

# DRYMEN REPORTER

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## ‘Endrick Island’ - a new Show feature?

With severe weather warnings as I write, we thought we'd start with a view of warmer days at Drymen Show. Talking of the Show, take a look at the small aerial photo of the Showfield with the Weather article. The large loop in the river has formed a new island (Endrick Island?) and is in the process of forming a new ox-bow lake (yes - the only thing many of us remember from school geography!) Where else can you have a fun day out and see the landscape change?

Inside you'll find an open letter from Fraser Robb (which I fully support) urging younger community members to come forward to fill positions in a new Community Council (the election process will start soon). Community councils should be comprised of people who care about their community, want to make it a better place to live and who can represent a full cross-section of the community, without prejudice. We have wonderful volunteers doing wonderful work in Drymen – they need people to represent them and their interests to the Council and other bodies. When I started work, at 16, someone told me “Only complain about something if you can do it better or are prepared to do something about it yourself”. If you don't stand up for what you want – you'll probably get what someone else wants. So, come on folks, it's your village and your future.

John Cameron, Editor

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## What's going on in the Hall

Our Open Doors Sessions run **Monday 12noon-3pm, Tuesday 2pm-5pm and Friday 10am-5pm** and our new flyer, with details of all the free activities on offer this month, should have come through your letterbox. As always there is free Wi-Fi available, tea, coffee, and someone to blather to. We are also now showing a movie each Saturday afternoon at 3pm, keep an eye on our Facebook page and noticeboard for more information.

Our regular users include

Monday morning – Drymen Under 5s; afternoon – Desta Laiolo Ballet and Theatre School; evening – Yoga with Siobhan.  
Tuesday morning - Sharmi Yoga.

Wednesday morning - Drymen Under 5's; afternoon - Drymen Art Club; evening - Scouts/Cubs.

Thursday morning - Probus Club of Lomond (twice monthly); afternoon - Drymen Bridge Club; evening – Drymen Local History Society (once a month).

Friday morning - Neighbourhood collection point (fortnightly); evening - Drymen Youth Café.

### Upcoming Events

**Repair Café** - We are still keen to try and get a repair cafe up and running as part of the Open Doors Project. Please contact me at [halloffice@drymen.org](mailto:halloffice@drymen.org) if you would like to volunteer your skills!

### Village Community Garden

Ruth Glasgow and The Hub G63 are stepping away from the community garden and to prevent the loss of the garden and all the hard work that has already gone into it in the last few years,

the Village Hall Committee is considering taking on the responsibility for coordinating the garden. This can only work if there are many hands to make light work. Would you be interested in giving some of your time and green fingers to the community garden?

We would like to find out who would be interested in helping – please head to our Facebook page to complete a quick survey so we can start gathering information about the interest in the garden.

### Thank You

The running of the hall would not happen if it wasn't for the continued hard work of Jackie Mackay and the rest of the committee in securing the following grants - Stirling Council grants from their 'Cost of Living Fund 2022' and 'Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund' for the upkeep of the Hall; Stirling Council's 'Let's Get Together Winter Programme' grant paid for our cinema license and a Rural and Islands Communities 'Ideas into Action' funding for cooking equipment. Thank you to all these bodies - we are really grateful for all of these grants.

And finally, we have been awarded two Chromebooks from Census Scotland that can be used by visitors to The Open Doors Project, so thank you to them too.

**How To Get In Touch** – you can contact me on [halloffice@drymen.org](mailto:halloffice@drymen.org) or [drymenvh.opendoors@yahoo.com](mailto:drymenvh.opendoors@yahoo.com)

Details of all Events on at the Village Hall are online on our Facebook page, and our noticeboard outside the Hall. You can see all activities, availability and access the booking form on the website [www.drymen.org/village-hall](http://www.drymen.org/village-hall).

If you would like to get involved with the Village Hall, or would like to hear more, then please come along to the AGM on March 18th Saturday afternoon at 3pm in the main hall.

**Rowan Higgins, Hall Coordinator**

# Art Club Spring exhibition and sale of original paintings



This annual event will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April.

