



Lasswade District Civic Society

Newsletter

SPRING 2024



Wendy Macmillan hosted a lovely afternoon tea, at the end of May, in her beautiful garden. As a thank you to the Reps for all the work they carry out on behalf of the Society.

AGM

You are invited to the 2024 Civic Society
AGM on 23rd April.

This will be held in the Polton Bowling Club on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 from 7.30pm.

We are delighted that Prof. John Oldham has agreed to give a Talk on the work of the Esk Valley Trust and the issues currently affecting the River Esk.

We do hope you can join us. There will be tea, coffee and cake and the bar will open.

Please contact Rosemary at dequinceyrose@aol.com if you have any items to add to the Agenda.



A very successful Garden Open Day was held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Society. Albeit a little late because of Covid!

Another Open Day is planned for this year, on Saturday 8th June 2.30-4pm. Hope you can come along.

Chairman's Report

First of all, a very Happy New Year to you after what I hope was an enjoyable Festive Period. As I write, the cold weather has begun to bite, and snow is forecast.

Your Society does not hibernate, however, and the time of year is fast approaching when we ask you to renew your subscription. If at all possible, please take advantage of the facility for paying by Standing Order or Direct Debit, to save our hard-working area reps from having to knock on too many doors to ask for cash. Details overleaf.

Work on the former Howden and Welton site appears to have completely stopped yet again, but we are trying to find out what is going on and will inform you of any news we can pick up. It remains an eyesore, unfortunately.

We continue to work with Midlothian Council, seeking resolutions to issues raised by our members.

We are also keeping an eye on Lasswade Church, which as you will know, is scheduled for closure. It is an important building in our village, and we will be watching very carefully to see what plans come forward for its future ownership and its future use. It would be great to see it continue to have some community function, but it will be for the Church of Scotland to look at any proposals and business plans which will give it a sustainable future. All ideas are welcome!

This Newsletter contains details of the AGM and I hope you will be able to come along on the evening of 23 April. The usual formal notification will be sent to all Members in due course.

In the meantime, stay warm and stay safe.

George Clark, Chairman



Fallen Tree

Storm Isha downed this tree that for many years overlooked the valley from the top of Polton Bank. Thankfully not a loss on the scale of the 'sycamore gap,' but it's graceful summer canopy will be missed.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 28th January 2024 - Clean-up Day 2.30-4pm. Meeting at the Community Garden.

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - AGM Polton Bowling Club from 7.30pm. Speaker Prof. John Oldham.

Thursday 25th April 2024 - Garden Clean-up Day Meeting at the Community Garden. Please bring gloves and your favourite tools

Saturday 8th June 2024 - Community Garden Open Day from 2-4pm. We do hope you can join us. There will be cake! Reps Party

Thursday 3rd October 2024 - Clean-up Day Meeting at the Community Garden.

Winter Speaker/ Autumn Event - Details to be announced.



Cigarette Bin

This is the third time that the cigarette bin has been vandalised. We are at a loss to understand why anyone would want to open the bin. Wendy very kindly empties it, and members tidy up the bus stop on clean-up days. Any ideas on how to encourage people to value their bus shelter, gratefully received!

Fly-tipping

We would like to thank Edinburgh University Estates Dept for removing tyres that were dumped on Polton Road at the entrance to Hewan Wood. We are in discussions with the University regarding a horse/pedestrian friendly gate, designed to stop vehicles reversing and then fly-tipping.

Many thanks to Penicuik Estates for their swift removal of this detritus dumped in Haveral Wood. As with the entrance to the Hewan, a barrier with pedestrian/horse access may deter further tipping. This has been discussed with but not yet adopted by the landowners.



Lasswade and District Civic Society Photographic Competition 2024

The photo competitions have brought in a wealth of interesting entertaining images from our members. These can be found on our website.

This year we are inviting you to send in photos representing the sights and sounds of Lasswade and copies of any old photos of the area that you wish to share.

There will be a prize of £50 for the most interesting entry and two further prizes of £20 and £10.

Please send jpeg images to Rosemary at dequinceyrose@aol.com Closing date 1st January 2025.

Looking forward to your entries!



Twenty members took part in a recent defibrillator training course held at Polton Bowling Club. Thanks to the Team who delivered an excellent training session.

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: LDCS72Lass2020@gmail.com

All enquiries should come through this address as the contact section on the website is no longer monitored. *Many thanks.*

Subscription Preparation for 2024

1. Thank You again! Many of our members have kindly set up Standing Orders for their Annual Subscription. This is our preferred method of receiving your dues but you can still pay by cash, cheque or a one-off annual payment. PLEASE check the date on your Standing Order and alter it, if necessary, to fall within the two and a half month window of January to mid March. Thank you again!

Here are the details:

Name of Account:	Lasswade & District Civic Society	Date to Pay:	15 March latest (January [preferred])
Sort Code:	80-17-42 (Bank of Scotland)	Frequency:	Annually
Account No:	00427753	Reference:	YOUR Surname and Initial(s)
Amount:	£3.00 Single £5.00 Family		

2. If you wish to pay by cheque or cash, you can still do this. Please email Rosemary at dequinceyrose@aol.com for up to date instructions.

3. Cheques should be made out to: Lasswade & District Civic Society.

Thank you