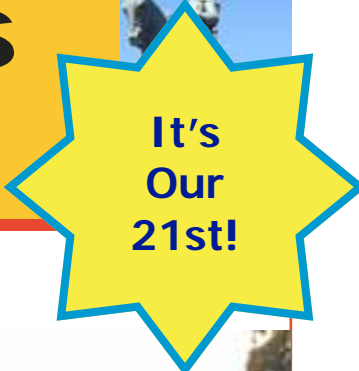


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Bannockburn House

Hidden Treasure?

BY ROBERT AITKEN

Bannockburn House lies about a mile south of the town; the house is a building of national importance. You would not think it to see the grey cement rendering. The lands of Bannockburn and Skeoch were granted by Charles I to a John Rollo in 1636. In 1666 his nephew Andrew gained the property but fell into money troubles and was forced to sell the estate to a Hugh Paterson who is believed to have built the house. The exact date is not known but two of the ceilings are said to be around 1680. The house is symmetrical, H-shaped and has three storeys and a basement.

It is not typical of Scottish houses of that time and may be an English design, although all the details are Scottish including the gables (corbie steps) The house is built of rubble and would have been harled. The windows are in three rows with the top row dormers, the east and west gables have one column of windows but may have had two, the rear of the house is also balanced, some-

thing missing in modern structures. The hideous porch was added in 1884 and the east bay window at the same time. These additions and subsequent ones do nothing for the look of the building.

Inside the building the sur-



ving plasterwork is amazing. It is so like the work in Holyrood Palace that the plasterers may well be the same. Much of the interior has been altered and the location of the original kitchen and staircases is unclear.

One visitor to the house, Prince Charles Edward Stuart (The Young Pretender) stayed there in September 1745 and also in January 1746. He developed a feverish cold after his victory at

Falkirk and was tended by Hugh Paterson's granddaughter Clementina who it is said he secretly married. In any case the Jacobite cause was not pressed home, reaching Derby was an achievement in itself and winning at Falkirk in a rain-storm another. Ultimately it came to nothing due to lack

of support from English Jacobites and a French invasion that failed to materialise.

The house is an "A" listed building and has been on Historic Scotland's at risk register. The house is crying out for restoration, a sympathetic development may be the only way to achieve this, returning some of the original external features whilst making full use of the interior. After all buildings are for people and using them is a common sense way to preserve them.



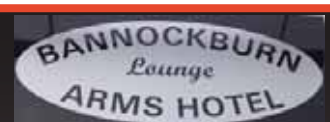
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Shona McGregor

BY STEVIE HUGHES

This month's local character is a remarkable woman and someone Bannockburn can be justly proud. Four months ago Shona McGregor received a heart transplant and now she is raising money and awareness for the Scottish Heart Transplant Unit at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Shona's journey began when her sister, Denise, was diagnosed with Cardiomyopathy in her teens. This resulted in Shona receiving routine checks. In 1991 in her mid twenties medics also diagnosed Shona with Cardiomyopathy. The illness causes

the heart wall to thicken and the heart to become enlarged. If untreated it would eventually lead to heart failure.

Shona received treatment until 2003 when her annual check up showed irregular rhythm in her heart. Medication was prescribed, but this didn't agree with her and she had a small defibrillator connected to her heart. It senses the run up to a cardiac arrest and shocks the heart back into a normal rhythm. In 2006 Shona started to suffer chest pains. At first they were about once a month, then fortnightly, then weekly and finally daily.

On the 4 September 2007 Shona was placed on the heart transplant list, with the realisation that it could take up to two years. Incredibly, just 10 days later Shona received the hospital's call to say that they had a suitable heart and an ambulance was on its way. Her husband Robert drove to Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Shona was accompanied in the ambulance by her eldest daughter Ashleigh. It was reassuring to have local man John Leary as the Ambulance driver.

Shona said that **"Problems often occur around the time of surgery. So I asked my husband Robert to tell the girls that if I didn't make it that I did my best"**. The operation took place the following day and Shona was in theatre for 2½ hours. **"When I woke to the sound of beeps in intensive care I felt so relieved"**. Shona stayed in hospital for three weeks after the operation and today the doctors are delighted with her progress.

Before the operation Shona was

so exhausted she hardly ever went out, but now she is able to go out with her husband and daughters.

Shona now devotes her time and energy to fundraising for the Scottish Heart Transplant Unit at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. She has organised a Prize Bingo and a Raffle at the Masonic Hall in Bannockburn on the 8 February 2008. The night is sure to be a sell out and a worthy cause will benefit greatly. They reckon around 10,000 raffle tickets have been sold.

