



***Hall** The Riverside Day Centre, Newton Stewart, is providing **lunch** for over 60s on 13th December at 12 noon in the village hall. The price is £5 for a 2-course meal. This is the second time this has been held in the hall and it is hoped that it will continue on a monthly basis, if you have been to one of these lunches before and enjoyed please spread the word

Whist continues on the first Thursday in the month. It's £2 to play including refreshments. Come along and try it out even if you have never played, it's easy to pick up

If you would like to hire the hall for any events or activities, please contact Mrs Karen Hawkins on 01988600256

***Thanks** to everyone who knitted or crocheted poppies for the Weeping Window display at Sorbie Tower, including purple poppies to remember animals lost in war. The target of about 8,000 poppies was massively surpassed more than 13,000 having been made and donated.

***Christmas lights** It is the intention to use battery operated lights this year to decorate the village. If anyone has any they do not need or would be willing to contribute to the cost of lights please contact one of the Community Councillors. The Christmas lights will be switched on the 1st December. We will have two trees this year the usual one on the High Street but also one at the village hall, kindly donated by Linda Wright. The Hall Committee will be decorating both the hall and the tree at the hall. Following the success of last year's switch on, there will be carols, mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee at the village hall after the light switch. Please note the light switch on will take place at the main Christmas Tree on the High Street at 6pm on the 1st December. If anyone is able to make mince pies or shortbread these would be gratefully received. Donations are also being requested towards a Christmas Hamper which will be raffled to raise funds for Christmas Lights and Trees. This is the last year that Community Councils will receive funding for Christmas lights so from next year we will have to use our own funds to purchase the Christmas Tree.

***Christmas Window Competition** This year we will be holding a Christmas Window Competition – there will be a prize for the best dressed Christmas Window. The decision will be made by an independent judge. Window decorations need to be in place by Monday 10th December and the winner will be announced on the 19th December. Let's turn our village into a Festive Frenzy!!

***Bowling** Short mat bowling is back in the Forteviot {church} Hall during the winter, afternoons only, unfortunately evening sessions are not viable. Details below.

***Community Council** Meetings are now the first **Wednesday** in the month at 7pm, everyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone wishing to contact CC members can do so via the email garliestonccouncil@gmail.com

The community council have been successful in receiving funding to purchase equipment to run Badminton and Table Tennis in the village hall. It's anticipated this will take place on a Thursday evening (apart from the first Thursday of each month). If there is demand we will have the first hour available for children to play. They must be accompanied by an adult. We are collecting names of people interested so please let one of the community councillors know or send an email to the CC address. We will announce shortly the starting date.

Dates for Diary

* **Christmas Lights Switch On** December 1st at 6pm

* **Lunch for over 60s** December 13th at 12 noon

* **Burn's Supper** January 26th at The Harbour Inn

Ongoing :-

* **Monday and Friday evenings, Money Bingo** in the village hall, eyes down 7.30pm

* **Thursdays, Dance exercise class 11am-12 noon** in the village hall, all welcome, work at your own pace

* **First Thursday in each month, Whist Drive** in village hall, beginning at 7pm

* **Monday and Thursday afternoons Short Mat Bowling** in Forteviot Hall, beginning at 1.30pm, all welcome.