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SHORTLEES SPRING CLEAN

The annual spring clean was held on the 15th of March 2017 here in Shortlees. There was a fantastic turn out from all of the community. There were Grans, Mums, Dads, Aunties and big Sisters all to help our young children in the ECC. The Welly Wednesday group represented the school children and we had helpers from Atrium Homes and NHS Health Improvement. Everyone got involved with their blue gloves on, a litter picker and rubbish bag. The day was a great success.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Spring Clean!



EASTER SCHOOL AT SHORTLEES PRIMARY & ECC

Shortlees Primary and ECC were funded £81 K by The Big Lottery for their CAST (Community and School Together) project. As part of the project pupils from Primary 4 & 5 along with parents were invited to take in a variety of activities during Easter School that included: Easter Activities, cooking, den building, clean-up of the woods, Tae know do, fitness, treasure hunt at Calderglen and skiing & tubing at Newmilns ski slope.

All of the pupils and parents had a great time and loved the hot lunches made by Centrestage.



HOUSING BOOST FOR SHORTLEES!

Atrium Homes, the Kilmarnock based registered social landlord is delighted to announce that construction has begun on its former BISF demolition site in Shortlees, Kilmarnock.

The £4.25 million investment, which is being delivered by McTaggart Construction Ltd of Dalry, will see a total of 43 quality, affordable homes added to the Shortlees area. The units will consist of highly sought after property types including family, elderly and single person units.

Jim O'Neill, Chair of Atrium said; *"I am delighted that this development is now underway and we can finally deliver the promise that we made to the people of Shortlees back in 2013 when the original 20 properties were demolished"*.

As part of their commitment to the economic development of the area, Atrium have teamed up with McTaggart Construction to provide apprenticeships and training opportunities. If you are interested in applying or know someone who could benefit from this, please email: community@mctaggartconstruction.co.uk

Atrium homes are also looking for new volunteer board members. We are particularly keen to attract candidates who have had experience of our services as customers and who are committed to service excellence and continuous improvement.

If you are interested, please contact us for an application pack at info@atrium-homes.co.uk

Body & Sole Holistic Therapy Services

Provides holistic therapy services to the local community either in the comfort of their own home or a room at the Community Centre. (subject to availability)

Contact : May Walker Telephone: 07547 516959

Email: bodysolehts@outlook.com



Do YOU want to Write?



South West Writers meet every second Saturday in Shortlees Community Centre. We have, between us, written books – two of our writers have had science fiction novels published. All the others have been published in our new magazine of science fiction and fantasy - 'Omega.'

But South West Writers have room for all kinds of writing including poetry, short stories book reviews and even writing for children, all of which we have done in the past.

Meetings are held upstairs in a community room of Shortlees Community Centre and all are welcome.

If you are looking for information you can find details on www.bubblyjock.co.uk or call Alex on 07947975806
Email: southwestwriters@yahoo.com



HOLIDAY PROJECT

The Holiday Project is a small registered charity that originated in Shortlees, back in 1996. We still offer affordable holidays, in one of our 4 caravans, one of which is adapted for the disabled. All caravans are sited at Sandylands Holiday Park, Saltcoats. Caravans are fully equipped and the cost includes passes, gas and electricity.

Our service is open to everyone in East Ayrshire, and if you have a physical or mental health issue, you may even qualify for your holiday to be paid for via the East Ayrshire Council Archibald Taylor Trust.

For more information on our service and how we can help, please contact Elaine or Gillian on:

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SHORTLEES PUPILS INTERVIEW THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP



Mary from The Ladies Fellowship

Pupils: Where were you born?

Mary : Ayr New Road, past Tams Brig

Pupils: Where did you grow up and what did you play with did you play?

Mary : Next to the beach. I played kick the can , hopscotch, and gird and cleet.

Pupils: Tell me about school? Did you go to Shortlees Primary?

Mary: I went to Newhead School in Ayr.

Pupils: What was the old school and community like?

Mary: I thought the school was a prison when I arrived in Shortlees! Kids all went to Shortlees Primary.

Pupils: When you were young what did you consider a treat and what did you play with?

Mary: Boys played with guns , the girls played with prams. A treat for us was ice- cream or an orange.

Pupils: How long have you been part of 'The Ladies Fellowship ' group ?

Mary: 7 years

Pupils: What kind of things do you do during the group?

Mary: We get speakers and demonstrations in.

Pupils: Are there any activities that you would like to do in the group that you haven't had a chance to do yet

Mary: We are happy with all our activities!

3 SISTERS WERE ALSO INTERVIEWED FROM THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Pupils: Where were you all born?

3 sisters: I was born (Sadie) in Egypt while my dad was in the army, 11 years later I (May) was born in Langfaulds Street in Scotland and 4 years later Effie was born in old Cumnock.

Pupils: What school did you go to?

3 sisters: I (May) went to Riccarton school and my class had a wooden lid! I (Effie) went to Grammer school and then the Kilmarnock Academy

Pupils: What do you remember about the Community Centre ?

3 sisters: We all remember the new one being built and we also remember the breeze blocks being put in.

Pupils: What did you consider a treat and what did you play we you were young?