She would like to thank all her friends and family as well as the clinic and hospital staff in Bannockburn, Stirling and Glasgow Royal Infirmary for their love, care and support throughout her treatment. She would also like to thank all the people and the businesses who have donated prizes for the Prize Bingo and Raffle and the Masonic Hall for their full support in helping to organise the fundraising nights.

Shona would like to mention a special thanks to the donor's family for agreeing to be part of the donor scheme. She said: **"The best thing I can do for the donor is to look after the heart"**. Shona wanted the do-

nor's family to know: **"How happy I am now that I can live to see my daughters Ashleigh, Laura and Nicola grow up"**. Shona hopes that people reading this story will be encouraged to sign up for organ donation and said that: **"If you would be prepared to accept someone else's organs, then you should be prepared to donate your own"**. If you would like to sign up go to: www.uktransplant.org.uk

In the April addition, we will announce the amount of money raised from the Prize Bingo and have some news of a music night to be held in May. If you would like to hear more about the Fundraising Events or would like to donate money, you can contact Shona via email at mcgregor-shona@aol.com.

Shona added that at a time when you hear lots of negative stories about the NHS, she is full of praise and gratitude for what they have done, not just for her, but for her family. I'm sure you'll agree that this month's Bannockburn local character is an inspiration to us all. Our best wishes go to Shona, Denise and their families for the future.



The Bannockburn Arms Hotel Part One

There's a change in the Bannockburn streetscape as Neil Roberts and his team settle in to making the Bannockburn Arms Hotel a new choice for the village.

Already you may have seen the refurbishments taking effect inside and outside with the paintwork, plasma televisions and a new menu for meals.

Around him, Neil has local top cook, Janice McQue who brings her previous successes at The Falcon and The Abbey. Janice's reputation locally is already helping to launch the Bannockburn Arms Hotel meals service.

Managing things Neil has Terry Higgins previously of The Inn, Kippen.

In future issues Neil will let us know more about the growth of the Bannockburn Arms Hotel and its services to its customers.

Bannockburn Riding For The Disabled Association

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Remember you will get trained and you will only do what you are comfortable doing.

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Walking in the Air

BY ROBERT AITKEN

Bannockburn seems to be part of the urban sprawl that is the city of Stirling. But due to the geography of the burn and the gorge you are only a few minutes from the countryside.

One of my favourite walks starts from the library. This is not a walk to be taken lightly, it is not for young children or vertigo sufferers, and normal hill walking gear is essential. Walk up Hedges Loan then down Newlands Road and follow the farm road around the golf course (watch out for flying golf balls) past the orchard, don't cross the Bannock at the spot where James III was murdered after the Battle of Sauchieburn but turn left to the Glasgow Road, cross safely and go over the low wall and follow the Bannock to Charterhall.

The National Trust site and the Bruce statue is to your right but as we go over the Bannock, note the old bridge on your left, built to

aid commerce in this area, walk along the road until you reach a cross roads. At this point take the private road straight ahead into the Sauchieburn estate. The next track on the right takes you to Sappieside and on past the fishery, continue along this track towards Wester Craigend, a house you can see in the distance, when you get to the house a way marked path on the left then immediate right leads onto Sauchie Craggs, you will pass through an iron age dun, watch out for the Douglas fir near the deer path and be careful as you walk inches from a major rock fall to the ash woods and the Bannock below, depending on the time of day you might see deer, kestrels, buzzards or even a peregrine falcon.

On through spruce, birch and beech past a dark and eerie vale harbouring fungi such as destroying angel, this glen is cold even in the summer!

You will eventually reach a junction after about a mile, carry on along the cliffs for

about another mile till you reach the Windy Yett, well named, in winter you can neither stand nor breathe when the southwesterlies blow hard through this natural funnel, when you gain the other side you will be standing in an iron age hill fort, then you can walk on to Lewis hill and admire the magnificent views.

You may walk on and be picked up by car on the public road or return by several routes, all of which lead to the Swanswater track and home.

Calling all ex-Sappers

Did you know that we have a Royal Engineer Association that meets at the Balaclava club in Stirling?
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For any other information you can contact Mr Eddie Lyle on 01786 480930 after 1900 hrs or email at linedd@tiscali.co.uk

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Bannockburn Abroad

Our intrepid reporter Stevie Hughes, while on holiday in New Zealand, noticed the following article in the Otago Times.

