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WELCOME TO OUR WINTER EDITION!

And just like that, we're approaching the end of another year. The colder nights are well and truly here, the Christmas lights are going up and the festive period is just around the corner. It's been another busy year in Stewarton, and we'd like to thank everyone in the community who continues to read and support The Stewarton Review, as well as all the brilliant local businesses that make the magazine possible. We hope you get the chance to relax after a busy 2026 and enjoy some quality time with family and friends over Christmas. Thanks for being part of another great year for The Review, and we hope you enjoy this festive edition.

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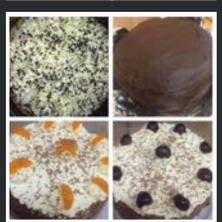
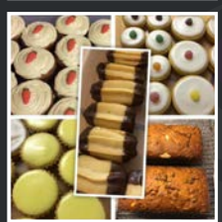
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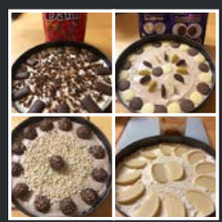
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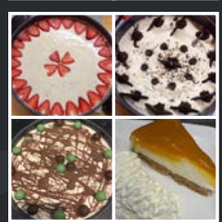
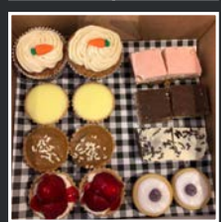
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Torchlight Parade, Bonfire and Fireworks 2026



Please donate to Stewarton Bonnet Guild, simply scan this QR code.

Stewarton Bonnet Guild will stage the popular Torchlight Parade, bonfire and fireworks once again this year, on Wednesday 30th December 2026. Led by Kilbarchan Pipe Band, the parade will start promptly at 7pm from Torrance's Garage on High Street in Stewarton and then head through Main Street, and Lainshaw Street, before entering David Dale Avenue into Lainshaw Woods. Once in the open area of the woods a bonfire will be lit, with musical entertainment from Gavin Wallace and a professional display staged by "Midnight Storm" - Scotland's largest firework display company.



Torches will be available to purchase from the Stewarton Community Hub at Stewarton Cross on Tuesday 29th December (10-4pm) and Wednesday 30th December (10-3pm). Any unsold torches will then be available for sale at the start point at Torrance Garage from 6pm until 6.45pm. Get there early to avoid the rush as the parade will leave at 7pm prompt. Please note there are a limited number of torches so don't delay or you may miss out!! Please do not bring your own sparklers to the event – they will be removed or you will be asked to extinguish them.

For the safety of those attending and event organisers, a temporary road closure will be in place between 6-9pm on the night of the 30th December after Old Mill View from Torrance Garage on High Street to the David Dale Avenue junction with the A735 Kilmarnock Road. Further details will be available at www.tellmescotland.gov.uk nearer the time. Anyone with additional support or accessibility needs should get in touch with Pat McFadden asap on **07809 888729** for advice on suitable arrangements including parking and hard-standing area.

The Bonnet Guild would like to thank all advisors, supporters and sponsors for their continued support and look forward to providing the town's children and adults with a magical, free night to remember!

Additional volunteers are currently sought to support the event, so if you can spare a few hours from 6pm on the 30th December please get in touch with the Bonnet Guild Facebook page or contact Pat McFadden asap on **07809 888729**. Full details will be given to all volunteers at a short briefing meeting.

Volunteer photographers are also sought to capture the spectacle of the parade and display! Please message the Bonnet Guild Facebook page if you can help!

As before there is no entry fee to take part in the event, but participants are encouraged to give a discretionary donation to support the event by scanning a Bonnet Guild QR code - which is active now! Donation buckets will also be available on the evening for those who prefer to use cash. Please give generously – all money raised will be ploughed into meeting future event costs. Keep a close eye on the Bonnet Guild's Facebook page for further updates, guidance and announcements **www.facebook.com/bonnetguild**. Here's to a great night!



Safety notice: Participants must listen carefully to all advice given by Police Scotland and guidance from Bonnet Guild marshals - they are helping you to remain safe from injury during the course of the event however each individual participates at their own risk. Please think and act safely at all times during the parade and within Lainshaw Woods. Stewarton Bonnet Guild cannot accept responsibility for any injuries from participating in the event, nor the loss or damage to any personal belongings. Attendees are reminded to wear old clothes, footwear (boots or wellies probably best) and nothing flyaway or flammable. You must take personal responsibility for your torch and its safe use. Keep a safe distance between you and those around you. The torches are open flames, and stray embers can escape from them – be aware of where embers land and understand that some torches will burn quicker than others. Melting wax can be hot and can also mark clothing - please use the protective shield issued with your torch and wear old clothes. Buckets filled with water will be placed along both sides of the route for you to extinguish your torch should you feel the need to, and all torches must be extinguished in the large drums provided before entering the woods.

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For 29 years, Lainshaw Lions has been part of the Stewarton community, supporting local children and families with caring, enjoyable and inclusive out-of-school childcare. We are proud of the friendships we have built, the families we have supported and the memories children have made with us over the years.

We know how important it is for parents and carers to find childcare where their children feel safe, happy and valued. At Lainshaw Lions, we want every child to walk through our doors feeling welcome, ready to play, make friends and enjoy new experiences.

We provide childcare for school-age children from Primary 1 to Primary 7, offering breakfast club, after-school care and all-day holiday care.

We currently have spaces available



Breakfast Club – 7am - 9am

All our Breakfast Club spaces are currently available. We provide a warm and friendly start to the day, with a healthy breakfast to help children get ready for school. Children have time to settle in, chat with friends and enjoy a relaxed start to their morning while parents and carers get on with their day.

After-School Club – 3pm - 6pm

We currently have spaces available on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. After a busy day at school, children can relax, enjoy a healthy snack, take part in fun activities and spend time with friends in a supportive environment. From creative play and games to group activities and opportunities to explore their interests, we aim to make every afternoon enjoyable.

Lainshaw Lions SCIO

Holiday Care – 7.30am- 5.30pm

Our all-day holiday care keeps the fun going when school is out. Children can enjoy creative activities, games, play opportunities and trips and outings that help them discover new places, try different experiences and make wonderful memories.

If you are looking for childcare for your child, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch to find out more about our available spaces and how to register your interest.



More than just childcare

At Lainshaw Lions, we believe childhood should be full of fun, friendship, discovery and opportunities to grow. We want children to feel that they belong, that their ideas matter and that they can be themselves.

Children's voices are at the heart of our everyday practice. We listen to their thoughts, interests and suggestions and use them when planning activities and experiences. By involving children in decisions that affect them, we encourage confidence, independence, respect and a real sense of belonging.

Inclusion, respect, responsibility, children's rights and learning through play guide everything we do. We welcome children from all backgrounds and aim to ensure every child feels listened to, supported and valued.

Our holiday programme also gives children opportunities to experience more of the world around them through trips, outings and activities beyond our usual setting. We organise fundraising events and work with local organisations to bring people together, strengthen community connections and create exciting opportunities for children and families.

Supporting our families and our community

We are proud to have been part of Stewarton for 29 years, and our connections with local families, schools and organisations remain an important part of who we are.

We work closely with local schools, community groups and relevant services to support children and families with their individual needs. Where appropriate, we help families find information and signpost them to organisations and services that may offer additional advice, assistance or support.

We believe that working together makes a real difference. By building positive relationships and sharing a commitment to children's wellbeing, we can help families feel supported and connected to their local community.

Looking towards the future

Over the past couple of years, Lainshaw Lions has become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), marking an exciting new chapter for our service. We have a dedicated committee helping guide our organisation and develop plans for the future.

We are always happy to hear from people who would like to join our committee and bring new skills, ideas and enthusiasm to help Lainshaw Lions continue to grow. You do not need a childcare background; a passion for supporting local children and families is a wonderful place to start.

After 29 years, our commitment remains the same: to provide a caring, welcoming place where children can play, learn, build friendships and make memories.

Come and be part of the Lainshaw Lions family

Whether you are looking for childcare, interested in joining our committee or would like to explore working with us as a local organisation, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Lainshaw Lions SCIO today

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Breakfast Club: 7am–9am - Spaces available

After-School Club: 3pm - 6pm - Spaces available Monday, Thursday and Friday

Holiday Care: 7.30am - 5.30pm

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Three awards. Two nights. One shared ambition.

Recognition in Glasgow and Ayrshire marks a proud milestone for The Solutions on Demand Group, with Geco Connect at the heart of its innovation story.

October brought a remarkable double celebration for The Solutions on Demand Group. At the Glasgow Business Awards 2026, the team received both **Innovation in Business** and **Best Performing Small-Medium Business**, recognising its creativity alongside its wider business performance.

The following evening brought another success: the **Digital Innovation Award** at the **Ayrshire Business Awards**. Three awards across two nights made this a particularly memorable moment for the team, with Geco Connect central to the innovation entries.

Behind those celebrations lies a story of listening, collaboration and a determination to build technology that makes a practical difference.

Innovation Shaped by the People Who Use It

Geco began with conversations about the challenges facing care and education professionals. Information spread across different systems. Repeated recording. Hours spent gathering material for reports. Valuable knowledge about a child's life that could be difficult to bring together when it mattered most.

Working alongside organisations in the sector, the team set out to create a more connected approach.

Today, Geco brings care, education, wellbeing and safeguarding information together, helping professionals build a clearer picture of each young person's journey. Its development continues to be shaped by the people using it, with their experience informing how the platform evolves.

That collaboration gives these awards particular meaning. Every conversation, piece of feedback and shared challenge has helped turn an idea into something professionals can use in their daily work.



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A Shared Achievement

The recognition belongs to people across The SOD Group, whose combined expertise has supported Geco's development, and to the early adopters who placed their trust in the platform.

St Philip's, Stepdown, Harmeny and Rossie have each contributed to that journey. Their willingness to challenge, collaborate and share their experience has helped the team understand what useful innovation looks like in practice.

The Knowledge Transfer Partnership with the University of Strathclyde adds another important dimension, bringing academic insight into the platform's continuing development.

For a business rooted in Stewarton, recognition in Ayrshire carries a particular sense of pride. The Glasgow awards also reflect the ambition and collective effort of a team supporting customers across Scotland and beyond.





