

# Bonnyrigg and Lasswade News



*The community newsletter of Bonnyrigg & Lasswade  
Community Council*

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**Community Newsletter**

**Autumn/Winter 2009**

## New Lasswade High School to be built



**Lasswade High School**

On Monday 28th September, the Education Secretary Fiona Hyslop made the announcement we have all been waiting for - Lasswade High School Centre is at last going to be rebuilt.

The High School is one of 14 schools, initially, across Scotland being built as part of an £800m investment from the Scottish Government, with a further £450m input from local councils.

The current infrastructure was built in 1956, with new extensions opened in 1978. A Mathematics and Support wing were added in 2000, to include Guidance classrooms, offices and meeting rooms with existing areas converted to form new Craft, Design & Technology, Science and general classrooms. The Sports Centre attached to the school is also relatively new so is unlikely to feature in the rebuilding programme. The school

houses 1,250 students and close to 100 teaching staff, plus about 50 support staff including the sports centre. The school roll is also expected to grow as new housing developments take shape in the area. Unfortunately, it will be 2013 at the earliest before we see the new school open, but at least the first step has been made.

Commenting on the announcement, head teacher Albert Jaster said, "This is fantastic news for the pupils, parents and staff but also for the community at large. Lasswade High School Centre is a school for the community and with this news will remain firmly based within the community. In partnership with the authority and the community we hope to create a school which will be a major resource in the area".

## Community Hospital

The construction of the new Community Hospital on Eskbank Road is well underway, with the external structure and roof almost complete. Work started on the building on 19th March and is scheduled for completion in September 2010.

Services which will be provided at the hospital will include mental health assessment and care for the elderly, a day hospital for the elderly, an outpatient department, an "out of hours" service and therapy services.



**The new Community Hospital takes shape**

## Leafletters wanted!

Getting this newsletter out to over 4,000 households in Bonnyrigg & Lasswade is no small feat. If you can help us by delivering some around where you live, we'd love to hear from you. All we ask is up to two or three hours of your time twice a year, and for fresh air and exercise it's better than going to the gym!

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Extensions, renovations and conversions



## Your community council

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter 2009 newsletter from **Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Community Council**, our first since deciding to produce a twice-yearly issue.

A more frequent newsletter is one of a number of initiatives we are undertaking to reach out to the local community. We found there's so much going on locally, it's difficult to get it all in to an annual edition and so much happens in between, some news gets missed out completely.

Despite Community Councils having been around for over 30 years and being statutory organisations, many people across Scotland are still not aware of what we do, or even that there is one locally. Although with essentially the same remit, community councils often operate differently in different places, with various methods of election. However, this is being addressed by the Scottish Government with a Model Scheme now drawn up, which will ensure consistency in how all community councils operate.

We are also exploring setting up public meetings on a regular basis, probably one or two a year. This could be to help provide information for the community or it could be for us to find out what local residents think about changes taking place in the area. The first of these will be a talk by Changeworks on home composting in the Spring.

This year also saw our first 'spring clean-up', which will become an annual event. And if you run a local community group, we can send a speaker to talk about what we do and find out what you want us to do.

Please feel free to come along and see for yourself what we discuss at our meetings. All residents are welcome as observers, with no commitment to join up or get involved in any way. Please contact us if you want to find out when we next meet.

Finally, we wish all our readers, advertisers and sponsors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best regards,

**Ian Baxter**  
Chairman  
**Bonnyrigg & Lasswade**  
Community Council



## Community Council elections

Nominations will open during February for membership of the Community Council, which runs for a year from our AGM in March. Completion of a simple nomination form is all that is required and these can be obtained from and deposited in the library, or downloaded from our web site nearer the time.

## Spring clean-up

In early April we will be holding our second Spring clean-up event, part of Keep Scotland Beautiful's national campaign. It will take place on a Saturday morning probably in early April and will involve a couple of hours' intensive litter picking in or around the town. More information can be found at [springclean.keepsotlandbeautiful.org](http://springclean.keepsotlandbeautiful.org).

## Planning changes

New planning regulations came fully into force on 3rd August which require a pre-application consultation to be held in respect of certain types of new development. Major developments, including those comprising at least 50 houses or covering over 2 hectares, come within the scope.