Stevie went on to visit Bannockburn and take some images for us including the Bannockburn Bowling Club (NZ).

Pre-christmas surprise for Bannockburn burglar-hit family

Tuesday, 18 December 2007

The Grinch turned into Santa for a New Zealand South Island family, who found items burgled from their house unexpectedly returned in two separate deliveries.

Stereo and DVD equipment, antiques and kitchen equipment were taken at the weekend during a burglary in the middle of the night at a property at Bannockburn, near Cromwell.

But most of the \$20,000 (£8,000) worth of goods were returned several hours later, wrapped in a sheet and left outside the house, the Otago

Daily Times reported. The burglars returned again the next day with two remote controls, which they left in the letter box.

Senior Sergeant John Chambers said "the second trip seemed to have been a rushed one, with a car leaving tyre marks behind".

At the time of the burglary, the homeowner's 16-year-old son was the only person in the house, but he slept through it. He had left the front door unlocked and lights on because his father was due home early on Sunday.



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Community Trust

BY TERRY BARLOW

An AGM was held on Wednesday 16 October 2008 and I am delighted to announce that we had a good attendance and have now got 10 committed Directors. Hopefully we can now get the Trust moving forward in a business like manner.

A Directors' meeting was held on Monday 28 January and we elected office bearers as follows:

- Chair: John Docherty
- Vice Chair: Graham Laird
- Secretary: Terry Barlow
- Treasurer: Iain McMenemy

Next meeting Tuesday 26 February 2008 in the Community Centre at 7.30 PM

That's The Good News . . .

. . . This is the Bad News

Through the endeavours of my colleague Director Ian Dawson we were donated, in September 2007, three children's picnic tables to be put near the Ladywell Park play area.

Stirling Council's Play Services Department fortunately only sited one as it was smashed to pieces after only one day. If we are to progress

Youth Club

The Monday Night Youth Club at the Bannockburn Community Centre was re-Launched in October after a 6-month absence. It has proved very popular with many of the young people returning each week.

The workers and volunteers have been very impressed with the behaviour of the young people and there is a real willingness to develop the group further. Pool is one of the favourite activities and the group held a competition at Riley's Pool Hall before Christmas. New members are welcome (Age 14 – 19).

The group has been a real success and the relationship between workers and the young people is very good. This along with Key Worker, Gail Millar's determination to see Bannockburn's young people flourish has resulted in a new group being set up to cater for the **11 – 14 age group** on a Friday Night. The new group starts on **Friday 1st of February from 6.30 – 8.30 pm**. New members welcome for both groups.

and keep the new Directors interested such behaviour has to be condemned. Anyone witnessing vandalism in the park must call the police.

Bannockburn Community Council

BY TERRY BARLOW

A public meeting hosted by Councillor Margaret Brisley and Bannockburn Community Council was held in the Community centre on Wednesday 23 January 2008 to discuss two items which it was felt needed an input from the community.

1. Possible changes to the village centre.
2. A workers' memorial

Two council officers presented and outline of possible areas for development. It was agreed that the Council would come back with a local master plan for further consideration by the community.

It was decided to erect a workers' memorial dedicated to anyone who had lost their life whilst at work. The proposed site to be in the cenotaph garden. Also agreed to set up a development group in the next few weeks to progress this matter.

Editor Apology

I forgot to get in touch with Daphne early enough. My mistake and I apologise to all of Daphne's avid followers. She will return next time. Promise.

Councillor Update - Housing for ALL

BY ALASDAIR MACPHERSON

I am sure that the one issue everyone would agree on, irrespective of their political views, is that there is a lack of social rented housing and affordable housing in Bannockburn, the Eastern villages and our rural communities.

In the last few months, the Scottish Government have released a couple of significant consultation documents aimed at addressing the housing crisis which we are currently experiencing. In October last year, the government released a green paper called "Firm Foundations" which is a discussion paper on the future direction of housing policy in Scotland. In January this year, it also released a consultative draft of "SPP3: Planning for Housing". SPP3 was first published in 2003 and the aim of this revision is to strengthen and reinforce planning policies to help meet priorities on the provision of new housing.

At a local level, Stirling Council has set up a cross party Housing Advisory Group which meets every month. The group has members from each political party and tenants from registered tenants groups. The remit of the group does not go as far as setting policy (policy is set by the administration) but discussions to date have been constructive.

My personal view is that we need a National Housing Strategy and a National Housing Agency to co-ordinate all aspects of housing provision. We also need to have direct community involvement in planning for housing and have legislation to ensure that social needs are incorporated into all housing schemes at the earliest stage.