Looking Towards The Next Chapter

These awards give us a moment to celebrate the progress made and thank the people who have helped make it possible.

They also strengthen our determination to keep improving.

Geco's ambition remains focused on helping professionals spend less time bringing information together and more time using it to support children and young people. As the platform develops, that means continuing to listen, strengthening collaboration and keeping the child's voice at the heart of the journey.

The trophies mark a milestone. The work continues in the homes, classrooms and teams where Geco is used every day.

Our ambition is to turn innovation into more time for care, clearer understanding and better support for every young person.



Melissa takes on the Arctic Adventure Challenge for SAMH



In March 2027, Melissa Hart from Stewarton will embark on the biggest challenge she has ever done to raise money for the mental health charity SAMH, Scottish Action for Mental Health.

Over five gruelling days, she will be pushed to her limits trekking across rural Finland in temperatures as low as -20 degrees C. The challenge includes cross-country skiing, snowshoe treks; building igloos; husky sledding and generally trying to survive the arctic wilderness.

This challenge won't just be physically demanding but also mentally. Melissa's enthusiasm to raise money and awareness for mental health charities such as SAMH comes from her own personal experiences of mental health as well as the wider issue across the sector she works within - the construction industry.

One of the most shocking statistics currently faced across the UK is 2 construction workers take their own lives every working day. That could be someone's dad, brother, uncle, sister or pal. We urgently need to address this widespread issue and support charities such as SAMH to provide the services and facilities which are accessible to everyone.

Melissa has a target to raise a minimum £3700 before heading over to Finland and will be finding creative ways to raise funds – look out for her selling various crafts such as baking, jewellery and artwork (she is an active member of Stewarton Art and Chat group).

Please visit her fundraising page here (https://www.justgiving.com/page/melissa-artic-adventure-samh) or via the QR code. If there are any local businesses who would be interested in supporting Melissa towards her goal, she would love to hear from you. Please get in touch by sending an email to melissahart521@gmail.com.

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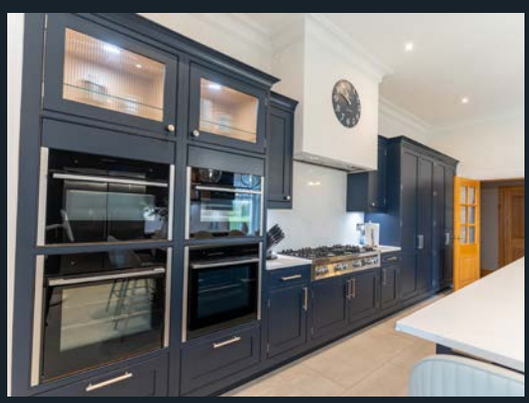
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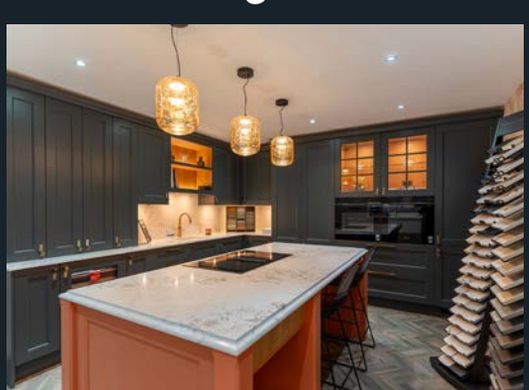
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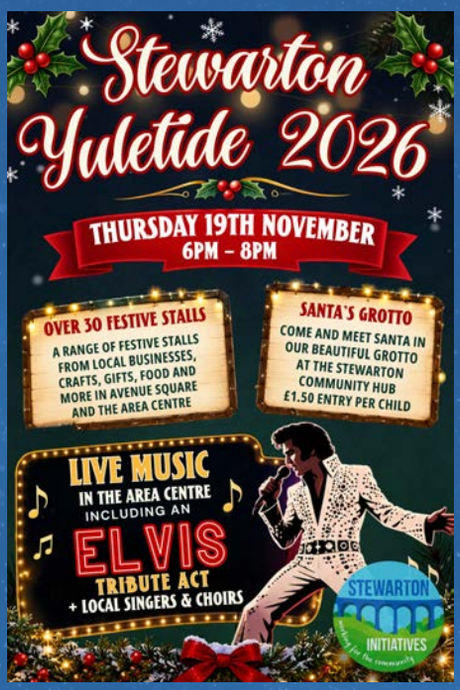
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Save the date for the biggest and best Stewarton Yuletide night yet!

The Stewarton community is being invited to get into the Christmas spirit as the town's annual Yuletide returns bigger and better than ever before.



Keep the date in your diary for a night of Christmas shopping and entertainment in Avenue Square and around the town.

This year's Yuletide, organised by Stewarton Initiatives will take place on Thursday 19th November from 6pm to 8pm in Avenue Square.

Residents are invited to pop down and browse the stalls on offer, as well as support local businesses who will remain open in the town centre.

This year, Yuletide is even bigger with up to 20 stalls inside the Area Centre adjacent to Avenue Square.



Make sure to pop in and support all the businesses who have taken their time to make Yuletide another success.

We are also delighted to confirm that we will have a host of live music inside the Area Centre for the community to enjoy.

From 6pm to 7pm, Joan's Angels and other talented Stewarton singers will take to the stage to get Yuletide started with a bang.

From 7pm to 8pm, we are delighted to confirm that one of Scotland's best Elvis tribute acts will take to the stage.

John Reid has performed across Europe and the United States, including in Memphis during Elvis Week for over nine years.

Earlier this year, he performed at Dumfries House for His Majesty King Charles III and comedian Alan Carr for a Disney+ TV programme.

This broad spectrum of live music is sure to add another layer of excitement to this year's Yuletide evening.



The highly-anticipated Santa's Grotto is also set to return inside the Stewarton Community Hub this year.

Santa will be in his wonderful grotto from 6pm-8pm on the night with youngsters able to chat to him and get a special present for £1.50 per child.



Revellers will also be able to take in the Christmas lights throughout the town centre and the fantastic Christmas tree at the cross, both paid for by Stewarton Initiatives.





Stewarton Initiatives would love to see the community turn out in force to support our local businesses and get into the festive spirit on the night.

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Update from Kilmaurs Photographic Club

The autumn session of the Club is well underway. Our first competition of the year was the Quig Quaich. In this, participants had to submit two photographs from three out of six categories (that is six images in total). These images had to be taken over the summer months. This year's categories were: Landmarks; Puddles; Sport; Solitude; Distortion; and Macro (close up). Some of the entries in each of these categories are attached. These were taken by Alan Stewart, Jim Stevenson, John Sommerville, Jim Muir, Drew Wilson and Val Johnson.

This competition is always great fun and encourages members to photograph subjects which they may not have tried before. Bob Quig, who is an Honorary Member of the club, judges the entries and always gives valuable advice on how each of the images might have been improved. It is a great way to learn how to improve your photography.

The winner of the Quig Quaich this year was Alan Stewart. Two points behind were Jim Stevenson and John Sommerville, with Jim Muir one further point adrift.

The Club is always keen to welcome new members, or any visitors, with an interest in photography.

Whether you are a beginner, an improver, or an expert; or someone who simply wishes to improve their photographic techniques and get the most from their camera, why not come along to Kilmaurs Photographic Club and see what we are doing?

The club meets once a week in Kilmaurs Masonic Lodge Halls (KA3 2RQ), on a Monday evening at 7.30pm. We have a varied programme including tuition and advice, and pride ourselves on being friendly, welcoming, instructive, and challenging. You are welcome to come along without any commitment to join.



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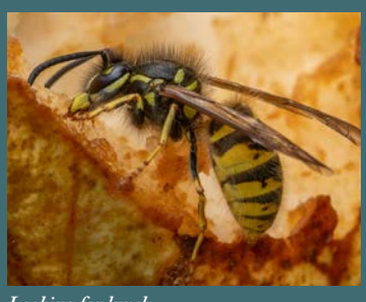
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Stewarton Art and Chat



Stewarton Art and Chat continues to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for local amateur artists to explore their creativity, share ideas and develop their skills. The group meets every Wednesday evening at Stewarton Academy, from 7pm to 9pm during term time, welcoming artists of all ages, abilities and artistic styles.



To further inspire members, the group has recently welcomed guest tutors Lesley Herd Art and Neil Crammond Fine Artist, who have shared their knowledge and expertise. Members look forward to welcoming more artists to lead sessions and share their experience throughout 2027.

Supporting Our Local Woodlands

Stewarton Art and Chat has joined forces with Stewarton Woodlands Action Trust (SWAT) to produce a beautiful 2027 calendar featuring artwork created by group members. The calendars, along with the original paintings featured in them, are currently available to purchase at The Cup and Saucer Tearoom and will also be on sale at Yuletide. All proceeds from the sale of the paintings will go to SWAT, helping to support its valuable work in the local community.



Exhibiting Locally

The group is pleased to announce that paintings will be on display at Stewarton Medical Practice, providing another opportunity for the community to enjoy and purchase members' work.

Members are also delighted to be exhibiting at Crosshouse Hospital from 12 December 2026 to 19 February 2027, followed by our annual exhibition at Dunlop Conservatory, running from 5 March 2027 to 14 April 2027.



Stewarton Art and Chat is always keen to find new opportunities to showcase local talent and would love to hear from locals or businesses with suitable space to display members' artwork.

Come Along and Join Us

To keep up to date with the group's activities, exhibitions and events, follow the Stewarton Art and Chat Facebook page.



Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend their first session free of charge. Subsequent sessions cost £30 for a block of five visits or £7 for individual attendance.

Whether you are a complete beginner or have been painting for years, Stewarton Art and Chat offers a friendly place to be creative, learn from others and enjoy the companionship of fellow art enthusiasts.

For further information, please get in touch through the group's Facebook page.



