



Welcome to
MENSTRIE

MATTERS

**SUMMER
2020**

Inside this issue:
Having fun despite the
lockdown,
Brightening up the village,
Nursery leavers and much
more...

Who says lockdown can't be fun?

Despite the pandemic curtailing some of our main events, most notably the Gala Day, there's still been loads happening in the village. Our events team have been busy this year with the 'Summer of Fun' programme, with a whole range of activities taking place. Have a look around the village, you're sure to see loads of exciting things...



BUGS LIFE TRAIL



Have you had a walk along the Middle Path yet? Head up the hill next to the trim trail woodland adventure area and you will find it. It's a great place for a picnic, bug hunt or even a tree swing!

BUILD A SCARECROW

FAIRY KINGDOM



BUGS LIFE HOTEL



FROG POND



Reopening of Menstrie Castle

We had hoped to have the Castle opened by now but due to the Covid pandemic, the decorative work has not been possible. We will keep you updated on the refurbishment activities as plans allow.



What's Been Happening?

Covid-19 has proved to be a testing time for all. During lockdown your Community Council has implemented and produced over 2100 hand delivered food parcels to our elderly and self isolating in our village.

Special thanks to all donators, funders, businesses and, of course, our hardy volunteers for making all this possible.



Les & Stan helping with deliveries



Remembrance

With thanks to our Piper at 3pm this was streamed live to our social media pages and seen worldwide



All 197 Menstrie Primary school children receive a VE Day Medal, Hand Flag and a Covid-19 Time Capsule

Flooding!



Community Gardens now open - with social distancing in mind!

Menstrie Nursery 2020 Leavers



Good Luck in Primary One!

What's Coming Up?

While Our Dumyat Centre has been closed, the Menstrie Community Action Group have been working hard preparing re-opening plans and looking forward to welcoming back Centre users on a phased basis as circumstances and guidance allow.

In the meantime, with support from organisations including the EDF Burnfoot Community Fund, Clackmannanshire Council Community Fund, the Robertson Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, CSET, Scotmid Community Fund and the National Lottery we are responding to our community survey and will be implementing a number of internal and external Centre upgrades in the coming months.

We will also continue to work with the Community Council for village assistance in relation to COVID-19 with support from the National Lottery and Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund.



We will be planning an event of some kind for Nova Scotia Day on Friday 11th September. We will post on Menstrie Legends as plans are finalised.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Les Sharp, lesdsharp@gmail.com



We're always working on ways to improve the village. Currently we're looking at getting a multi-use games arena (we're the only village in the county without one), improving the paths and walk ways and further upgrading of the cycle network.



September - Tartan Walk

This raises money each year towards the Christmas lights fund. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information on how to get involved.

Menstrie Needs You!

Some people volunteer as a means of giving back to the community they live in. Others have skills or knowledge which they know could be put to valuable use in a volunteer context.

Many people simply want to do something different and treat volunteering as a chance to try their hand at something new. Not only does volunteering keep them active, it brings them into contact with people from all walks of life, people they might not otherwise meet. Volunteering can add to existing skills which transfer into the workplace.

What all volunteers share however, is the knowledge that what they choose to give in time and effort, be it 5 minutes or 5 hours, helps contribute to making the world around them a better place to live.



**Everyone
has something
they can offer to
the community.
What can you
give?**

Your Community Council

Community councils are local voluntary organisations with a difference - they have a right to exist under the law and a right to be consulted on planning issues. BUT the Community Council is a non political organisation, indeed political matters are not discussed as part of its business.

So What does your CC do?

- Bridge the gap between local authorities and communities by representing local views
- Undertake projects that benefit and improve our Menstrie - Gala & fete week, Duck race, festive lights & community gardens, manage funds on behalf of EDF community grants
- Campaign on local issues

Becoming a Community Councillor simply means getting involved with your community and generally spending a little time on things that matter to people in the village.

We also work closely with other Community Groups such as:

Menstrie Community Action Group (Operate Dumyat Centre)

Menstrie Community Resilience Group (Warn & assist during flooding)

Menstrie Events Team (Responsible for many events, including the annual Gala & Duck Race)

You don't have to take on a specific role to be involved, all members play an important part by thinking and planning creatively about what we can do together and improve the lives and living spaces of our local citizens

To talk to us about coming aboard, please contact us.



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Menstrie Community Council

**Community
Council elections
are proposed for this
September, application
and nomination forms
will be available mid
August**

We're Looking for Old Photos of Menstrie

We are on the look out for any old photos of Menstrie's past events for next year's Gala week, please get searching...



We're Here To Help

If you require any assistance, whether it be help with shopping, prescriptions or anything else, please don't suffer in silence, Menstrie Community Council is here to help. There are many ways to get in touch:



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Useful Local Numbers

Alva Doctors	01259 760331
Scotmid free home delivery	01259 761322
Holm Pharm Chemist	01259 760389
Clacks Council Helpline:	01259 450 000
Citizens Advice:	01259 219404
Police	101

National Helplines

NHS Contact	111
Coronavirus Helpline	0800 028 2816
Age Scotland Contact	0800 12 44 222
Alzheimer's & Dementia Helpline	0808 808 3000
Helpline for the Elderly	0800 12 44 222
Rape Crisis Scotland	08088 010302
Domestic Abuse Helpline	0800 0271234
Mental Health Helpline	0800 83 85 87