenkins and five members of the public to the meeting.

Police Officer Mark McCabe attended and reported an incident of assault with one apprehension and an incident of theft of fuel from an unattended digger. Our Locality Policing Team are based in Stewarton and look after Stewarton, Kilmaurs, Fenwick, Dunlop and Lugton. The team members are Sgt. Roy Williams, PC Mark McCabe, PC Tom Campbell and PC Katie Ferguson and they are led by Inspector Kate Currie. You can get in touch with them by phoning 101. The Community Council meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the John Fulton Hall at 7.30pm and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September. The current members of the Community Council are Anita Cox, Margaret Kirkwood, Nick Lobnitz (Chair), Lorna Loudon (Vice-Chair), Johnathan Giddings Reid, Angus Rodger, Janice Ronald (Treasurer), Ingrid Sampson, Jim Speirs and Irene Wilson (Secretary). Maryann Dempsey and Peter Steel will join as co-opted members in September. Our meetings are public and we very much welcome input from the local community. Please make use of us, we are here to help.

Fenwick Community Action Plan

Thanks to everyone who attended the voting event or voted online. We had a great response with high levels of participation from across the village. We are now building your priorities into a document which will set out the plan for the next few years.

To bring the document to life, we are looking for photos which represent the character and spirit of the village to build into the document. If you have any that you would like to share, please email them to Peter Steel, peterjohnsteel1@gmail.com.

Thank you in anticipation.

Light up Fenwick

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall on Gala Day. We raised the amazing sum of £890 which will go towards the ongoing maintenance of our Christmas lights and our annual switch-on event. Following community feedback, this year we plan to light up a further four lamp posts on Stewarton Road allowing us to better mark the entrance to High Fenwick. We are also delighted to say that Scottish Woodlands have again kindly agreed to donate the large tree for the top of the village and we are very grateful to Allan Johnston for his assistance with this. The switch-on event will be held on 30th November with the lantern parade leaving from the Church Hall and post switch-on refreshments in the Fulton Hall. Please note the date in your diary.

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FENWICK GARDEN CLUB

Finally, after months of plotting and planning on the QT - the secret is out!!

On Thursday 07 November 2019, in the Church Hall, we will have our very own version of Gardeners' Question Time. The Panel of Experts will consist of Jim McColl – retired co-presenter of Beechgrove Garden, Alan Burns – Spott Nursery Stewarton and Brian Young – Holmes Farm Plants.

This event will only work if we have valid, interesting garden-related questions for the Panel, so please get your thinking caps on and help to make this a great success. If at all possible, bring your delinquent plant(s) along with you – it's for their own good!

This will be a ticketed event and the doors will open at 6.00pm. Ticket price is £15.00. Obviously, due to the size of the hall, there will be a limited number of seats so get your order in early. A maximum of two tickets per applicant can be accommodated at this time.

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Unfortunately, the weather beat Fenwick Farmers' Society Annual Show again. Heavy overnight rain made the ground conditions unsafe and the decision was made to cancel on the morning of the Show. It was not only very disappointing for the Committee, as the field was all set up, but also for our exhibitors and standholders and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and consideration. We were able to relocate the Industrial classes to the Church Hall where there was a lovely show of items with Jean Drummond, Bankhead, Darvel, winning the Sarah Gardner Trophy in the individual classes and Gilmourton SWI lifting the Foursome Trophy for the winning team competition. Teas and coffees were available and the Show raffle was drawn by Susan McFadzean. The Dog Show relocated to the Fulton Hall where there was an excellent turnout and a lot of fun was had by all. We very much appreciated having the use of facilities at Morris Equestrian Centre on Sunday 4 August to run the Light Horse Showing and Jumping classes and although it was a wet start, the day dried up and we had a lovely sunny afternoon.