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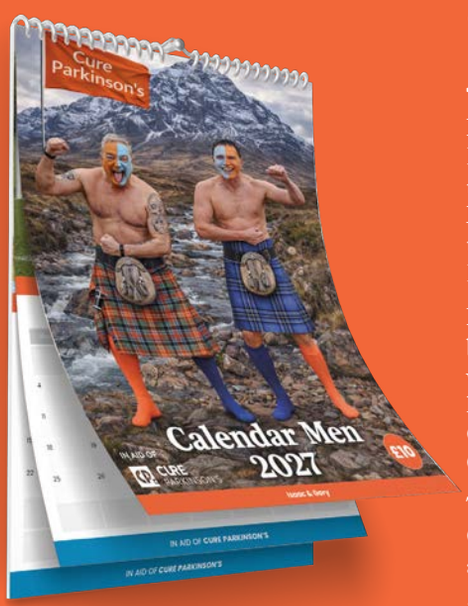
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Joan Scott - Fundraising Update





My ladies Charity Day on Sunday 11th October at The Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, was a great success, with at least 340 women coming along. We raised an amazing amount (£12,058) in aid of Cure Parkinson's. (Total raised included, Ladies Day, Charity Calendar & Donations).

I would like to thank all the women who came along, my community Pop choir (Joan's Angels), John Reid (Elvis) and a special thanks to Gordon manager at The Park Hotel, for all his help again, also a big thanks to family, friends and clients for all the raffle prizes and donations, my help on the day, Wendy, Marie, Donna, Linda, Gemma, Michelle, Pamela, Margaret, Lorna, Fiona and Sarah. I am extremely thankful to all the businesses who gave raffle prizes from Stewarton, Dunlop, Fenwick, Kilmaurs, Kilmarnock, Irvine, Glasgow and Newton Mearns.

I also organised a charity calendar (Taps Aff) in aid of Cure Parkinson's, with guys from local businesses and guys living with the condition (Big thanks to all brave enough to take part), to date we have sold over 325 copies (amazing!), with the remaining copies still on sale within Joan Scott hairdressing (Stewarton), The Park hotel (Kilmarnock) & Small Talk Cafe (Irvine), don't miss out. Of course this calendar was only possible with the kindness of Martin Boyle from SOD-IT and Colin Crawford as well, along with Jacquie Sweeney (photographer).

Thank You to everyone who has had their part to play in helping to raise money for the Cure Parkinson's Charity, hopefully we can help find a cure, for a condition my husband (Gary) was diagnosed with at the age of 50.

Thank You
Love Joan Scott


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Sara Smith
Community & Events Officer at Cure Parkinson's

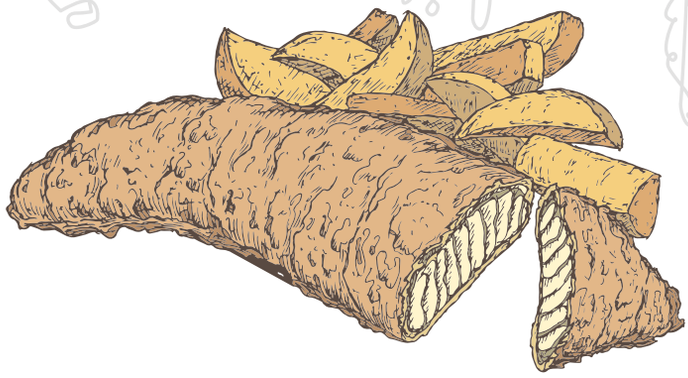




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Rory McKinna - 2026 Winter Review

Another year, another winter, and another chance to report on the sailing season!

With my dissertation taking priority, I didn't get on the water until early May, even finishing my research poster from the back of my van at Rhu Marina!

My season began with the French Hansa Nationals on Lac de l'Ailette, sailing both 303 Singles and Doubles with Martan from Berck-sur-Mer. Despite some rusty moments and weather ranging from sunshine to hail, I finished in the top five in Singles and top ten in Doubles.

Next came the second Scottish Hansa Championships at Bardowie. We welcomed sailors from England, with fleet numbers peaking at ten Hansa 303s and six Challengers. Despite some typically shifty Bardowie conditions, we completed a fantastic programme of racing. Bardowie Gin and Tunnock's Tea Cakes went down well, and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the Dutch Hansa Nationals in Haarlem, I returned to the larger Liberty. Despite a few mistakes and a cancelled day due to strong winds, I improved on last year's third place, finishing second overall.

I then travelled to Gdynia, Poland, for the Eurosafs and World Sailing Test Event. Against a strong European fleet, I finished fifth overall, gaining valuable experience ahead of next year's World Championships.

Finally, it was straight to Weymouth for the UK Hansa Nationals. After some rather frantic travel arrangements, I successfully defended my Hansa title, even giving the fleet a two-minute head start to keep things interesting!

That covers the first half of the year. More on Cowes Week and my European championship campaign in the Spring issue. Until then, fair winds!

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Ayrshire Endometriosis UK Support Group Inaugural Fundraising Ball

The Ayrshire Endometriosis UK Support Group held their inaugural Fundraising Ball at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock on Saturday 26th September. 162 guests attended with sponsorship from TP, UWS, GCU, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Thank you to the following local businesses who donated prizes for the night's raffle: Aristos Fitness, Indulge and Gillian O'Kane Pelvic Physio and Auchrannie, Slaters Menswear, Lochlea Distillery and Prime Fitness.

Also, to Local Ayrshire band Deville who provided entertainment. We managed to raise £10,000 for the charity which was match funded to £20,000. Endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women and those assigned female at birth.

You can find details of the Ayrshire Support Group at www.endometriosis-uk.org





Stewarton Woodlands Action Trust – a new volunteer's experience





As a new volunteer wandering along the lane to the SWAT containers at 09:30 one Sunday morning back in April, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. An intimidating group of environmental experts who could identify every species of tree and shrub? A band of chainsaw-wielding enthusiasts who might wonder why I, a mere environmental 'novice' after attending an occasional litter pick a few years previously, wanted to join them? Would there be tea and coffee available? Would there be biscuits?!

So many questions, but I needn't have worried. The SWAT group are a lovely friendly bunch of people of all different backgrounds and ages, and they were only too glad to have another pair of hands join them to help out. I was assigned to a group of four other volunteers whose job that particular Sunday morning was to walk through part of the woods to see what we could see and where it was growing, so we could add that info to SWAT's records. At the end of the 2 hour work session I found out that they do indeed gather together at the containers for a cup of tea and coffee and a chat. (And yes, there ARE biscuits!)

I enjoyed my first workday session so much I attended a second and then a third. In these workday sessions I helped to cut some overhanging branches along the paths and went 'prospecting' through the woods to look for sites that might be good spots to plant some spring bulbs. After the third session or workday you attend, you can decide if you want to properly join the group and 'officially' become a volunteer. This I did, and only one short form needs to be filled in to accomplish this.

Spring bulb planting – we have now planted 400 native spring bulbs (daffodils and bluebells) and 25 young primrose plants, also native. In January 2027 we aim to plant 50 young native snowdrop plants. This planting turned out to be quite the workout. What looks like soft, leafy, squishy woodland floor is actually quite claggy soil that goes only 2 or 3 inches deep before hitting rock solid large roots – everywhere!

Our plan is to see how successful our initial planting programme is before purchasing and planting spring bulbs and plants in greater numbers for Spring 2028. So, fingers crossed that Spring 2027 will deliver at least a 50% success rate, allowing for some losses from dogs or squirrels possibly digging some bulbs up, or the 'wrong' weather (too much rain, not enough rain, too mild, not mild enough, too cold, not cold enough – who knows what sort of autumn and winter we'll have this year? Climate change is firmly in charge, not SWAT unfortunately).

Merchant Navy Association – Remembering Those Lost at Sea

It was a great honour to represent the Merchant Navy Association at this year's Merchant Navy remembrance service at Tower Hill, London, on Sunday 6 September, laying the iconic White Anchor on behalf of the Service.

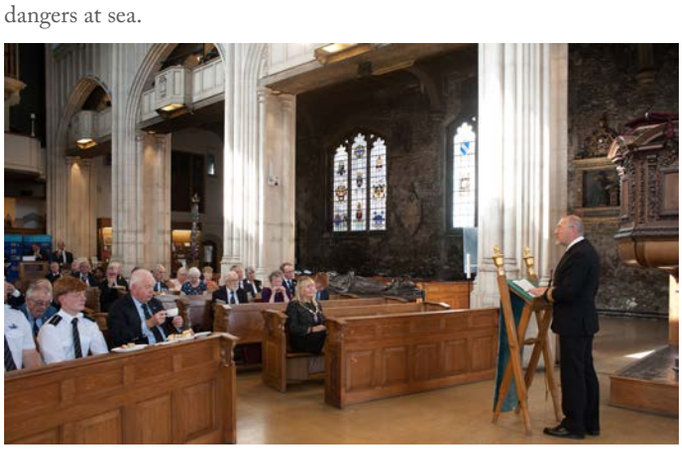


The memorial commemorates thousands of Merchant Navy and fishing fleet personnel lost in two world wars, including 24,000 during the Second World War alone.



Following speeches and readings, around 100 wreaths were laid by representatives of military and civilian organisations. It was a deeply moving and humbling experience.

Today, the Merchant Navy transports over 90% of the UK's food and fuel, with crews facing long separations from home and considerable dangers at sea.



Memories of Stewarton (Back in the Day)

I have just turned seventy and it had me looking back over my life in Stewarton and some of the jobs I'd had came to mind. One of the jobs was working with Annick Electrics based at the Cross above the Indian Restaurant, I think that was Launders Bakers at the time (1972-73) and then Dorans Electrical, behind Krazy Kuts? The electrical theme inspired me to write a poem –

Positive People (Success comes in Cans)

Positive People will get on in life,
They always find a way through.
Whatever comes up to get them down
Will say failure is a No Can Do.

Positivity is a virtue, some have it in life,
Others have the opposite polarity.
Try as they might to only believe, doubt with great regularity.

When I was writing 'Positive People' I was reminded of a time back in the Early Eighties in the Stewarton Arms on overhearing a young couple discussing their new Business Venture – selling tinned Pigeon to Chinese Restaurants and other retail outlets.

Well, I had to try some of that, so I headed off at closing time to the Oriental Palace to buy some. I asked the lady behind the counter "Do you have any tinned Pigeon" and she replied, "No can do!". So, I got chips and curry sauce instead.



Lodge Thistle:

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Alongside our regular meetings, we welcome the community to Wednesday bingo evenings and social events at Springwell Place.

Lodge Open Day – Early 2027

We're planning an open day for anyone interested in discovering more about Freemasonry, meeting members or exploring membership. Everyone is welcome!