On Friday evening there will be a preview for members and invited guests and the show will be open to all on Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.. Entry is free and coffee, tea and home baking will be available on the open days.

Several new artists have joined the club over the past year, so those attending can look forward to seeing paintings from them as well as from long established members.

An added attraction this year will be a raffle to raise funds for CHAS - The Children's Hospice Association of Scotland. Aileen Semple, who won the Club's 'Wendy Shuker Prize' in 2022, has donated a specially created painting for the winner of the raffle - a photograph of this beautifully detailed image of a wet leaf is shown below. (The Wendy Shuker Prize is awarded each year to the artist whose painting in the exhibition is voted the best by those attending the event.)



## Burns Supper gathering

Music, pipes, speakers, songs, haggis neeps and tatties, drinks, lights, chatter and laughter - all the ingredients you need for a good Burns Supper. This all took place on 28 January in a transformed Village Hall. This all happened because of a dedicated team of local people who put it all together. Thanks to them for a super evening



## Community Council

*(Email from Stirling Council to Fraser Robb)*

"I email to advise that further communications regarding the process of elections and resource allocation, including Officer time where appropriate, will be issued in due course.

I would, however, like to take the opportunity to clarify the specific point with regards to when a Community Council ceases to be active to then become active again after the election process. Apologies to those Community Councils who had asked the question previously as my response was incorrect, but I now detail below for your purposes:-

Current Members remain Members of the Community Council until midnight on Friday 14 April 2023.

The Community Council will then cease until an Inaugural Meeting of the new Community Council.

The date of an Inaugural Meeting will be set by the Council, and will take place after one or other of the following:-

- Confirmation to those elected with no ballot required – this will be issued around Wednesday 19 April
- Publication of election results where a ballot has taken place – around Thursday 29 June."

**Stephen Bly,**

**Community Council Enquiry Co-ordinator**

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

### Drymen Community Council

As you are possibly aware the Community Council was disbanded earlier this year.

There will be new elections being announced by Stirling Council this April and I would encourage younger members who reside in the parish of Drymen to put their name forward for election. The Community Council is the voice of the Community for any planning issues within the National Park and Stirling Council and issues regarding roads, transport, schools and police.

It is an organisation that gives support to any other organisations if and when it is needed.

**Fraser Robb**

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## Let us know if you can help

If you have any interesting articles we would love to receive them. Please send emails or word documents to John Cameron at [drymenreporter2017@gmail.com](mailto:drymenreporter2017@gmail.com)

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## Next issue March

If you would like to have your contribution included please send it before the deadline of

## 15th February

# Youth Cafe - future lifesavers?

We have had another good start to our Café session this term with a great Burns night and a visit to Gym 63 in Balfron for a 'circuits' evening.

Past and present Committee members, along with some folks from other local clubs, attended a First Aid training course run by [aandetraining.co.uk](http://aandetraining.co.uk) - a big thanks to Fraser C Robb for the use of their Business Hub for this event. Continuing the First Aid theme, our young people received some 'Heart Start' training from Trossachs Search & Rescue team, which included the use of the Defibrillator and CPR.



We have a couple of planned sessions with Youth Scotland and are grateful for the

support that they provide to the Café.

We have also received a Grant from the Rural and Islands Communities 'Ideas into Action Fund' which will allow us to take the young people on an outing to Flip Out and also enabled us to buy some items to help with our activities in the Hall.

For many years we have given a small Christmas gift to those known to the Café, including our kind supporters. This year's gifts, hand decorated mugs with four designs provided by our members, were partly funded by a Grant from Stirling Council 'Community Grants' Scheme and printed by local business, The Unique Company.



It's great to work closely with local businesses when planning our activity programme and if you think your business could support us in any way or to run an event/activity, please get in touch at [drymenyouthcafe@gmail.com](mailto:drymenyouthcafe@gmail.com)

Our membership continues to grow, and we're delighted to be able to provide somewhere for the local teenagers to meet their friends on a Friday evening. We are having our AGM on Friday 31st March in the Hall from 7.30pm to 8pm to which all are welcome.