3 sisters: A treat was going to the pictures or having tea in the café straight after school. We used to always play with skipping ropes and tin cans and we liked to play at the back doors of shops.

Pupils: How long have you been in the Ladies Fellowship?

3 sisters: They have all been in it 10 years.

Pupils: What kind of things do you do in the group?

3 sisters: Visitors come and play music, we have had speakers in and stuff like that.

Pupils: What would you like to do in the group that you haven't done yet?

3 sisters: We would like to do knitting with some of the pupils from Shortlees.



The pupils also visited the Ladies Fellowship to make Easter Bonnets together. Everyone had great fun!

The Ladies' Fellowship is open to everyone, and meets in the Shortlees Community Centre on a Wednesday afternoon.

FRIDAY DROP-IN

Where? - Shortlees Community Centre

When? - Friday mornings: 9am & Friday afternoons: 2pm

Who? - Dawn Hunter (Community Practitioner) & Liza-Jane Hunter (Early Years Practitioner), for all parents and carers

What? - Come along and have a cuppa and a chat and find out more about events and activities within the school and community.

Opportunities to come along to workshops -

We have successfully completed a number of work-shops including:

- CANI coaching
- PARENTS NETWORK
- Training conference about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD)



HELPING HANDS

PROVIDING PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE HOME FOR ADULTS WHO ARE FRAIL, ELDERLY OR DISABLED

We undertake household security tasks such as key safes, door viewers, safety chains etc. This helps people feel safe in their own home and our safety work such as hand grips/rails gives our clients greater confidence in moving around. Our assistance with the more arduous household tasks such as cleaning inside windows, kitchen cupboards, light shades etc helps to make them feel more comfortable in their own home.



Women of Worth



SHORTLEES WOMEN'S GROUP

Meet every

WEDNESDAY

9.30AM-11.30AM

In Shortlees Community Centre

COME ALONG AND JOIN OUR



GROUP

Come and enjoy a cuppa, have time to relax and chat, as well as many other interesting and varied things to do.

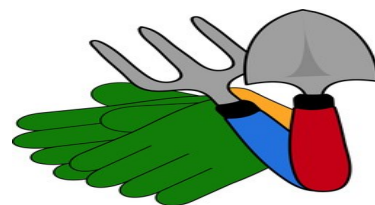


FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT ANDREA 07851359055

COMMUNITY OPEN GARDENS SHORTLEES aka C.O.G.S

We are still looking for Committee members and volunteers. Anyone interested in making Shortlees a better place for people to live, work, rest and play—come and see us; We have meetings in the Carpet Room, first Tuesday of the month @6.30pm, Community Centre Shortlees.



THE SKY PROJECT

The Sky Project offers a wide range groups and activities including arts & crafts, games pool and wii. All groups are held in the Shortlees Community Centre

Monday

- Primary 5 & 6

3.45pm – 5.45 pm

- Youth group for Primary 7 and S1 in partnership with Barnardos

6.00pm – 8.00pm

New group

- S2 and above 5.00pm – 7.00pm

(please check this group is on as it is subject to lets)

Wednesday

- Primary 1 & 2

3.00pm – pick up time 4.45 – 5.00pm
Adults must drop off and pick up children

- Primary 3, 4 & 5

5.15pm – 7.15pm

Groups also have parent helpers who enjoy playing and learning with their children.

Groups are held at Shortlees Community Centre.

Volunteering opportunities

The SKY Project also has openings for volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities who enjoy being with children and young people. Volunteers should be enthusiastic and committed to being a positive role model for children and young people. They will be part of a team of both staff and volunteers helping to deliver a wide range of activities including arts & craft, baking, pool, snack preparation, helping the children and young people to learn new skills and become more confident. Volunteers are guided and supported by the staff.

Contact Jennifer Townsend 01563 57400 or email jennifer.theskyproject@gmail.com

The Sky project also has a Facebook page where you can see the activities the children and young people do.



Centrestage Communities

@Shortlees

Wednesdays

Shortlees Community Centre

Sing 'n' Smile (0-2yrs)

9:30am -10:00am

Sing 'n' Smile (2-4yrs)

10:00am - 10:45am

Saturdays

Music Theatre (4-7yrs)

11:00am - 12:00pm

Music Theatre (8+ yrs)

12:00pm - 1:15pm

SHORTLEES

Our Activities

Centrestage Communities

@ SHORTLEES COMMUNITY CENTRE

Every Wednesday and Saturday!



Pay It Forward

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01563 551505

www.centrestagemusictheatre.co.uk

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All Ability Circuits & Fitness

What organisation does?

Provides local community with a fun circuit training fitness class to aim to make the local community a healthier place

Where & when?

Shortlees community centre

- Friday 6 pm-7pm
- Saturday 10.30 am-11.30am

Contact person:

Ross Dunlop Telephone:
07936 528156

Email: allabilitycircuitsfitness@outlook.com

OUR PLACE IN SHORTLEES

£239,000 of Big Lottery funding has already been awarded to projects in Shortlees through the Our Place initiative!

Over £1million is still to be awarded over the next 2 years for projects that will have a lasting impact and improve lives in Shortlees.

www.facebook.com/ourplaceshortlees/