To find out more, email secretary@thistle127.com or visit www.thistle127.com



From Stewarton to Shetland:
A Scottish Cup Adventure to Remember



For a team playing at the very bottom of the Scottish women's football pyramid, standing in an airport waiting on a gate number to board a flight to play a Scottish Cup tie is something quite unbelievable in itself. Yet there we were, Stewarton Annick Ladies, preparing to take on Shetland in an adventure that none of us will ever forget.

When the draw was first made, if we're being honest, we never imagined it would actually happen. The logistics, the travel and, of course, the cost seemed like enormous obstacles. But with determination, countless hours of fundraising, the support of our sponsors and the commitment of our players, what once seemed impossible quickly became a reality.

And what a reality it turned out to be!

From the moment we stepped off the plane in Shetland, we were treated impeccably. The hospitality we received was outstanding, and we cannot thank everyone involved enough. Everyone was incredible, from the Shetland players and coaching staff to our bus driver from J & DS Halcrow, the broadcasters and every single Shetland supporter, were incredible. They were an absolute credit to your island, and made us feel welcome from the moment we arrived.

For a grassroots team like ours, the experience was surreal. Comments such as, "You're wanted for an interview with BBC News!" or "I've just handed my teamline in to the broadcasters!" are not exactly everyday conversations at our level of football! It was a reminder that, for one special day, our little club from Stewarton was part of something much bigger.

Of course, the main event was the football. We travelled to Shetland knowing we faced a strong side, and although the result wasn't the one we had hoped for, losing 3–0 doesn't tell the full story of our trip. We competed, represented our club and community with pride, and experienced something that will stay with us long after the result has faded.

The day was about so much more than 90 minutes of football.

From 8am until 10pm, we spent the day together, sharing every emotion imaginable. There was excitement, nervousness, laughter, a few tears and, naturally, a bit of panic along the way! It's safe to say we experienced the full spectrum of emotions, and those are the moments that will become part of our team's favourite stories.

The trip also highlighted what makes Stewarton Annick Ladies so special. Every player played their part in making this happen, whether through fundraising, approaching sponsors, selling football card numbers, sharing posts or supporting the club's efforts behind the scenes. The commitment shown in the lead-up to the trip was incredible, and the attitude and togetherness displayed throughout the day made us immensely proud.

As a club, we want to show that opportunities like this aren't reserved for teams at the top of the pyramid. With ambition, organisation, community support and a group of people willing to work hard together, these experiences can become a reality.

Shetland has given us the confidence to dream bigger. We now know what's possible, and we're already looking forward to planning future adventures. If we set our goals, work together and continue to fundraise, who knows where Stewarton Annick Ladies might travel next?

Ultimately, football is about much more than winning and losing. It's about the people you meet, the experiences you share and the memories you create along the way.

One day, we'll look back on this trip and tell our children and grandchildren about the time we flew to Shetland to play in the Scottish Cup. We'll remember the airport, the nerves, the hospitality, the interviews, the laughter and the incredible feeling of being part of something so special.

We may not have brought home the result we wanted, but we brought home something equally valuable: memories, friendships, pride and the knowledge that we made history together.

For Stewarton Annick Ladies, this wasn't just a trip to Shetland. It was proof that even the smallest clubs can have the biggest adventures.

A special thank you to the following individuals, organisations and businesses who helped make our journey to the Shetland Islands possible. We couldn't have done it without you.

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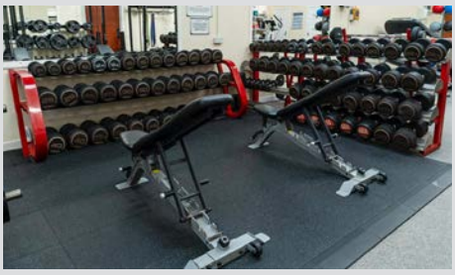


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Stewarton Community Allotments Society

A few packets of seeds and six months' hard work. That's the difference between these two drone pictures of Stewarton's allotments.



The first shot was taken on February 14, Valentine's Day. The earth is bare and brown. Nothing is growing.



The second was taken on August 7, the day before the Allotment Society's open day. The plots have burst back into life and are full of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

The transformation is only possible because every spring the members of Stewarton Community Allotments Society get out their spades, forks and hoes and start digging and planting.

There's always a sense of surprise and wonderment when shoots from those tiny little seeds push their way through the soil and start to become cabbages, leeks, lettuce or beautiful flowers.

From then on, it's a battle to keep the weeds down and to keep the slugs and caterpillars at bay.

But it's all worth it come the middle of summer when each plot is at its glorious best.

But it doesn't last long. Pretty soon everything has been dug up or picked and stored, preserved or pickled.

It's November now and everything's back to being brown and bare, but the plot holders are longing for spring, so they can start the whole thing all over again!

It's been another great year for the Allotments Society.

Plots were productive and the Open Day, in August, was a huge success.

Members rounded off the season with their annual barbecue which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to David Gilbert of David Gilbert Photography for the drone shots

DanceTech UK & Jam Street Autumn/Winter 2026

It's been an exciting season for DanceTech UK and Jam Street, with Halloween celebrations, exciting opportunities and plenty to look forward to this winter!

Halloween Celebrations

Our Halloween discos and Haunted Studios experiences brought families together across Stewarton and Kilmarnock. Thanks to everyone who joined the spooky fun!

National Lottery Funding

DanceTech UK is delighted to have received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will support accredited dance qualifications, specialist teaching and studio resources, helping more young people access training across Ayrshire.

Professional Pantomime Success

Congratulations to four students securing professional pantomime roles this Christmas. Ezara Hussain and Lily Kerr will appear in Jack & The Beanstalk at Glasgow's SEC, while Isla McMahon and Bella Wainwright join Beauty & The Beast in Kilmarnock. We are incredibly proud!

Yuletide – 19th November

Our popular Yuletide Evening returns to Jam Street, Stewarton, on Thursday 19th November, featuring festive stalls, treats and the much-loved Grinch's Grotto. Funds will support our MOVE IT 2028 Senior Dancer Trip.

Exams & Winter Recitals

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Ayrshire Finance Firm Surpasses £100 Million Milestone



An Ayrshire-based financial solutions business has helped more than 660 companies secure over £100 million in finance since launching just over two years ago.

Allied Business Finance (ABF), founded in 2024 by six experienced finance professionals, has reached the milestone after supporting 665 businesses across the UK.

The company has strong local connections, with three of its six founding directors – Brian Kilpatrick, Conor Fitzsimmons and Willie Smith – based in Stewarton and Kilmarnock. ABF also has an office in Stewarton.

Director Rob Murray said: "Surpassing £100m in finance origination just over two years after launching ABF is a fantastic milestone for all of us.

"We set out to build a business around our experience, our relationships and the way we wanted to work with our customers and funding partners. To have reached this level so quickly is a real reflection of the trust people have placed in us."

Since its launch in spring 2024, ABF has built relationships with businesses and lending partners across the UK, providing finance solutions for a range of sectors and requirements.

Customer feedback has also been central to its growth, with one Scottish haulage company praising the team's personal approach and professionalism.

The customer said: "ABF has access to several funding partners, so they can offer various options. The process is seamless, and everything is handled very professionally. ABF listens to the challenges we face as a business and offers solutions.

"The fact that we can speak to the team face to face makes a big difference."

Conor Fitzsimmons, Director at ABF, added: "We're a close-knit team with a huge amount of experience between us, and that has given us a strong foundation to build something we can be proud of.

"The £100m is a significant milestone, but it's also a marker of how far we've come rather than where we want to finish. We're still a young business, and we're excited about the opportunities ahead."

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The session has got off to a great start across all sections, with plenty for the early part of the session. From games nights and community events to sporting activities and outings, it has been encouraging to see such strong attendance and enthusiasm from the boys right across the company

August saw members returning after the summer break with start-up games nights for all sections. These evenings gave everyone the chance to catch up with friends, welcome new members and get back into the routine ahead of another busy year. Uniform nights followed shortly afterwards as members prepared for the session ahead.

Towards the end of the month many of our members and leaders were involved in the annual Bonnet Guild events, with the Bonnet Guild Float and Bonnet Guild Service proving, as always, to be well-supported occasions. These events are an important part of the BB calendar and it was good to see the Brigade represented so strongly.

September brought a variety of activities. The Anchor Boys enjoyed their park visit while the Junior Section took part in swimming activities and represented the company at the Irvine Fun Run. A great event where we managed 8 medals and also the overall Company Section winner.

The programme throughout October remained as busy as ever. The younger sections enjoyed games nights, swimming, crafts and themed dress-up evenings, while older members took part in pool competitions and social events. The month finished with outings including soft play for the Anchor Boys and a dodgeball competition for the Juniors, both of which were greatly enjoyed by those taking part – and our B team managed to finish in 3rd place for Dodge Ball.

The Anchors recently visited the Shed at Thrive at John Knox Church. Boys really enjoyed the night and managed to make some woodwork of their own.

Our session to the end of the year is extremely busy for all Sections, and boys and staff are looking forward to the fellowship these events bring.

During October we posted every day one of our Queen's Men's and King's Men's experience on working for this major award and what difference it has made to both their BB experience as well as their step into adulthood – have a look and see how positive an experience this has been over the last 40 years.



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Adventure, Fun and Friendship at 20th Ayrshire (Stewarton) Scouts

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It's been a busy few months at 20th Ayrshire (Stewarton) Scout Group, with our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoying adventures, learning new skills and making memories.



Our Beavers have been working towards badges, learning emergency aid and safety skills, and enjoying games, crafts and outdoor activities. They've also explored different countries and cultures, while celebrating those moving up to Cubs.

Our Cubs enjoyed an unforgettable camp at Lochgoilhead Activity Centre, alongside fire safety, first aid and teamwork challenges. They also created fantastic scarecrows for the Nether Robertland ECC Scarecrow Festival. We welcomed eight new Cubs at their investiture and said farewell to seven as they moved up to Scouts.

Our Scouts have developed their outdoor skills through camping, making firelighters, learning fire-lighting techniques, route planning and teamwork. They also got creative with some spooky Halloween pumpkin lanterns.

Beyond weekly meetings, we enjoyed Bonnet Guild Gala Day, a fantastic floor curling event and improvements to our Scout hall, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and families.