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Drymen 2023	Dec	Jan	Feb
Temp highest max	13.3	13.9	12.3
Temp lowest max	-2.3	1.5	6.9
Highest min	5.8	9.0	8.9
Lowest min	-9.5	-3.0	-4.0
Mean maximum	5.2	7.4	9.4
Mean minimum	-1.0	1.4	3.2
Mean temp	2.0	4.3	6.6
No. days <0	17	11	7
Monthly rain (mm)	186	204	59
Most in 24hrs (mm)	42.4	31.3	17.7
Days with >0.2mm	26	26	16
Days with >2mm	12	16	7
Days with >20mm	2	1	0
Annual rain so far	1384	204	263

Temperature shown in degress Celsius

The rain of late Autumn seemed to continue into Winter unabated. When the precipitation figures were summed for October 22 through to February 23, only 2016 proved wetter when compared with Glasgow 60-year data set.

December was extremely cold with a run of 14 deep air frosts from 5th to 18th - the coldest at -9.5°C on the 14th. The monthly frost count reached 17, third in the league after 2019 and 1981. Both maximum and minimum mean temperatures were 2.5°C below expected. And the December weather didn't stop there! A weather bomb in the US created snow havoc which swept over to the UK, landing here as 41mm of rain on the 30th. The Endrick surged 2.5m in 3 hours flooding the road at Drymen Bridge leading to the cancellation of the 309 bus to Balloch. Sheep had mixed luck as the banks burst and not all made higher ground. The picture below shows some of the more fortunate huddling together up to their knees for several hours.



January continued the extremely wet theme, albeit with typical temperatures. February was positively toasty at around 2C up on the norm. Rain was not as extensive, but we were still wetter than average.

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## Planning Drymen's future

**Drymen's new 'Place Plan' - a 10-year plan for the village, is about to be published and will be available to view and download at [drymen.org/plan](http://drymen.org/plan) and, on that page, there will also be a progress report which will be updated throughout the lifetime of the plan.**

It has been compiled using consultations within the village over the last year, including the 'Living Well Locally' study (originally titled 20-minute neighbourhood), Drymen Active Travel study and other meetings/questionnaires.

Young people were also involved in the consultations, with feedback sessions at Drymen Primary, Drymen Youth Café and a survey with Drymen's High School pupils.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the consultations, completing surveys, and providing valuable suggestions and solutions for improving the village.

Our final action of the process was to determine priorities and the survey at the end of last year identified the top 7 priorities as:

1. Campaign for more frequent public transport that connects Drymen with other villages and cities.
2. Improve road safety in the village by reducing vehicle speed and introducing new crossings for pedestrians.

3. Introduce new public toilets in Drymen
4. Develop/improve foot/cycle paths to neighbouring villages such as Croftamie, Balmaha and Balfron.
5. Increase and better maintain litter and dog waste bins
6. Improve footpaths throughout the village for pedestrian safety, plus better wheelchair/pushchair access.
7. Improve the existing play/recreation/sporting facilities, introducing new options where possible.

Whilst those were the clear priorities, there are many other recommendations and actions resulting from suggestions made by residents and businesses.

Meanwhile, action is underway to make things happen. Currently, DCDT is organising the Road Safety Trial this spring, overseeing a funded feasibility study for a path to Balfron and commissioning a public toilet design to use when applying for funding.

We would welcome any help on projects, as the more people are engaged, the more that can be achieved. To volunteer and find out more, please contact [hello@drymen.org](mailto:hello@drymen.org)

**Drymen Community Development Trust**

# BITS AND PIECES

## WI

**Another session draws to an end, and we have enjoyed very interesting talks and demonstrations.** We had a lovely meal in December in the Winnock hotel, and as well as receiving "secret Santa" gifts, we raised £75.00 for the Beatson, our chosen charity.

Now, we look forward to a Travel talk, a talk about Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House in Helensburgh and our AGM, when the new committee will be elected.

The year will end with the Drymen Show, always a high spot. We look forward to seeing supporters from Drymen coming along to view our efforts in the competitions.

Finally, we plan to celebrate our 95th Anniversary during the summer - maybe we'll have photos for the next edition of the Reporter.

