



Pitcairngreen Village Newsletter

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"Dull November brings the blast,
Then the leaves are tumbling fast"

Diary for November

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| 1st | Pilates at the Tickled Trout | weekly |
| | Youth Space in the church | weekly |
| 2nd | Ladies group meet in St Serfs | |
| | Book exchange in Pitcairngreen Inn | weekly |
| | Mobile library visits | |
| 3rd | Rainbows and Brownies meet in St Serfs hall | weekly |
| 4th | "low level fireworks" on Pitcairngreen | |
| 6th | Yoga in Pitcairngreen village hall | weekly |
| | village lunch in village hall | |
| | cCraft group meet in St Serfs | weekly |
| 11th | Remembrance Day | |
| 12th | Remembrance service in Church and at village water memorial | |
| 19th | Village craft fair in Pitcairngreen Village Hall | |
| 27th | West Stormont Historical Society | |

NB the October meeting of the West Stormont Historical Society , on 30th, is in Luncarty Church centre not Pitcairngreen village hall

Pitcairngreen Village Hall

Please remember to check the website <https://www.pitcairngreen.net/> for the newsletter at the start of each month.

Upcoming events:

Craft Fair 19th Sunday November, 10-3

We would be very appreciative of any help that you can offer for this event whether it be setting up the hall, taking a turn on the door or helping with teas, coffees and of course, baking cakes and biscuits too. Please contact Gillian Mowat if you can help on 07840 751629.

Craft s people who would like to take a table please contact Rachel rachelclark14@btinternet.com

Tombola!

We would be very grateful of any donations you can provide for a tombola stall at this year's Craft Fair. Thank you! Please hand in to a committee member or to Samantha at the hall flat.

St Andrews is moving!!

Our traditional St Andrew's night dinner will now be held as a Burns evening on **Friday 26th January**. There will be haggis, stovies, whisky and music, hopefully bringing people out in the quietest month. Tickets will be £15 per person. Please contact Andy Young on 07719 453854 if you would like to come along or book a table for a group.

There are several reasons for this change:

- Having events on consecutive weekends means a lot of the work falls on the same shoulders and it can be difficult to get volunteers outside of the committee members.
- There is also a ceilidh on Saturday 25th November organised in aid of MY NAME'S DODDIE and we thought people might not attend both evenings.

Village Lunch

The November village lunch will be on Monday 6th November in the village hall between 12noon and 1.30pm. The soup and biscuits are all home-made and the choice of rolls are freshly filled. Finish off your meal with a cup of tea or fresh brewed coffee.

As well as having a meal it is a very sociable event, an opportunity to have a blether with friends and well as meeting new people and if you are lucky you may win a prize in our raffle.

If you would like to help or would like more information contact Heather brands.langholme@btinternet.com



PITCAIRNGREEN
Village Hall

AUTUMN Craft Fair

SUN 19TH NOV 2023, 10AM-3PM

£3.50 ENTRY & KIDS GO FREE

Price includes freshly brewed tea or coffee with delicious home baking.

Lots of fantastic local crafts to browse & buy

- 🌰 Christmas Baubles & Wreaths
- 🌰 Silk Scarves
- 🌰 Costume Jewellery
- 🌰 Handmade Silver & Resin Jewellery
- 🌰 Crochet & Knitting
- 🌰 Diffusers
- 🌰 Art
- 🌰 Candles
- 🌰 Cards
- 🌰 Cushions
- 🌰 Decoupage Slate
- 🌰 Earthenware Pottery inspired by Scottish nature, history & folklore
- 🌰 Embroidery
- 🌰 Hanging Decorations
- 🌰 Wood Turning
- 🌰 Fused Glass
- 🌰 Pyrography
- 🌰 Natural Skincare
- 🌰 Wax Lanterns
- 🌰 Lamp Bases
- 🌰 Felt Animals & Brooches
- 🌰 Personalised Signage & Decorations

Pitcairngreen Village Hall, PH1 3LR

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ALMONDBANK TIBBERMORE CHURCH



Services continue to be held every Sunday beginning at 10.00am and Rev Robert Malloch will lead all Services in November

The Service on 12th November will be 'remembrance themed' and will be followed at 11.00am by a short Service at the War Memorial where wreaths will be laid in remembrance of those fallen during the conflicts.

Tea and Coffee continues to be served in the hall after the Service every Sunday. All welcome so please come along.

OTHER NEWS The Craft Group meetings are held every Monday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

The Church Youth space now operates weekly on Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for those in P7 upwards.



A space to chat to friends or enjoy Pool, Table- tennis, Air Hockey,

X- Box , and games.

The next Ladies Group meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd November beginning **2.00pm**.

The next meeting of St Serf's Ladies Group is on Thursday 2nd November at 2pm in the Church Hall.

The speaker will be Geraldine Knight from Care Opinions - a platform where patients and carers can share their stories and suggest how their experiences could have been better.(NHS Tayside are committed to hearing patients' and families' experiences and using that to improve).

Improving Our Fitness

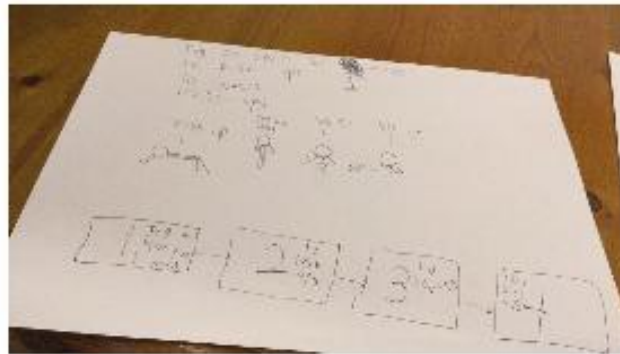
Here at Pitcairn Primary, over the last six weeks, primary 4/5/6 have been working hard to improve their fitness.