Santa is Coming to Stewarton!

Our annual Santa Run returns this December, bringing festive cheer to local streets. It's also an important fundraiser, helping provide more adventures for our young people. Follow our Facebook page for details and listen out for Santa!

Come and Join the Adventure!

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Come along, soak up the Christmas atmosphere and discover a fantastic selection of seasonal products, beautiful decorations, handmade gifts and much more. With a wonderful range of local vendor stalls and festive finds to explore, there will be plenty to see, browse and enjoy throughout the weekend.

Make a day of it, bring your family and friends, and let us help you get ready for the most wonderful time of the year!

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A wreath is one of the simplest ways to make your home feel ready for Christmas, adding natural beauty and a traditional seasonal touch.

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Our Christmas Fayre is also a wonderful opportunity to discover the creativity, craftsmanship and talent of local independent vendors.

Take your time browsing the fantastic selection of stalls, discover unique finds and enjoy the experience of shopping locally this Christmas.

Whether you're looking for something special for a loved one, a little festive treat for yourself or inspiration for your seasonal celebrations, our local vendors will add an extra touch of Christmas magic to the weekend.

Shopping at local stalls is a lovely way to discover something different from the usual high-street offerings, while supporting talented people and independent businesses in the local community.

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Face Paint, Famous Authors and Festive Plans

The weeks seem to fly by at The Book Nook Stewarton, and as I write this, we have just completed a wonderfully busy October. Our free Hallowe'en craft sessions for children were a great success, although I am still trying to remove the last traces of green witch face paint!









October also brought three very different author events, each of which was extremely well received. We welcomed crime-writing superstar Peter James, environmental scientist and climate change expert Paul Hardisty, and historical fiction author Shona MacLean. The feedback from attendees was fantastic, and it is always a pleasure to see readers engaging directly with such talented writers.

Our book clubs continued to thrive throughout the month too. From babies and toddlers to children and adult readers, there is something for everyone, and new members are always welcome. Full details can be found on our website.

We have also been continuing our Penguin Random House-funded programme for care-experienced young people across East Ayrshire. Three events have already taken place, with a further three scheduled for November. It has been incredibly rewarding to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment the young people bring to these workshops. One of the most touching aspects has been hearing from children who told us that the book they were gifted was the first book they had ever owned themselves.

By the time this edition of The Review is published, our charity production of Carry On Sleuthing will have taken place. I hope it provided audiences with plenty of laughs and raised a significant amount for Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH). The play was written by Douglas Skelton and Caro Ramsay, with performances from Douglas, Caro, Alex Gray, Gordon J. Brown, Michael J. Malone and, somewhat nervously, myself. Special thanks must also go to Paula Wilson for bravely volunteering to play

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part of Trump the Wonder Horse, and to Ayrshire360 for kindly waiving the hall hire fee, ensuring that every penny from ticket sales could go directly to SAMH.

Looking ahead, Stewarton's Yuletide celebrations take place on 19 November and I hope the community will come out in force to support the many wonderful local businesses and activities taking place throughout the town. There will be plenty happening in the Area Centre and, as always, The Book Nook will be offering festive discounts, special promotions, giveaways and raffles. It's the perfect opportunity to begin your Christmas shopping while browsing our carefully chosen range of books, gifts, jigsaws, murder mystery games, book sleeves, bags, keyrings, pens and book lights.

We're also looking forward to welcoming The Hebridean Baker back with us on 23 November for another warm and entertaining evening celebrating his latest book, A Scottish Christmas. The event takes place at 7pm in the Area Centre and there are still a few tickets available through our website or in the shop.

Another highlight on the horizon is our event with Sir Ian Rankin on 12 December. Demand was extraordinary, with all tickets selling out within days and a substantial waiting list in place. We're delighted by the response and perhaps we can persuade Sir Ian to return to Stewarton in the future.







A recent addition to the shop has been our growing second-hand book section. Adult and children's paperbacks are available for just £1, while hardbacks are £2. The collection continues to expand and has proved hugely popular. Buying second-hand books is not only an affordable way to discover great stories but also supports both The Book Nook and the environment.

As Christmas approaches and shopping lists begin to grow, we'd like to end with our annual reminder to support local businesses wherever possible. Every purchase made locally helps sustain the independent shops, cafés and services that make our community special.

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Mobility Sunflower:
A Different Kind of Mobility Company



In May 2026, Mobility Sunflower was born from a simple idea: mobility should be about people, not products.

Founded by Dan Hillerby and Natalie Gray, Mobility Sunflower is the realisation of a shared dream—to create a mobility company where the customer always comes first. Based in Stewarton, the company was built around a passion for helping people regain confidence, independence and freedom in their everyday lives.

Dan and Natalie first met while working in the mobility industry. It didn't take long for them to recognise that they shared the same values and, most importantly, the same commitment to helping others.

For Dan, mobility is more than just a career—it is something that has been part of his life for as long as he can remember. He has worked exclusively within the mobility industry, following in the footsteps of his parents, who both worked for Ashdale Healthcare, one of the UK's largest mobility companies during the 1990s.

But throughout his career, Dan had always believed there was another way of doing things: a mobility company that could offer customers a more personal, straightforward and genuinely supportive experience.

When Dan and Natalie began working together in November, they quickly developed a deep admiration for each other's abilities and their shared approach to customer care. From there, an idea began to take shape.

Why not create a mobility company like no other?

Their vision was simple—to make the process of finding and choosing the right mobility aid as easy, comfortable and reassuring as possible.

"We know that none of our customers really want to be in our shop, and they don't want to have to think about the future," says Dan. "But we also know that the right products can make that future far better for them and their family."



That philosophy is at the heart of everything Mobility Sunflower does.

Rather than simply selling a product, Dan and Natalie take the time to understand each individual customer—their circumstances, their challenges and, most importantly, what they want to achieve. With a combined 34 years of experience in the mobility industry, they use that knowledge to find practical solutions tailored to the person, rather than simply recommending a product from a catalogue.

Dan's qualifications add another important dimension to the service. As the area's only fully qualified mobility advisor, he is passionate about ensuring customers receive the right guidance from the very beginning.

"As the area's only fully qualified mobility advisor, I'm very confident that I can make the whole journey as easy as possible."

And the advice doesn't have to end with a purchase.

Mobility Sunflower is happy to offer guidance to anyone who needs it—even if they ultimately decide to purchase their mobility aid elsewhere. That is because good advice can sometimes be just as valuable as the product itself. Choosing the wrong mobility aid can be frustrating, costly and, in some circumstances, may even make an existing condition worse.

For Dan and Natalie, it is about making sure people have the information they need to make the right decision for themselves.

It's not about finding a customer for a product. It's about finding the right solution for a customer.

That is what makes Mobility Sunflower different.

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Christmas Treat – All Toys FREE in December!

To spread some festive cheer and support local families, all toys in the shop will be completely FREE throughout December! Pop in and find something special for little ones this Christmas.

Could You Volunteer?

We are always looking for friendly volunteers to join our team. No experience is necessary, just a little time and enthusiasm.

Whether donating, shopping or volunteering, your support makes a real difference. Thank you, Stewarton!









Andrew Blackwood Rallying Kinloss Winter Stages 1st Place!

What a fantastic day out at Kinloss Winter Stages, finishing 1st overall by an impressive 1 minute 50 seconds!

The main aim of the day was simply to get round, enjoy ourselves and have some fun, and we certainly achieved that. There were plenty of spins along the way, some big smiles and lots of entertainment!

The only real setback came halfway through Stage 4 when we completely lost the front brakes. This meant backing off slightly for the remainder, but we still managed to keep things going and bring home a great result.

A massive thank you to Leesa for sitting in with me and doing a brilliant job all day, especially putting up with some rather rusty driving!

Big thanks also to Marc, Hoggie and Dylan for looking after the car and keeping everything running smoothly.

Credit to everyone involved in organising and running the event. Kinloss is without doubt one of the best single-venue stages in the country and always delivers a fantastic day of motorsport.

A massive thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support and for helping us get back out competing. Your backing makes a huge difference and none of it would be possible without you. It's great to have such a fantastic group of businesses behind us, and we really appreciate every bit of support. Thank you for being part of the journey!

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Stewarton Parkinson's Support Group

Quarterly Update – Winter 2026

Research & Scientific Developments

LITE Study – Dundee Science Centre: Volunteers are being recruited for an observational research programme at Ninewells Hospital. This is not a drug trial or cure, but aims to improve understanding of living with Parkinson's. Assessments take one day and can be split over several visits. Normal treatment and care continue unchanged.

PINK1 Research: Scottish researchers in Dundee and Edinburgh are advancing genetic screening and clinical trials exploring how to protect brain cells by improving the removal of damaged mitochondria.

For more information, contact Isaac.

Technology & Innovation

Strydar Parkinson's walking glasses are currently in development. You can contact me or visit their Facebook page for details. Free trial pairs are available on request.

Activities & Wellbeing

Thank you to everyone who supported Gala Day, especially the Bonnet Guild. We'll next be raising awareness at Yuletide Night.

Our walking football team is returning to Toryglen for its third visit, following a fantastic time at the international tournament in Largs.

New Exercise Class!

Starting Tuesday 10 November, join us every Tuesday, 11am–12pm, at Standalane Community Centre. Led by Tony Harkin, with support from Ellen Freel and Jen (SAYCA), sessions are designed specifically for people with Parkinson's.

Community Support

A few calendars supporting Parkinson's research are still available. We also welcome local business sponsorship to help sustain our Monday coffee sessions and community activities.

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Dunlop Primary celebrates 150 years!



Dunlop Primary School recently celebrated its 150th anniversary, bringing together pupils, staff, families and the wider community for a special celebration.



Head Teacher Laura Kelly officially opened the event before the school's longest-serving member of staff, Miss Janice McCrae, and youngest pupil, Eva, cut a specially designed anniversary cake featuring the school mascot and motto, Climb That Hill.

Pupils had been learning about Dunlop's history, exploring local landmarks such as Dunlop Kirk and former industries including weaving. They created prints of historic buildings, designed potential anniversary school badges and produced a digital tour of the village.

A particularly special project saw children spend six weeks compiling a memory book featuring contributions from past and present pupils, staff and local residents. P7 pupils also interviewed former pupils to create a short film, which proved a highlight of the celebration.