**Elsbeth O'Brien**

## Bowlers look forward to a new season

**Another season is almost upon us and, hopefully, a summer of sunshine comes with it.** Not much has happened as far as club events during the winter, the effects of the covid pandemic are still being felt by most associations, not just bowling clubs, but hopefully this year, at Buchanan Arms we can have a full season of bowling with all competitions being played. There is a change of ownership at the Buchanan Arms Hotel, and at the time of writing I have not been able to meet the new owners, but I do hope to speak to them soon and look forward to having the same cordial relationship with them as we have had with all previous owners.

The club members had their annual visit to the Fintry indoor bowling on the 19th of February. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and our thanks and appreciation goes to Brenda and all her staff at Fintry for the manner in which they looked after us.

The green opening date, either 15th or 22nd of April 2023, is yet to be decided by the committee and will be publicised nearer the time. The bowling club is an amenity for the village and is there for people of all ages, so come along and join us - the social side is every bit as important as the serious side. If anyone would like to join or would like to know more about the club then please contact any member, or myself, John McKenzie, telephone number 07737859442 or e-mail at [jockmckenzie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jockmckenzie@hotmail.co.uk)

## Senior Citizens' Association

**Well I'm pleased to see the nights shortening, the snowdrops out, the crocuses and daffodils awakening once again and to feel the optimism of a new Spring just around the corner.**

We began the year with a great turnout of members and visitors who enjoyed music and song from professional musicians Gregor Lowrey and Kirsten Easdale. On 21st February our members have High Tea in the Winnock with locals Cairi and Ashley Edwards kindly providing the musical entertainment, and on Tuesday March 21st we have singers Seonaidh Rostant and Kathleen Brough coming along with a wide range of songs. Tuesday April 18th is our AGM once again, and on Tuesday 2nd May we have an, as yet mystery trip!

The retirement pension definition for a senior citizen may sadly now be 67 but we welcome anyone 60 or over. If you're not doing anything on the 21st of March, please come along to the Village Hall for 2pm and join us for a bit of music, a cuppa, and a blether (£4 for non-members). Hope to see you there!

**Linda (More) 660706**

## Probus Club of Lomond

**The new year began with the Club's Annual Lunch in the Winnock Hotel on 12 January. Returning to its traditional date for the first time since start of Covid, a good turnout of members and their partners were entertained by the magic of Mark Walbank whose close quarter card skills had everyone amazed.**

The fortnightly meetings continued into 2023 with a diverse range of talks including a musical tour of Orkney and a look at how the UK's Military are augmented by the country's Reserve Forces. Well known artist Charles Randak asked "Is it Art" whilst the trials and tribulations of self-build were outlined by Ray Davis.

The beginning of March saw an intrepid group walk from Doune Castle to Old Kilmadock Church where its interesting history was explained by a member of the Rescuers of Old Kilmadock. Retracing their steps members adjourned for lunch in the Smiddy at Blair Drummond.

If you would like further information on Probus, please contact the Secretary, Duncan Gilmour on 07717 477152.

# Lodge Loch Lomond No. 1483

Since we resumed in September, after the Pandemic, things have gradually got better, attendances have increased, and more people are showing an interest in joining us. At present we have two Brothers who are just finished their three degrees and have one applicant pending. By the time this goes to press we shall have had our March meeting, when our friends from Kirkintilloch Lodge St. John No. 28 will confer the Mark degree on the two Brothers. We look forward to welcoming them on that occasion, along with our members and any visitors who care to come along.

As usual I would like to tell you a bit more about Freemasonry; it has three great but simple principles - brotherly love, relief and truth. Brotherly love is readily shown by a tolerance and respect for the beliefs, opinions and practices of others and he will cheerfully and kindly assist those less fortunate, whether Freemasons or not, and will care and support his community. The Freemason believes in truth in all things, in honesty and integrity and in fair dealings and firm standards of decency and morality. Freemasonry is an ancient and honourable society, and its principles are just steady standards of life and conduct in a changing world and the practice of the three great principles of the craft will point you in the right direction.