We also need to develop robust policies which tackle homelessness. Homeless people are

probably the most discriminated group in our society, and we need to look at radical measures on how to tackle homelessness. We will need to review our allocations policy and might need to make some difficult and unpopular decisions to address homelessness.

In Bannockburn, the Eastern villages and our rural communities there is a chronic shortage of: Social rented housing (Council and Housing Association), Affordable housing (1 and 2 bedroom properties), Housing for our elderly, Care in the community and special needs housing, Shared equity housing, Housing in the countryside and Self build plots.

The Council is currently discussing a 3rd alteration to the Structure Plan and it is vital that we provide adequate land to address the housing crisis that we are experiencing. It may mean that we have to release some greenbelt land for social housing and also relax our housing in the countryside policies.

It is vital that the Council starts to build new housing again. One good thing to come out of the Firm Foundations consultation paper is the proposal to end the right to buy for new build social housing. The right to buy has been good for a lot of people but the down side is that it has resulted in Stirling Council's housing stock being reduced by 50% since it was introduced in 1980.

We face some serious challenges ahead and in my capacity as councillor for the Bannockburn ward and also Chair of Stirling Council's Planning Panel, I will continue to campaign for an end to homelessness and a housing policy that is underpinned by equality, rights and social justice.

Community Officer Report

BY PC ALEX HATRICK

By now Christmas and New Year seems a distant memory and summer is fast approaching, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for 2008.

CRIME. Since the last issue Bannockburn's reported crime is the lowest since I took up my post as Community Officer last July. This is excellent and long may this continue.

I will keep making sure that we deal quickly and effectively with crimes reported to us. And this means apprehending the person(s) responsible.

I will also continue increasing patrols to reassure you and to deter those set on committing crime.

Youth Disorder. Last time I reported the problems Ochilmount residents had with youths running through their

gardens and causing a general disturbance. I am now pleased to report our increased patrols resulted in us tracing a number of youths who were warned accordingly about their actions and the future consequences. Our patrols will continue

The Anti-Social Behaviour Impact team (ASBIT) is still patrolling Bannockburn on Friday and Saturday evenings. This is an effective tool in preventing and dealing with youth disorder.

The team also regularly visit off-licences in an effort to deter the sale of alcohol to people under 18 years. This has resulted in reduced alcohol seizures by Police in Bannockburn plus a decrease in the amount of youth disorder calls and crime being reported to the Police. A point to note is the 2008 change to the Licensing Laws, which means if found guilty of a licensing offence a premises rather than a particular person could lose their licence to



sell alcohol.

Main Street Parking. The issue of vehicles parking on the double yellow lines in Main Street, Bannockburn has also been brought to my attention recently. I would like to remind people parking on double yellow lines is an offence and as such you can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for £30. This will be enforced over the coming weeks.

And remember, if anyone has any issues they would like to discuss with myself, please do not hesitate to contact me at Bannockburn Police Office.

Thank you

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alex.hatrick@centralscotland.police.uk

Civic Reception for Orange Order Milestone

BY COLIN BLAIR

Bannockburn True Blues Loyal Orange Lodge No 101 celebrated its 100th anniversary recently.

On the 10 August 07 we celebrated our centenary with a parade through the streets of Bannockburn and with a function in Bannockburn Club. Before the parade we held a small act of remembrance at Bannockburn Cenotaph and finished with a lone piper playing Highland Cathedral. On parade with us we were privileged to have Armagh Breague Pipe Band from County Armagh Northern Ireland who agreed to help us celebrate our centenary. We also had pride of the Grange Flute Band from Grangemouth who completed our cultural music on parade.

On parade we were well received by the residents of

Bannockburn and we thank them for all their good wishes. Our function in Bannockburn Club proved to be a huge success and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Being our centenary year we decided that we would give something back to the community so we presented a framed picture of the Battle of Bannockburn to the new Community Centre in Hillpark. We have also sponsored Milton under 13's football team by purchasing their new strips.

On the 2nd of November 07 we were privileged to be granted a civic reception by Stirling Council where our members were warmly received by our lady Provost and Bannockburn Councillor Margaret Brisley. To mark our centenary we

were presented with a plaque from the Provost on behalf of Stirling Council and we had an enjoyable evening in the company of the provost.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support with a special mention to Tartan Arms for the meals before the parade, Baxter's Florist, Central Scotland Police, Bannockburn Club, Stirling Council and lady Provost Margaret Brisley and finally most importantly the residents of Bannockburn for their support.