The event welcomed Councillor Elaine Cowan, Depute Provost John McGhee, Councillor Ellen Freel and Robyn Davidson, Interim Assistant Director of Education.

Councillor Cowan said: "It is quite incredible to think that Dunlop Primary opened in 1876. Life has changed drastically since then, but what hasn't changed is that the school remains the heart of the community."

Mrs Kelly described the afternoon as a huge success and paid special tribute to Miss McCrae, who is retiring after an incredible 37 years dedicated to Dunlop's children.

She added: "I have felt huge pride and honour in being the Head Teacher leading such a wonderful school, working alongside great staff, pupils and families in its 150th year."





From Canaan to the High Seas: Stewarton Talent Sets Sail with KAOS

Following a spectacular, sold-out run of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in March, Kilmarnock Amateur Operatic Society (KAOS) is preparing for its next big production, with Stewarton talent once again taking centre stage.

Andrew Bunting delighted audiences in the title role of Joseph, describing the experience as a dream come true.

"Stepping into Joseph's sandals and wearing that iconic coat was an absolute dream come true," Andrew said. "The energy from the crowds was electric every single night, and sharing the stage with such a talented cast made it incredibly special."

Fellow Stewarton resident Neil Kerr also impressed as the King, while newcomers Ariane Brown and Anna Robertson joined the energetic chorus, adding to the strong local connection within the cast.

Now, KAOS is swapping biblical deserts for the glamour of a 1930s ocean liner with its March 2027 production of Cole Porter's classic musical comedy, Anything Goes.

Set aboard the SS American, the show promises romance, hilarious misunderstandings, dazzling dance routines and much-loved songs, including I Get a Kick Out of You.

"We're incredibly excited to tackle something completely different next year," Andrew explained. "While Joseph was all about pop-rock and bright colours, Anything Goes brings classic golden-age Broadway glamour, fast-paced comedy and big, brassy dance routines. It's a completely new vibe for us, and we are ready for the challenge."

With the success of Joseph still fresh in their minds, the cast and crew are looking forward to bringing another memorable production to the stage.

From Canaan to the high seas, KAOS is ready for its next adventure - and Stewarton audiences have plenty to look forward to!



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From Highland Games to Halloween: Fitzpatrick Dancers Keep Stepping Out!

As the summer sunshine fades and the Highland Games season wraps up, the FitzPatrick School of Highland Dancing shows no sign of slowing down. From championship stages to indoor competitions, workshops, exams and community performances, our dancers are stepping into autumn with energy and enthusiasm.



Summer Success and New Milestones Indoors

A highlight of the summer was the Scottish Championships at the Cowal Highland Gathering, where Anna Pennington, Ineke Yates and Georgia Neil competed among dancers from across the world. It was a brilliant chance to showcase their skills and soak up the excitement of performing at such a prestigious event.

As the season moves indoors, achievements continue. Five year old Maisie Haddow earned four top three places at her first indoor competition. Ruby Blackwood celebrated a trophy win in the Intermediate category, and Anna secured her first Premier trophy - a special milestone at the highest level.

Both Georgia and Ineke have also delivered strong Pre Championship results, with Ineke finishing runner up in Aberdeen and narrowly missing out on Pre Championship status. Plenty to celebrate - and even more to aim for.

Workshops, Laughter and a Touch of Tattoo Magic

Before the new term began, dancers aged three to fifteen enjoyed our annual Day of Dance - a lively mix of technique, games and stamina building activities. It was the perfect way to reconnect, learn and have fun together.

Meanwhile, Ineke joined more than 200 dancers at an international workshop led by the team behind the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The session offered a fascinating introduction to choreography and gave dancers a glimpse into the spectacular opportunities that Scottish dance can lead to.

Sharing Dance with the Community - St Andrew's Day at Spiers Carehome

This autumn, a group of dancers will return to Spiers Carehome in Beith to perform for residents as part of their St Andrew's Day celebrations. Last year's visit received an exceptionally warm reception, with residents' smiles and applause creating a memorable experience for everyone involved.



Community performances like this help dancers build confidence, connect with others and share the joy of Scottish culture, reminding us that dance is as much about people as it is about steps.

Exams, Excitement and a Halloween Twist

Preparations were underway for the school's annual dancing exams which took place on Halloween this year. Exams give dancers the chance to demonstrate their progress and gain recognition for their hard work, whether they're mastering their first steps or tackling advanced levels.

The only challenge was keeping Halloween excitement at bay long enough to remember their dancing outfits. Witches' hats and spooky masks can stay at home!

Could Highland Dancing Be for You?

We're delighted to welcome three new pupils this term and still have a few spaces available in our beginners' class on Wednesdays at 6.00 pm. Highland dancing is a fantastic way for children to stay active, build coordination and confidence, make friends and enjoy Scotland's cultural heritage.

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A warm welcome awaits anyone joining us for morning worship in the Church at 11.00am and for Café Time after the service in the Church Hall. Children take part in the first part of the service and then leave to join their own groups at Sunday Club in the Church Hall

MESSY CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENT
On Saturday 21st November, Messy Church are organising a special event with a magician, crafts, refreshments & a special visit from Santa Claus. The event will take place in the Church Hall from 2pm-4pm. This is a free event, to reserve a place please contact Lauren 07738689121

MESSY CHURCH
Messy Church takes place on a Saturday in the Church Hall from 3.30 - 5pm, it is open to nursery and primary school children
(P1 – P7) and must be accompanied by an adult. After Christmas the group will meet on Saturday 30th January, 27th February,
27th March & 24th April

TODDLERS GROUP
The Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall on Thursday mornings from 10.00–11.30am and is open to children under nursery age. Everyone is welcome, parent, grandparent or guardian. The cost of each session is £1.50. This session will close on 17th December and reopen on 7th January. For further information contact Margaret Smith on 01560 483266

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP
The Group meets in the Church Hall on Monday afternoons at 1.30 – 3pm. We would love new members to join us, think about it, and come and see for yourself. We remember World issues, local issues and people who need our love and prayers. The current session will end on 21st December and restart on 11th January 2027

FRIENDSHIP & FAITH
This group meets on the last Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall 2.00 – 3.30pm. All adults are welcome to join us for knitting projects (much needed items for hospitals, nursing homes and children) table chat, table games, quizzes, arts & crafts and refreshments, the chance to meet up with friends old and new. You do not need to be a member of the Church to join our group. The last meeting of 2026 will be on 24th November and will restart on 26th January 2027

THE GUILD
St Columba's Guild meets in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm (fortnightly), it is open to ladies AND gentlemen. There are a wide variety of entertaining speakers at each meeting covering light-hearted subjects as well as more serious topics.

1st December - Crossroads Choir
15th December - Christmas Lunch

2027
5th January -"Welcome" - Rev Linda Godfrey
19th January - Rev Melanie Reed
2nd February - Ayrshire's Lost Villages - Dane Love
16th February - Beetle Drive
2nd March - "Memories are better than Dreams" - Christine Crichton
5th March (Friday) - World Day of Prayer 100th Centennial Anniversary
16th March - AGM

BADMINTON
The badminton group meets in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of badminton, friendly chat and a cuppa. All former, current & new members both ladies & gentlemen of all abilities will be made very welcome. The last matches will be on 16th December and resume on 6th January

HALL LETTING
Our Church Hall is available to let for community organisations, group meetings and birthday parties, (a large bouncy castle fits in the hall), it is wheelchair friendly, has accessible disabled toilets & baby changing facilities and kitchen facilities. Please contact laurenhussain3480@gmail.com for availability

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ST COLUMBA'S ROUND UP

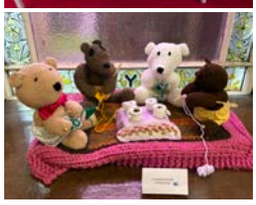
Mr Joe Auld, former organist at St Columba's entertained the Guild with 'Favourite Hymns with a Twist' which was enjoyed by all who attended, joining in some of the hymns and laughing along with the 'banter' between hymns.

FAIRTRADE DAY
27th September was Fairtrade Day at the Sunday Café after the Church service, all the Fairtrade products were kindly donated by the Co-op Stewarton, Thank you





TEDDY BEAR SHOWCASE
Held in October in the Church, groups who use the Church and Church Hall contributed displays of Teddy Bears that represent their activities. Groups taking part included Guides, Boys Brigade, St Columba's Knitting group, St Columba's Toddler group, Nether Robertland nursery group, Badminton, St John's, Highland Hustle, Post Box Toppers and many more. Thanks to the organisers for a fun event & the marmalade!

HARVEST FESTIVAL
The Harvest Service took place on Sunday 18th October and worship was led by Rev Melanie Reed. Monetary gifts will be shared between Nepal and CHAS. Food gifts were donated to the local food bank. Following the service members of the congregation met in the hall to share a harvest buffet lunch, which was enjoyed by all who attended.






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JUST A DREAM? BY REV GAVIN NIVEN



In October I had the privilege of presenting a Time for Reflection to our MSPs before they got down to their work in the Scottish parliament. I spoke to them of the reality of isolation and loneliness for many in Scotland, including Stewarton, but went on to say that the Bible has a huge amount to say about how we treat one another. There's an assumption in its teaching that we're a community, not isolated individuals

Across its pages we hear the call to….

- ***Love one another***
- ***Accept one another just as Christ accepted you***
- ***Serve one another in love***
- ***Encourage one another***
- ***Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling***
- ***Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to one another, just as God forgave us through Christ.***

It's a vision of a vibrant, thriving community but these one anothers are far from easy to live out and it can be tempting to give up and withdraw from one another.

At Christmas we celebrate God with us, God becoming man and living among us, not isolated, aloof, distant but here living out these one anothers before us and with us. The promise of Christmas, God with us, is that a community living out these one anothers is not just a dream but can be a reality through Jesus and the power He can give us. It may start small, in our family, our street, but don't forget God started small coming as a baby. With his strength this dream can spread in our community and even Scotland. In our online communities perhaps one day forgiving one another might go viral, loving one another might be trending. Please, God, may it start this Christmas and start with us!

WHAT'S ON AT JK THIS CHRISTMAS…

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Thursday 19th November, 6pm – 8pm. Enjoy Yuletide and pop along to the Church garden for free hot chocolate, fire pit stories, manger and choir, plus puppets, music and crafts in the church for all the family.