The Installation of the Office bearers of the Lodge will be held on the 1st of April, details will be published in the press nearer the time. If any Freemasons would like to affiliate to Lodge Loch Lomond or anybody would like more information about Freemasonry, I will be only too pleased to help.

**John McKenzie, tel. 07737859442 or email [jockmckenzie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jockmckenzie@hotmail.co.uk)**

## History Society end of season meetings

**On 23rd March Dr Irene O'Brien will give a talk on 'the Scottish poor law' (how appropriate! Ed.) in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.**

27th April is the AGM and final meeting of the season, when a few Members will give short talks from 7.30 pm onwards, preceded by cheese and wine from 7.00pm. The short AGM will be held at the end of the meeting.



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# Running for RNLI

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‘On 11 April 2023, it would be my dads 60th birthday and to celebrate the occasion I wanted to put myself out of my comfort zone and challenge myself to something I once thought was impossible. Any donations to my charity fundraiser would be much appreciated or any running tips are even more appreciated.’

Emelia

RNLI - Royal National Lifeboat Institution: Emelia Conner (enthuse.com)  
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If you have any further questions about this new service please contact Angela Short, Digital Inclusion Officer, email: [shortan@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:shortan@stirling.gov.uk) or tel: 01786 237547

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# 26<sup>th</sup> Drymen Scouts and Cubs

**Friday afternoon in early Feb 2023 - Cubs and Scouts had finished school and, after a quick snack and final check of their kit they left for Cardross Scout Hall.**



Arriving at 6pm they were able to sit down to a meal cooked by our expert chef. Thanks as always to Robin who produced a meal of spaghetti bolognaise and garlic bread; not some instant meal heated up but a proper “restaurant” standard bolognaise. There were no empty plates, and some enjoyed 3rds and 4ths!!

The rest of the evening the Scouts went on a night hike around Ardmore Point – new territory to explore and build on already learnt navigation skills. The Cubs spent the evening learning how to account for each other with our practice fire drills and then they were off to the park for games before heading down to the beach to explore.

The Scouts met us at the beach, and it was a fun to see 20 young boys and girls finding fun the old fashioned way.

Back at the hut, we started to suggest teeth brushing, pyjamas and sleeping bags and by 11pm all was quiet in the hall.

At 6am the gang started waking and by 7 we were all enjoying our traditional breakfast - the older Scouts were cooking on an open fire.



Pack kit and outside by 8, everyone was fired up and enjoying games on the local playing field before we went and explored

the beach and local paths in daylight.

This overnight was our ‘start of the year’ camp, just one night and we headed home after lunch. These activities are made



possible only due to the efforts of the adults who help by committing their time and skills to our events. Robin has been leading the cubs in Drymen for 10 years and we have some excellent adult leaders to support him.

If you know of anyone interested in joining Cubs (8-11), Scouts (11-14) or leaders (18-80) please get in touch and join us for our next adventure



# Happy Hogmanay

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Frances Lander



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## 'Welcome' sign defaced

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# Drymen Church - Your church, your community

Responding to national concerns over rising costs of heating and eating we recently launched a monthly “Good Companions” lunch in the warmth of the Church annexe. The idea has proved popular with the large group who have been attending and further lunches are planned – look out for the posters in the library. Membership of the Church is not a requirement – all over 60s are welcome!

The Church has a dedicated Pastoral Team to offer support:  
**Practical** - lifts to medical appointments, home cooked meals for those in a crisis.

**Emotional**- friendly confidential listening and support.

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Please use us, we’re here to serve you. (Initial contact, Mairi Van Looy 07929 110765)

For the younger generation, our “Upstairs Group” for teenagers meet on Sunday mornings during the service and the children have their K4C Group. Plans are already in hand to enable some to go to a Scripture Union Camp later this year.

### Start up Stirling Food Bank

Please bring contributions for the Food Bank to the Church on Sundays 4th and 11th March. The need for this support is as great



as ever and our contributions are much appreciated. If you miss these collections, please note that the next will be on Sundays 4th and 11th June.