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Since Our Last Issue

BY VARIOUS

Twinned?

We had an enquiry from Bannockburn Primary asking if Bannockburn is twinned with another town or towns. Get in touch with us if you have any information on this.

Burn Strike Three

Bannockburn Amateur FC are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.



They have another reason to celebrate now that three of their players recently represented Scotland in a game at Clifton Hill. Club captain Chris (Jinky) Campbell has been involved with the international team for some time and the new additions from the Burn were Chris Purdie and Graeme King. Well done guys.

Money Money Money

10 March 2008 is an important date for any group looking for funding.

In the Albert Halls from 1pm – 7pm, (workshops running from 1pm – 5pm). Admission is free and you can drop in to the main hall whenever it suits. The workshops will begin at quarter past each hour in the lesser hall. The Playbus will be on site to provide childcare, 1 pm – 5 pm.

With at least 12 different funders in attendance, OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) and the FundRaising Standards Board this is a not to be missed opportunity to meet the people who can help with the development of your organisation and the planning & funding of your projects. Stirling council contact Jean Cowie - 01786 432268 cowiej@stirling.gov.uk

Weavers' Burns Supper



Pictured are guests, officials and entertainers at the 23rd annual Burns Supper of the Tartan Weavers Burns Club on Sunday 27th Jan. Chairman: Joe Smith, Address to the Haggis: Willie Gibb, Grace: Lewis Palmer, Piper, David Methven, From the Lassies : Rachel Coull, Toast to the Weavers: Stewart Coull, Recitations : Gregor McInnes.

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Young People

Cross Country

On the 23 January 2008, the cross country team from Bannockburn Primary School took part in a race at Stirling University. Abbie Lindores, from P6W, came 2nd out of 150 P6 Stirling girls. Competing in her first race, the winner, from Dunblane, won by just 3 seconds. Out-standing.

Mrs Woods ,PE teacher, had this to say. "Congratulations to Abbie, she ran a fantastic race to win the silver medal." We are all very proud of Abbie and all the cross-country team. We wish them good luck in races to come.



Marni's 'Tic for Determination

Fifteen year old Marni Ann Russell from Bannockburn has shown that with hard work and determination young people can realise their footballing dreams and play in an Old Firm match, though not just any Old Firm match, Marni made history by playing in the first ever female Celtic V Rangers game. Around 600 fans turned up for this match (compared to the usual 40 people). She also played in the second Old Firm game and with both finishing goalless Marni hopes that Celtic can draw Rangers in the League Cup and hopefully she can score the first ever goal in this fixture.

Marni, who plays Centre Midfield, started out playing for Stirling University's U15 team as an 11 year old and has regularly played in teams in which she is 3 or 4 years younger than her team mates and opponents. After Stirling Uni, she moved on to Falkirk and now plays for Celtic's U17's.

Marni trains with Celtic on a Monday night and on a Friday night she does a double training session with the Scottish Regional U19 team and with Celtic. The Celtic matches are played on Sundays.

Asked about her favourite goal, two came to mind. The first was straight from a corner kick against Buchan, from Aberdeenshire, and the second was from the half way line against St. Johnstone. Her favourite footballer is Cristiano Ronaldo, though I'm not sure it was just his football ability that appealed!

Women's soccer is the fastest growing sport in the UK and Marni's dream is that one day it will turn professional and that she can be part of that. Marni would like to thank her first coach **Davie Corsar** who helped her develop at Stirling Uni, **Brian Martin** her coach Falkirk and her parents for taking her up to Glasgow for training and playing with Celtic.

Lunch Time Fun

Lunch time clubs have taking off in Bannockburn Primary school. Children in Primary 6 are enjoying the challenge of playing chess. Taking place every Thursday lunchtime, the twenty Primary 6 pupils are taught the noble game by Principal Teacher, Mr Harvey.

Mr Harvey said, "The children in the club find chess challenging and a lot of fun."

Also held on a Thursday, the Wallace Club held by Miss Martin and Mrs Gallagher at 1pm. The children decide what to do in the club. Mainly they organise House Meetings and take care of the Wallace noticeboard.

The girls in Mrs MacFarlane's Class have been getting healthy with Mrs MacFarlane's 'Pump it Up' Aerobics. Mrs MacFarlane said, "The Pump It Up Aerobic, dance session increases physical exercise and stamina."

On a Monday at 1pm, Miss Quinn holds a club called No Spots Allowed. This club helps support the school's positive behaviour policy and so is for children who have no spots towards a Dragon Mark.