*****STOP PRESS*** Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th November**
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Sunday 6th December
Bubble Church Christmas Celebration for babies, toddlers, and young families, 2pm. Book at **www.thrivestewarton.org/bubble**

Sunday 13th December
All-age Cookies and Carols Service, 4pm with cookies and hot chocolate

Sunday 20th December
All-age Nativity Service, 11.15am with mince pies to follow

Christmas Eve - Thursday 24th December
Stewarton's Watchnight Service 11.15pm

Christmas Day - Friday 25th December
Joint Christmas Day service at St. Columba's Church, 11am

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RENEW WELLBEING CAFÉ

Don't be isolated - our Renew at JK drop-in on Wednesdays in the church sanctuary is open for art, crafts, card making, dominoes, scrabble, jigsaws, knitting and a listening ear. With great coffee, cake and freshly made soup served at 12.30pm. Open from 10.30am till 1.30pm.

THRIVE STEWARTON

Our Thrive teams provide a range of activities geared towards 20s to 40s but open to all that support physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health needs. Sessions include walk and talk, growing project, Stewarton Community Shed, Baby Beats and Thrive Tots, Journey peer support group for parents with children with additional support needs, Allstars (Tuesdays) and Journey Together (Fridays) after school ASN drop-ins, Who Let The Dads Out monthly dad and kids get together and Friday breastfeeding support with Ayrshire BFN And we have plans for even more family support in 2027. See the website for details www.thrivestewarton.org

THE GUILD

The Guild is about fun, encouragement and fellowship which leads to providing opportunities for continuing growth in Christian faith through worship, prayer and action. We meet on Tuesday afternoons each fortnight. Join us!

YOUTH

In S1 to S6? Join us for activities through the week: Youth Bible Study Mon 7pm-8pm, Youth drop-in Wed 7pm – 8.30pm, Sun 10am to 11am.

SUNDAYS

Join us for a mix of contemporary and traditional worship with band and choir each week at 11.15am with creche and groups for children and youth. Join us in the building or on livestream - live or on catch up: youtube.com/johnknoxchurch

OUR VISION

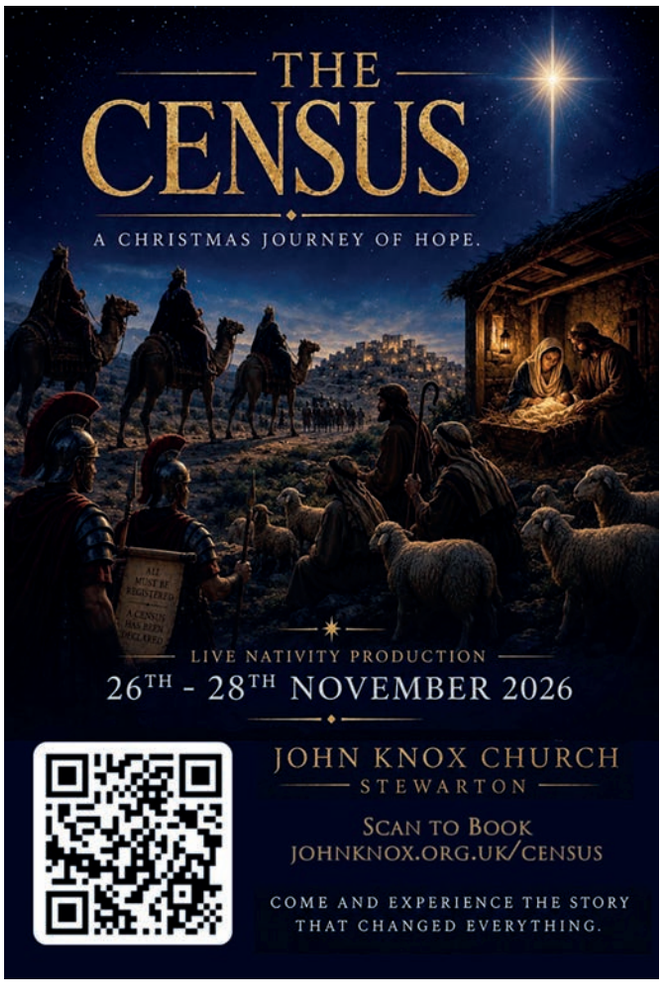
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United Reformed Church Stewarton

SUNDAY SERVICES

A warm welcome awaits anyone who can join us for our Sunday Morning Service at 10am with tea and coffee after. As we are part of the South Side Pastorate our Minister Rev Lesley Thomson is with us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month with various preachers on the alternate Sundays. We are wheelchair friendly with a ramp and new disabled toilets.

The Church is open for quiet time 11am - 12 noon on the first Wednesday of the month.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving was held on the 11th October and all food donations were given to the food bank. Thanks to all who donated.

FRIENDSHIP

Knit and chat is still going strong every Second Wednesday 1pm - 3pm with tea coffee and cake for just a £1 with all donations welcome. Bring your knitting problems or just to chat.
November dates 11th & 25th. December 9th our Christmas Party.
Restarting - January 6th & 20th.

COMING UP

We are looking forward to the return of the Neilston Strings Ukulele Band on Wednesday 18th November at 1pm.
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Who We Are

The Potter's House started in Stewarton in 2001 and has been serving Stewarton for 25 years. We are part of the Assemblies of God group, a global network of over 300,000 Churches in over 200 countries.

Sunday Gatherings

We meet every Sunday at 10:30am at the Stewarton Area Centre. Our services last around 90 minutes and include:

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- Practical, down-to-earth teaching
- Fun and engaging activities for children and toddlers

There's no pressure, no dress code, and no expectation—just come as you are. You're welcome to stay for a chat and coffee afterwards. Find us on Facebook: PottersStewarton.

Debt Advice & Support

If you're struggling with debt, please know that you are not alone—and you don't have to face it in silence. Through our partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), we can connect you with free, professional, and confidential debt counselling. CAP has helped thousands of people find a way forward, bringing relief, clarity, and real hope in what can feel like an overwhelming situation.

If debt is weighing on you, we encourage you not to put it off—help is available and it truly can make a difference. Call 0800 328 0006 to take the first step.

Community Larder

Our Community Larder is open every Saturday from 10am–12 noon at The Centre, Standalane, Stewarton. It exists to support individuals and families who are finding it hard to keep up with the cost of food and essentials. For a small annual membership fee, members can purchase a wide range of everyday items at significantly reduced prices, helping stretch household budgets further. Just as importantly, the Larder is a welcoming, non-judgemental space where you can enjoy a coffee, conversation, and friendly support. If you're struggling to put food on the table, please don't feel embarrassed—this service is here for you. Everyone is welcome. Follow us on Facebook: Stewarton-Community-Larder.

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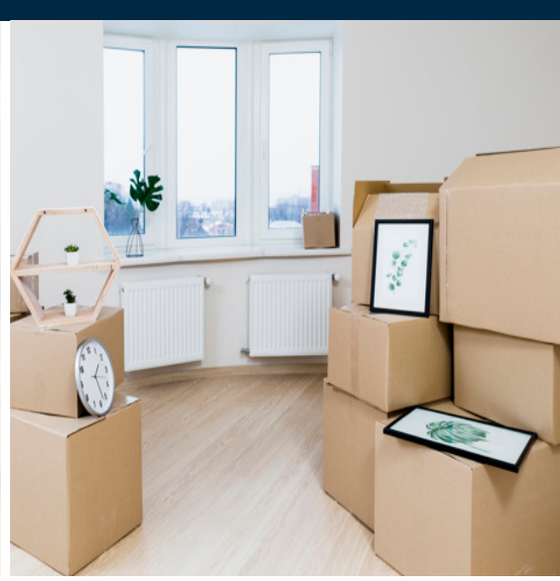
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Sunday 6th December
John Knox Church, Bubble Church Christmas Celebration for babies, toddlers, and young families, 2pm

Sunday 13th December
John Knox Church, All-age Cookies and Carols Service, 4pm with cookies and hot chocolate.
St. Columba's Church Nativity Service, 11am with mince pies to follow.

Sunday 20th December
John Knox Church, All-age Nativity Service, 11.15am with mince pies to follow.

Christmas Eve - Thursday 24th December
St. Columba's Church All ages' Christmas Eve Family Service, 6.30pm
Stewarton's Watchnight Service 11.15pm, John Knox Church.

Christmas Day - Friday 25th December
St. Columba's Church Christmas Day Service, 11am

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So what's changing? well we are looking to offer support to landlords and tenants alike, (you do not need to be a tenant, or under contract if you are a landlord, of Stewarts) but we have come across some issues with paperwork and communication breakdowns between landlord and tenant, this will be a free service and we will post on Facebook with times and dates.

As fully qualified letting agents who have successfully gained their LARN with the Scottish government and with continuing professional development, we are now looking to become accredited with our industry. If you have experienced any problems just reach out and we can guide you as we have access to Solicitors and Housing members.

As you may have noticed this year the sales were few and far between, many people have held off placing their property on the market and there are several reasons for this, so let's hope the Budget in November does not go forward with increasing the council tax properties in council tax bands G and H and they can do something to encourage the sales and not inhibit buyers and sellers. Check out all our properties on Instagram or Facebook and our website **www.stewart-residential.com**

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Getting Through the Festive Season



The festive season is often described as "the most wonderful time of the year", but for many people it can also bring pressure, exhaustion, difficult relationships and memories of those who are no longer with us. A few simple choices can make it feel more manageable.

Let go of the perfect Christmas. Social media, advertising and family traditions can create unrealistic expectations. Decide what genuinely matters to you and give yourself permission to simplify everything else. "Good enough" can still be warm, memorable and meaningful.

Be clear about your boundaries. You do not have to accept every invitation, solve every family disagreement or take responsibility for everyone's happiness. Before saying yes ask yourself whether you realistically have the time and energy.

Notice how you are feeling. Our bodies often recognise stress before our conscious minds do. Pay attention to changes in your breathing, sleep, patience or energy. A short walk, a few quiet minutes or an honest conversation can prevent pressure from building.

Ask rather than assume. If someone seems quiet, distracted or irritable, avoid deciding that you know why. A simple question such as, "How are you really doing?" can open a valuable conversation. Listen without immediately trying to fix the situation.