First, they recorded their initial fitness scores by completing a 'beep test'. The test required the whole class to continuously run between two ends that face each other at 20 metres apart. The score was given for the number of runs completed within a given time frame.

Then, they completed various exercises in their PE class, including shuttle runs, squat jumps and sit ups. They created circuits and worked in pairs doing each exercise for 30 seconds then resting for 30 seconds, repeating this twice a week for the term.

Finally, the beep test was repeated to see if there had been an improvement in their fitness. Most children recorded a slight improvement in their fitness and have decided to repeat the process next term to see if they can increase their fitness further.

Here is an example of someone's circuit creation.



The Turn of the Year

We know the autumn poems conjuring mellow fruitfulness on the one hand and the obliteration of everything by November fog (No sun, no moon...). Soutar captures our feelings on a still day when we realise winter is upon us again.

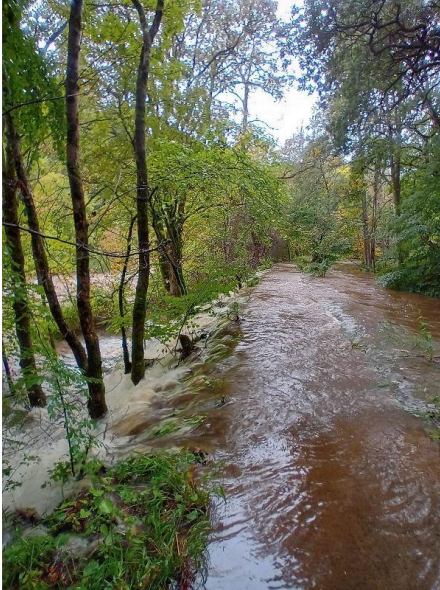
The Turn of the Year

This is the day of change
And this the hour;
The wind holding its breath.
Each flower looks downward to the earth
As in a stare.
The listening air stands still;
Only the stream, like a bright chattering child,
Is unaware of the foreboding peace.
This is the day, the hour,
And now the very moment fills the sky;
While the undreaming earth,
Within a trice which measures a surcease,
Is paused upon a sigh.
Life lifts a hand to turn his hour-glass round:
A leaf,
A withered world is falling with no sound

William Soutar 1898-1943

Wild weather

Our October weather has been exciting enough, but we got away lightly. On the weekend of 6th October it was all about rain, and more rain. That's when the North Inch flooded and inundated the houses on the perimeter, along with Bell's sports centre. Here the Almond hurtled down to add to the full spate of the Tay, but our famed flood defences worked and no damage was done to property.



When storm Babet hit, we were lucky again. Despite dire warnings not to travel, not many trees were down, and in this part of the county no casualties were reported. Maybe, for once, people heeded the warnings and really did not travel if they could avoid it. Beside the Almondbank bridge the big old oak tree lost a very large bough which crashed onto the road. Local folk and council workers set about it very quickly allowing traffic to pass. The branch brought



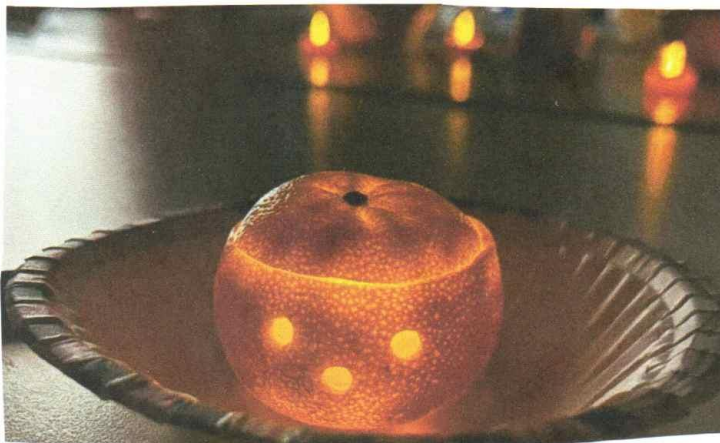
Autumn fun at Brownies

it was all about

Apples n' Tangerines

Apples

Our little apple tree in the church gardenproduced 90 ->something apples
On last Friday of September, the Brownies each picked 4 large ones as they came into our meeting
Washed, peeled, chopped and placed them in small tin foil dish and sprinkled with sugar
Got messy *rubbing* flour into butter to make crumbs and cover the apples
Dotted butter and "demerara crystal" sugar over to give a sweet crusty finish to their "church oven baked" - take home Apple Crumble they were delicious!!
On the Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday we passed on a little note to the Minister and church attendees ...to please... at end of service, go to tree and pick some apples to take away
It was a pleasure to share our crop with others



Tangerines

As part of our Hallowe'en Fun of delving for maltesers out of crushed orange jelly..yuck!
transferring cheesy wotsits by straws from bowl to bowl .. suck n' blowing !!
we crafted little mini pumpkins by cutting a slice off end of Tangerine ~ scooping out the juice and fruity bits from inside
washed n' dried away all the stickiness ~ made 2 eyes and 1 nose using a *hole punch*
placed a tiny LED flicker flame candle inside and popped on the "lid" easy done !! and lots of Fun

Pitcairngreen Inn presents....

**Remember, Remember,
the ~~5th~~ of November!
4th**

**Toffee
apples**

**Low Noise
Fireworks**

**Fire
pits**

Sparklers

**Glow
sticks**

**Free bowl of stovies and
marshmallows to toast!**

Free entry

(Fireworks are low noise, they will be lit at 7pm)