Miss Quinn said, "Pupils choose an activity: art, computer or Sing Star. There are fun rewards for good behaviour."

Mrs Cremin and Mrs Wallace hold a knitting club for pupils in P5-p7's every Tuesday lunchtime. The art of knitting is alive and well among the pupils of Bannockburn. The girls and boys are knitting pot holders and scarves.

Also Mrs McGrory and Miss Duncan hold an I.C.T. Club in the ICT suite at 1pm every Wednesday. It is only for children who work hard in P4. Miss Duncan said, "Children who work well in P4 get the privilege to come to ICT Club. They love it. They love playing games."

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Prize Competition

Well done to the December competition winners, J Thomson from Craigford Drive and Miss McCreadie also of Craigford Drive. It was one of our biggest ever entries with Andy McGown, star of Bannockburn Amateur FC under 19's picking the winners. This time our initials quiz will exercise your little grey cells.

For example 9 P in the SS = Planets in the Solar System.

To enter for the £25 prize, send your answers, by 14 March 2008, to The Editor, (address on page 1). Good luck.

- 1 101 D
- 2 57 HV
- 3 24 HFT
- 4 88 PK
- 5 7 LG (S in the BS)
- 6 32 DF at which WF
- 7 10 DS
- 8 5 C in the W
- 9 1 W on a U
- 10 18 H on a GC
- 11 1746 B of C
- 12 35 CWA
- 13 3BM (SHTR)
- 14 240 OP in a P
- 15 76 TL the BP
- 16 168 H in a W
- 17 13 ABD
- 18 7 DS
- 19 200 P for PG in M
- 20 55 D at P

Entry

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

What's On

Taekwon-Do

Hillpark Community Centre
Morrison Drive

Tuesday and Thursday

5.30 pm-6pm infants
6.00pm-7.00pm juniors
7.00pm - 8.00pm seniors

Carpet Bowls

Community Centre
Every Wednesday 2-4pm £1 inc drink
Every Thursday 8-10pm £1.50 inc drink

Family Fitness

Community Centre
Every Tuesday
6-6.45pm £2 adult £1 child second child free
Every Thursday
6.30-7.15pm £2 adult £1 child second child free

Youth Church

Allan Church
Every Wednesday
6.30 – 8 pm
(Ages 5 upwards)
Everyone welcome

Boys' Brigade

Allan Church
Thursdays
Anchor Boys (P2 & P3)
6.30 - 7.30pm
Junior Section (P4-P6)
7.30 - 9.00pm
Fridays
Company Section
P7 upwards 7 - 9.30pm

Last Time's Solution

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Santa Claus | 2. Cards | 3. Mistletoe | 4. Presents | 5. Mince Pies |
| 6. Reindeer | 7. Star of the East | 8. Turkey | 9. Log Fires | 10. Mulled Wine |
| 11. Christmas Rose | 12. Stocking | 13. Boxing Day | 14. Frost | 15. Angel |
| 16. Advent Calendar | 17. Jingle Bells | 18. Manger | 19. Nativity Play | 20. Chimney |
| 21. Fruit Cake | 22. Plum Pudding | 23. Gold, Frankincence and Myrrh | 24. Three Kings | 25. Happy Christmas |

Bannockburn Taekwondo Success at Scottish Championships

Club members at Coat-bridge championships came away with some very impressive results. Paul Haggerty fighting in the Men's Colour Heavyweight division lost on a very close decision to the Current World and British Champion but still managed to come away with a very impressive Silver medal.

Peter McCafferty won bronze in Junior colour belt Sparring,

Callum McMeekin lifted bronze too for Sparring in his first ever Black belt fight, Aimie McMeekin narrowly missed out on gold place in the junior high kick competition but the star of the show was 9 year old Eddie Docherty who defeated all comers on his way to becoming Junior Colour belt Scottish Champion. The club trains under Colin Lyon at the Hillpark Community Centre, Bannockburn on Tuesday and Thursday nights, anyone wishing more details please contact the

beginner's hotline on 0845 600 1967. Or visit the website at www.puma-uk.com



Fundraising Ceilidh



Bannockburn Riding for the Disabled are having a fundraising Ceilidh at the Stirling Albert Halls on Friday 29th February, 7:30pm with music from the Skelpit Lug Ceilidh band.

Tickets £8.50 available from the Albert Halls Box Office 01786 473 544

An open invitation to all! Come and dance away those winter blues at our leap year ceilidh and support a local charity, Bannockburn Riding for the Disabled.

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