Make space for mixed emotions. Celebration and sadness can exist together. If you are grieving or facing change, create a small ritual that acknowledges what you are feeling - light a candle, share a memory or spend time with someone who understands.

Most importantly, remember that connection does not require perfection. People are unlikely to remember whether everything went according to plan, but they will remember how they felt in your company.

Slow down, stay curious and be kind - to others, but also to yourself.

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Dunlop Musical Memories

Dunlop Musical Memories meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in Dunlop Church Hall from 2 —4 pm. All are welcome to come along and enjoy an afternoon of song and chat with delicious home baking at the interval.

This year, James Blackwood from the village took on a Triathlon challenge as a fund raiser for our group. All through the spring and summer he took part in this - running, swimming, and cycling at events across Scotland. He completed his challenge successfully at Lochgilphead in September and was invited to our group's afternoon on October 14th where he was presented with a beautiful, inscribed glass trophy. He had raised an amazing total of over £1100, and the group certainly showed their appreciation that afternoon. Well done James! You have helped our group grow from strength to strength.





Stewarton Drama Group has Murder in mind

Stewarton Drama Group (SDG) kicks off 2027 with a thrilling double bill of murder mysteries, promising intrigue, comedy and audience participation.

Featuring A Silent But Deadly Auction by E. Scott Icenhower and A Game of Two Halves by SDG's Paul Glasswell, audiences can question suspects, examine clues and try to solve both crimes!

Performances take place at SDG's 40-seat theatre, Scout Building, Corsehillbank Street, Stewarton:

- **Wednesday 13 January – 7.30pm**
- **Friday 15 January – 7.30pm**
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Tickets cost £7.50 and go on sale 12 November 2026 via Ticketebo. Wine and a raffle will also be available.

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For information, email stewartondramagroup@hotmail.co.uk or follow SDG on Facebook.



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A support service for women and girls in Ayrshire

For women and girls who have experienced sexual assault or rape, reaching out for help can feel like an enormous step. At the Star Centre in Kilmarnock, a new dedicated helpline is helping make that first step a bit easier.

The Star centre provides support to women and girls aged 13 and over living in Ayrshire who have experienced rape or sexual abuse at any point in their lives. This can be something that happened recently, many years ago or even during childhood. There is no time limit on when someone can ask for support.

Whilst the centre itself has been providing one to one and advocacy support for many years the helpline has been open since May. It is run by specially trained volunteers who understand that everyone's experience is different. Volunteers provide a trauma informed and non-judgemental space where callers can talk about what has happened to them at their own pace.

Sometimes we find that people may not know what support they need when they first make contact. They may simply need someone to listen. The helpline offers that opportunity, while also helping callers understand the support services available to them.

The helpline is particularly important for women living in rural communities where travelling to a centre can sometimes present additional barriers. Being able to speak to someone on the telephone can make accessing support feel more manageable and private.

As a volunteer on the helpline, I feel privileged to be part of a service that gives women and girls a voice and reminds them they do not have to face their experiences alone. Behind every call is a person who deserves to be heard, believed and treated with dignity.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the issues mentioned our helpline is open on Mondays from 2pm-5pm and Thursdays from 11am-2pm on 07850214805 or you can visit our website for more information www.starcentreayrshire.org

Stewarton and District Historical Society Museum

We are sure a large number of you know of our Society and Museum and where it is located, for the ones among you who do not know, we are located within the Stewarton Area Centre, just past the library entrance.

The Society and Museum is totally run by volunteers who give up their time willingly to support the overall aims of keeping the history of our Town and District alive, not only for the present generation but for future generations to come.

This is where you come in!

We need some additional volunteers to join us and allow us to continue our work. At present the focal point of the Society is the Museum and we are open four days a week for a couple of hours per day. We would like to open longer and to achieve this we need more volunteers. Currently we are open on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am till 1:00 pm and on a Thursday from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm, ideally we would like to double these opening hours by opening in the afternoons on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1:00pm till 3pm and on a Thursday in the morning from 11am till 1.00pm by doing this we will provide a wider time frame for residents and visitors



to the museum. To make this happen we need additional volunteers, each of whom will only be required to be on duty for two hours a week the equivalent of 8 new volunteers and from a population approaching 8000 we would hope that this was achievable. Any new volunteers would not be "thrown in at the deep end", you would be given full training and will usually be teamed up with one of our experienced team members until you've learned the ropes.

If you're interested and want to know more, why not drop in and have a chat with us before committing yourself.

LOCAL AUTHOR'S outstanding Ayrshire based BOOK



'A Cup of Kindness' is an incredible true story by Isla Hawksmoor (pen name), who grew up in Ayrshire, and went to school in Stewarton and Kilmarnock. The story begins with Isla and her mother Lily leaving their comfortable home in Latvia as refugees, when Isla was still a babe in arms, in 1944.



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After some years spent in East Germany, the book tells the dramatic tale of the two finding their way to reunite with Isla's father Ivan, in Scotland, where he was working as a farm labourer, after years in a prisoner of war camp. And so it was that in 1948, the family came to be living together in a small wooden shack in a windswept field in Ayrshire. But after so many years apart in war-time, instead of a happy reunion, relationships were awkward and difficult, and life from then on wasn't easy for 4-year-old Isla and her mother.

Isla then continues her tale of a life of extreme poverty, and growing up in a family that was secretly dysfunctional. And if that wasn't enough, she had to juggle with the culture she was born into while at home, and her new Scottish identity at school.

But Isla's poignant story is redeemed by the amazing kindness she experienced along the way from local people, and the tranquil landscapes of rural Ayrshire, which Isla is sure helped her through.

For myself, I couldn't put this fascinating book down. And it was brimming with familiar local references, both places and people.

Isla dedicates her book 'to the good folk of Ayrshire, of her generation, who offered friendship, a warm Scottish welcome, and an enduring feeling of roots.

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Author of Review: Alice Muir, Admin, Stewarton When We Were Growing Up (Facebook Group)



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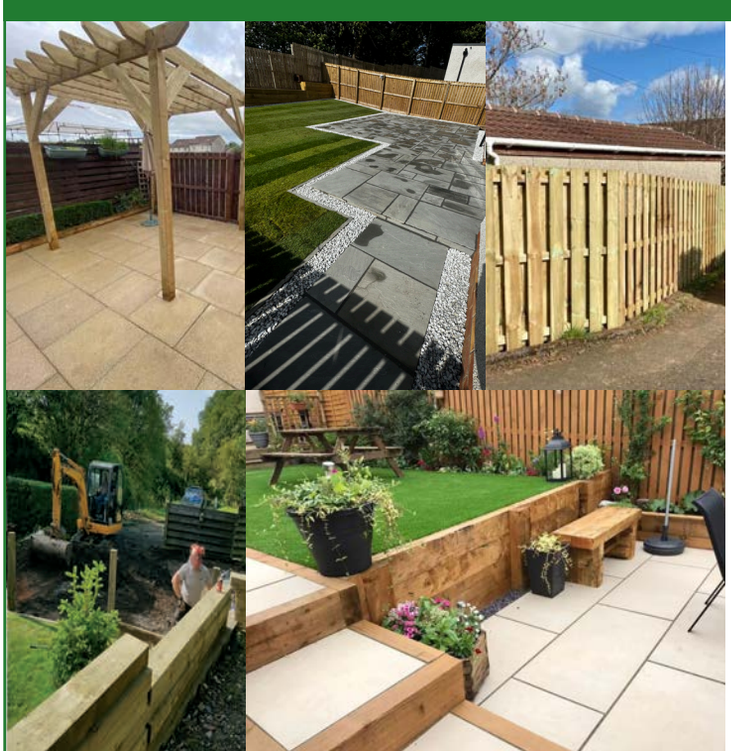
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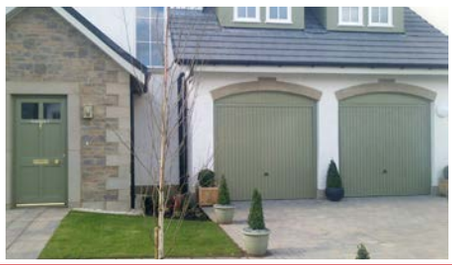
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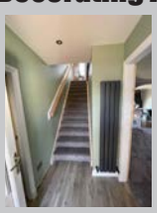
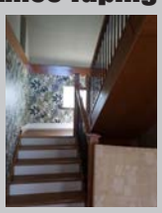
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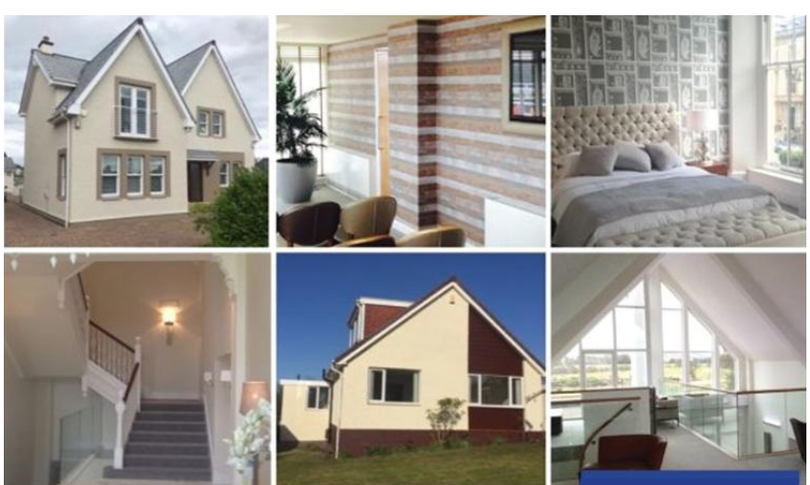
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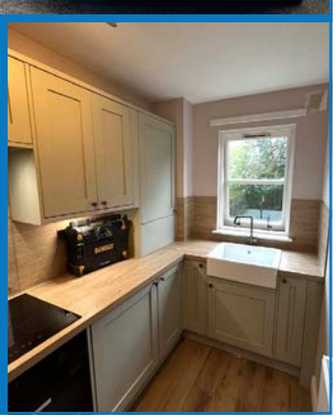
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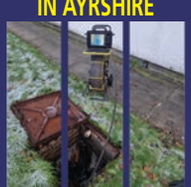
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