### Defibrillator demonstration

Before a recent Sunday morning service, Sion Barrington gave a demonstration of the defibrillator which the church had bought some years ago. It was a timely reminder of how to use it and was much appreciated!

**Alison Brown**

# Major refit for Spar store

'C J Lang & Son are investing heavily into the Company Owned store in Drymen by carrying out a major store refurbishment. The main shopfitting works began on Monday 27th February and will continue until Saturday 18th March. During this period, the store will have limited opening times. **Apologies for any inconvenience caused whilst we freshen up the look and feel of your store'** (Statement from C J Lang, modified to take account of likely 'Reporter' distribution date. Ed.).

The changes will include – new floor, new refrigeration units, new checkouts (including self-checkout), improved bakery, licencing and fresh produce offerings, enhanced lighting and new internal and external branding.

**Normal trading to resume from Saturday 18th March - 6:30am - 10pm**



Many people will be unaware that the building was originally a hall owned by a Friendly society (probably 'The Ancient Order of Foresters' and is still called 'Foresters (Hall)' by many older residents. The window to left of the counter, exposed by recent renovations, had never been seen by current staff. The staff in the photo (left), taken some time after 1971, shows (l to r) Jean McMillan, Hazel McIntyre, Aileen McNally (owner) and Marlene Gibb (Brown), who provided the photo.

*Left: The ladies hairdressers in the 'back shop'!*

## Drymen Show - Saturday May 27th, 2023

**We have a huge range of attractions to keep everyone entertained, starting the day with our fantastic livestock (cattle, sheep, highland ponies, and Clydesdales) and light horse classes and ending with our infamous children's races.** As always, we also have lots of Trade stands, crafts tents, and a fun fair.

The main ring attractions will be a Sheepdog Demonstration, a Lamb Grand National, Children's Fancy Dress On Horseback and our Vintage Vehicle Drive By.

Enjoy a cuppa and bite to eat in the "Sunshine and Showers" Tent while listening to great music courtesy of Acoustic Station, Loch Lomond Ukulele Band and Champion Piper Donald MacKenzie amongst others. You can also have a drink in the Beer Tent or, if you're a sponsor, in the Sponsors tent.

Admire the display of vintage tractors, fire engines, tanks and cars as you head for the cattle lines with various breeds being shown and judged before you reach the Highland Pony pens and Clydesdale and Heavy Horse boxes, where you can watch them being groomed and dressed for showing.



Take time to watch the usual very competitive 5-a-side school's football competition and, with dogs on leads being more than welcome at the Show, also watch the dog classes or why not enter your dog, on the day, from 11am under the big oak tree.

In the Rabbit and Pet's Tent you can learn more about the animals as well as the people who work in agriculture and our rural community and this year we're delighted to welcome back RHET (Royal Highland Educational Trust), KG Hawks, The Bee School and Trossachs Search and Rescue amongst others to take part in our Learning Zone. In the School's Tent, have a look at all the fabulous work submitted by our local primary schools and nurseries - you might even see the winner of our 2024 programme cover.



There will be a sheep shearing demonstration (if it's dry) and in the crafts tent you can watch how walking sticks are made, while in the WI tent the local SWIs have a display of handicrafts entries in the Open classes (3 decorated cupcakes, 3 arranged blooms and a cushion in any craft) which anyone can enter. If



you want to take part drop an email to [drymenshow@outlook.com](mailto:drymenshow@outlook.com) and bring your entry along on the day.

For more information follow us on Facebook Drymen Show | Drymen | Facebook or have a look on our web site [www.drymenshow.com](http://www.drymenshow.com). If you'd like to enter any of our livestock or light horse classes, take a trade or craft stand, sponsor the show or become a member you can also go to EntryMaster Lite - Home Page.

**The Drymen Show Committee**

# School report

## PI-P3 Christmas Performance



PI-3 dazzled in their show, "The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All." Well done to all the children and staff for a fantastic

performance - the children had two standing ovations!



lots of activities for World Book Day - we had a successful Book Swap and very creative entries in the 'Book in a Jar' contest.