Fenwick SWI:

The first meeting of the new session will be on September 12 with a Chocolate Work demonstration by Fiona Moffat. The competitions are: points – a single bloom; and prize – something beginning with 'O'. This will be an open meeting and President Margaret Dykes and the Committee would be delighted to welcome anyone interested in coming along. We have a varied syllabus and hope that we will see some new faces at some time over the year – you are assured of a warm welcome, a cup of tea (or coffee) and an enjoyable night out.



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The Fulton Club starts up again on Wednesday 4th September in the Paton Room of the Church Hall. All over-60's are welcome to join us for the afternoon for a game of Bingo, or Beetle, some music or just a chat over a cup of tea or coffee

If you are new to the village, why not come and make some new friends? If you would like any more information, please phone me on 01560 600520

Irene Couper

THE DROP-IN CAFÉ

The last Drop-in Café of this season will be on Thursday 12th September, at 2pm in the Church Hall. At the last meeting we will hand over the cheques to your chosen charities.

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Sheena Greer and Irene Couper



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Moscow SWI

Moscow SWI starts the 2019-20 session back in the Hogg Hall, Galston, at 7.30 pm on Monday 2nd September and we look forward to seeing you there.

Leanne Cairns will be giving a talk on fascinators. Leanne makes the fascinators and her business is in The Portland, Galston. The competitions will be:- favourite hat and an article beginning with "U".

On Monday 9th September we will be having our annual coffee evening, with proceeds going to Guide Dogs for the Blind. This is at Fenwick Church Hall, 7-9 pm.

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HALL BOOKING: SEPTEMBER 2019 *

DAY/DATE	HALL	TIME	EVENT
Sundays: All 8	Both Both	10.15 – 12noon 2 – 4pm	Junior Church/Creche Guild Victorian Tea
Mondays: ALL (TBC) 2 9 ALL	Guthrie Paton Both Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am 2.30 – 4pm 6 – 9pm 6.30 – 8.30pm	Mothers & Toddlers Craft Café Moscow WI Coffee Evening Yogabellies for Pregnancy
Tuesdays: 3, 10, 17 24	Guthrie Both	6 – 8.30pm 6 – 10pm	Weight Watchers Guild Opening Social
Wednesdays: All All 4 11	Guthrie Paton/Guthrie Paton Paton/Upper	10am – 12noon 5.30 – 8pm 2 – 4pm 7 – 9pm	Badminton Rainbows & Brownies Fulton Club School Parent Council
Thursdays: All 5 5, 12 5 12 19	Guthrie Upper room Guthrie Paton Both Guthrie	9.30 – 11.30am 7.30 - 10pm 1 – 4pm 7.30 – 10pm 6 – 10pm 7.30 – 10pm	Mothers & Toddlers Book Group Drop-in Cafe Fenwick WI Committee Fenwick WI Garden Club
Fridays: All 13 (TBC)	Guthrie Guthrie	6.30 – 8.45pm 10.30 – 3.30	BB Quilting Class
Saturdays: 28	Both	10am – 12noon	MacMillan Coffee Morning (TBC)

* - at 18.08.18; bookings taken after this date not shown.

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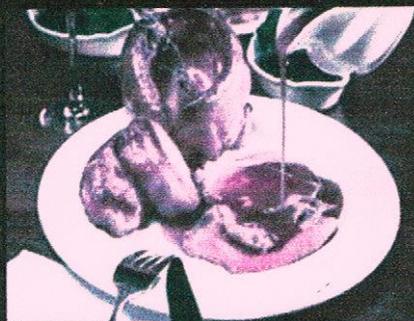
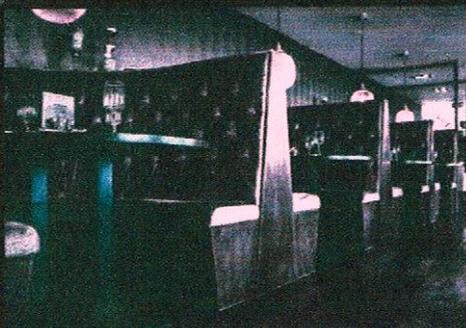
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