The pre-application process, lasting a minimum of 12 weeks, must include consultation with every community council which includes or borders at least part of the proposed development. The applicant is also required to hold at least one public event for members of the public to make comments as well as publishing a description of the proposed development in local newspapers. A report on the consultation which has taken place must be submitted along with the application, otherwise the local authority cannot process it.

Other changes include new weekly lists which will provide more information to community councils, an increase to 21 days in the time for neighbours to make representation and more information will be provided by the council on how a decision was made.

## Midlothian Cycle Map

SPOKES, the Lothians Cycle Campaign, has launched the third edition of its Midlothian Cycle Map.

The map is ideal for anyone who cycles locally, whether to work, school or just out for the day with the family.

The map shows the Penicuik to Eskbank cycleway, which passes through Bonnyrigg, together with new cycle paths and lanes around the new

housing developments. Showing gradients and mileages, it is ideal for planning a day out avoiding busy traffic.

The map costs £5.95 and is available from Spokes - [www.spokes.org.uk](http://www.spokes.org.uk)



## Home composting talk

Want to know more about home composting? Early next year we'll be hosting a talk by Changeworks who will show you how to do it, why it's good for the environment and how it helps your garden!

Changeworks is an Edinburgh based charity set up to give local communities and businesses the information they need to make choices that lessen their impact on the environment and to lead safer, healthier and more fulfilled lives.

If you don't already own a compost bin, they can be purchased for as little as £6 from the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). Four sizes are available, from

220 to 800 litres capacity and can be ordered from WRAP by phoning 0845 076 0223 or visiting [www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk](http://www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk).

Look out for posters about the town advertising the talk in early Spring next year.

## Summer break

As happens each year after the summer break, at our September meeting we found it difficult to give as much time as we would have liked to go through all the issues and correspondence which had accumulated over the summer months. We therefore decided in future to hold a regular meeting in August, so meetings will now be held on the third Thursday of every month except July and December.

## Focus on ...

Each issue we will be publicising the good work done in our community and opportunities offered by various organisations. If you want your group to be featured, whether it helps a particular sector in the community or offers sport or leisure facilities to all, then drop us a line. Here we highlight the work of the Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Seniors Forum.

### ... *Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Seniors Forum*

We all know how difficult it can be for many elderly and infirm people to get out and about. Even getting to the shops and back can be hard work, especially in icy conditions or with heavy bags.

That's why the free bus service provided by the Bonnyrigg & Lasswade Seniors Forum is such a great help to so many people. The service operates daily on weekdays and picks people up from home, using Lothian Community Transport Services (LCTS) buses and drops you off at Somerfield in Bonnyrigg High Street. After a chance to do some shopping, visit the doctor, library, etc just call in to the Forum's premises in Room 3 of Bonnyrigg Public Hall on Lothian Street for a cup of tea or coffee and a warm welcome. Afterwards, the bus picks you up from there and you'll be dropped off home with assistance offered with your shopping bags or trolleys.

And it doesn't stop there. Shopping group members can join the Forum's Social Fund. For a weekly contribution of 50p, you can join in a summer coach outing and Christmas shopping trip to an out of town shopping centre such as Almondvale in Livingston, both of which are free, with pocket money provided in each case. For their summer outing this year the group went on a day trip to Burns country.

None of this would happen without the time and effort put in by the group co-ordinator, Margaret Reid, secretary Bill Prentice, and the team who provide teas and coffees, not to mention the help provided by LCTS.

Along with Ted Comerford, Bill also presents a weekly Seniors Hour radio slot on Black Diamond Radio (107.8FM) between 5 and 6 pm on Sundays. The show is run by the elderly and for the elderly in Midlothian, playing music requested by listeners - so listen in and find out what else you might be missing!



Bill Prentice chats to some of the regulars

## The Broomieknowe Golf Club

Broomieknowe Golf Club is a members only club which offers its members a pleasant relaxed atmosphere to enjoy a drink or a meal.

It is possible to enjoy these facilities even if you do not play golf as we offer a **House membership**, at a very reasonable cost, which allows you to enjoy all the facilities of the clubhouse.



The bar has a wide selection of beers, spirits and wines, along with non-alcohol and soft drinks. Full meal and snack menus are available every day except Mondays. A comfortable dining room is also available for those who enjoy a more formal, yet relaxing eating experience, particularly popular on Friday and Saturday evenings

If you would like **more information on House Membership** or any other form of membership contact our Administrator on **0131 663 9317** please quote offer 09

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