We have also been hosting Balfon High pupils to read with

## Getting into Reading Week

The Reading Community Group organised

their reading buddy at Drymen Primary which has been very popular.

## P7 Sports Leaders

P7 have been planning and assessing different sports activities for P1-6 at break times. They lead the activity and then consider what improvements or changes can be made for the next week.

## Children's Right of the Month

Each month at Drymen Primary, we will focus on learning about a different 'Children's Right' from the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child). At our Together Time assembly, pupils from P6 and P7 will teach children about the Right and why it's important. This month we are learning about Article 42 which means children and adults should know about Rights and take them seriously.



## Bikeability

P6 and P7 completed Level 2 of cycling proficiency in February when they learned lots of skills to keep themselves and other safe when cycling.

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# “Thanks for a speedy and efficient rescue”

Two experienced hillwalkers visited the Lomond Mountain Rescue Team Post recently to thank the Team for their help in November, when one of the men slipped and broke his leg 100 yards from the top of Dumgoyne as they returned from a walk to Earls Seat.

The casualty remembered “I resigned myself to the potential minimum of a two hour wait but was astounded when the first two members of the Team arrived within an hour and went to work ensuring I was warm and giving me pain relief before the rest of the team arrived and I was, very quickly, stabilised sufficiently to get put onto a stretcher and, through tremendous teamwork, was successfully taken off the hill to a waiting ambulance and on to hospital. I’ll be forever grateful for the timely and efficient manner in which I was rescued.”

During the rescue, it turned out that the hillwalkers and some Team members were old acquaintances and what had started out as a call of duty became an unexpected happy reunion.

Deputy Team Leader Jan Millar told me “Fortunately, on the day some local

Team Members were at home when the call came so were on the scene very quickly. We were delighted to welcome the two men to Drymen Rescue Post and were pleased to hear that the casualty is making steady progress. What was completely unexpected was the extremely generous donations both men made to the Team. This will go a long way in keeping our Team of volunteers provided with the equipment and resources we require to be on call 24/7 every day of the year and we are very grateful to them.”



Editor

## World Thinking Day

**World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926.**

It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate around the world. In 1926, delegates from guide and girl scout organisations across the world met in the USA for the 4th world conference. Delegates chose to hold the first celebration on the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. And so, ‘thinking day’ was born.

At the 7th world conference in 1932, a Belgian delegate highlighted that birthdays typically involved gifts, and perhaps girls could show their thanks on thinking day by raising funds for the organisation. In response, Olave Baden-Powell wrote a letter to all Guides and Girl Scouts asking them to donate just a penny – enough to buy a loaf of bread in those days – to help fund guiding around the world. This is now known as the [World Thinking Day Fund](#).

The name was changed to ‘World Thinking Day’ at the 30th world conference in Dublin in 1999 to emphasise the global nature of the celebration. World Thinking Day remains

one of the most important dates in the guiding calendar, and every year the theme of the event encourages members to think about the big issues affecting them and their global community. Previous World Thinking Days have tackled the subjects of poverty, gender inequality, environmental sustainability and access to education.

So, this year’s World Thinking Day is the continuation of a three-year journey for members to become environmentally aware leaders. World Thinking Day in 2022, 2023 and 2024 have a focus on the environment.

Drymen Guiding celebrated thinking day this year by telling the story of a young girl making small changes that helped those around her and the place where they lived. Our girls have made a commitment to plant something and to walk more, as a sign of their promise we all made a flower called a hand lily. We drew around our “helping” hands and then once it is cut out we turned it into the flower as a visual reminder of our commitment to make small changes, that add up to big changes in the way we



interact with our environment. When the issues are so huge and of such a global nature, we encourage the girls that instead of doing nothing, “just do something” however small. Like Olave and the penny donations that added up to become a huge fund from which hundreds of thousands of projects and girls have been supported and helped.

If you have a girl (we take girls from 4yrs who are in P1) who would like to be a part of the Guiding journey, contact: Rebekah Merrick - Leckie District Commissioner (Drymen membership leader) on 07789634433 or at [beccaemm@googlemail.com](mailto:beccaemm@googlemail.com).

**Karen Merrick**  
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