



Quarrymill Kingfisher

THE GANNOCHY ESTATE NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019

Housing Expansion

The work on the new housing has progressed well thanks to the relatively mild and dry winter. A number of house frames and roofs have now been completed, and this has really begun to show off the distinctive pyramid roof form. Unfortunately the work in Gannochy Road has taken much longer to complete than originally envisaged, however we are pleased to report that this is now drawing to a close and should be finished by the end of April. We have also received confirmation that the new road and cul-de-sacs will be named Camilla Bell Crescent, after the former Trustee and wife of the Trust's founder. The majority of the 48 new houses will have a Camilla Bell Crescent address although a small number will be on Gannochy Road. The information boards used for the community consultation event last year showing the site layout, house plans, and architect's impressions are now on display in the Gannochy Community Hall as well as online at www.gannochyhousingexpansion.org.uk

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Quarrymill Coffee Shop and Woodland Park

The Macmillan Coffee and Gift Shop opened its doors for business again on 1st April for another season of fundraising in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. They have now been operating for 27 years and recently reached the amazing milestone of £1 million raised during this period.

The Trust is delighted to continue supporting this excellent cause and we have undertaken some refurbishment work within the building ahead of the re-opening including refurbishment of the toilets and sanding of the floors. We are also

continuing with our programme of repairs to the bridges in Quarrymill and hope that our tenants are able to get out and enjoy the many excellent walks in the park.



RSPB – Growing up with Quarrymill

The Gannochy Trust funded RSPB – Growing up with Quarrymill project has produced its May to August brochure/newsletter and is enclosed with this newsletter. Some highlights include:

For older children and adults 28 May – *The Learn More Walk*. Skills in tree identification

For families and groups 10 July – Kubb Championship. Create a Kubb set and learn to play!

Booking is essential – Miranda.shephard@rspb.org.uk 01577 862355

QUIZ NIGHT

Gannochy Events Group

Hi neighbours. My name is Ian, I am a resident of Gannochy and the Chair of the newly formed **Gannochy Events Group**. This is an exciting group started up by residents FOR residents! It offers new opportunities to attend events in the Gannochy area like the inaugural **Cheese and Wine Quiz Nights** on **Fri 3rd May** and **Fri 21st June '19** and the **Scarecrow Competition**. Others to come will

include Bingo, Craft Events, Mums Groups, Walking, Summer Fair, Halloween and so much more for the coming year and beyond! Gannochy residents are welcome to attend the Events Group – next meeting is planned for 24 Apr at 7pm – Please book so that numbers can be catered for – events@gannochytrust.org.uk or Tel. 620653. This in fact is FOR YOU and YOUR IDEAS!! LOOK OUT for the news of forthcoming events and looking forward to meeting you all!

To book **Gannochy Quiz Night 3rd May** visit <https://tinyurl.com/GannochyQuiz>

To book **Gannochy Quiz Night 21st June** visit <https://tinyurl.com/GannochyQuiz2>

Or 'phone the Gannochy Trust Office 620653 or email events@gannochytrust.org.uk

Fantastic Gannochy Scarecrow Competition



The **Gannochy Events Group** have arranged a competition for the most creative scarecrow in the Gannochy community. Create your own Scarecrow/s in your own front garden for all to see. If it can be seen from the road, there's no need to book. If it can't be seen from the road or if you

live in the Gannochy Community but not in a Trust property, please tell us you have a scarecrow to judge and leave your name, address, location of the scarecrow and contact information - events@gannochytrust.org.uk, or Tel. 620653 Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Deadline for completing your scarecrow/s – High noon on Monday **29th April**.

Gannochy Community Hall Events April/May/June/July 2019

☐ Gannochy Lunch Club

Held mid-day on the last Tuesday of the Month, open to all residents and offers a 3 course lunch for just £4. Catering provided by Giraffe Trading. The next Lunch will be Tuesday 30th April 19 at 12pm. To book seats, please call **Tina on 07702353304**.

☐ Seated Keep Fit Class

Every Thursday Morning at 11am. To book, please call **Tina on 07702353304**.

☐ Pensioner's Housing Tenant's Meeting

Tina will be in touch shortly with details.

☐ Mobile Library

Every second Thursday, the mobile library parks at Gannochy Community Hall from 2.30 to 2.50pm
Dates include: 4th and 18th April; 2nd 16th and 30th May; 13th and 27th June; 11th and 25th July



Community Advice Project

Free Confidential Impartial Advice & Support

Sarah Maclean of Perth Citizens Advice Bureau will be delivering a new project providing holistic advice, support, and to assist with financial queries, benefit claims, energy saving advice, digital access support and options for challenging a DWP decision. A surgery will take place on Thursday 25th April 2019 between 10am and 4pm in The Gannochy Trust Office. To book an appointment with Sarah please telephone 01738 450592
cap@perthcab.org.uk



Outdoor & Woodland Learning

A morning workshop for those working in an educational capacity is being offered by the OWL Group on Kinnoull Hill on 27 April. Contact amwilson@pkc.gov.uk for further information and to book.

The Curly - Gannochy Young PlaceChangers

The Gannochy Young PlaceChangers are a group of seven local young people that have been leading development plans for the Curly children's play area. A Planning Application has now been submitted to replace fencing. A new gate, goals and picnic benches are also planned.

Kinnoull Primary Eco Group

The School Eco Group has been working with the Trust to learn about the issues of dog fouling and to design creative posters encouraging responsible dog ownership. Look out for creative and colourful signs that are unique to Gannochy soon!



Sunflower growing competition for kids

Younger Gannochy residents are invited to have some fun and plant, water and nurture some sunflower seeds in the garden and watch them grow. How tall can your sunflower grow? Sow them before the end of May for them to be in full bloom for judging in mid-August. Seeds can be obtained at the Trust's office up to the end of May or you can use your own, but let us know by email or telephone if you want your sunflower judged – height is everything!

Tel. 620653 or admin@gannochytrust.org.uk

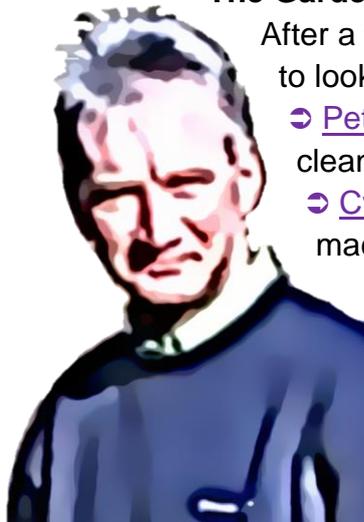
Garden Maintenance Expectations

The Gannochy estate has become well known over the years for the high quality of the external environment; from the distinctive red sandstone houses to the beech hedging and neat, well-tended gardens. It was very important to the Trust's founder, AK Bell, that tenants kept their gardens in good condition and this remains a requirement of the Trust today. As all tenants will be aware, it is a condition of their lease that the garden is maintained in a neat and tidy condition, and this is reiterated to all prospective tenants before they are offered a tenancy. The vast majority of gardens are maintained in accordance with this requirement, however a number continue to fall short of the standards expected by the Trust. Tenants who fall into this category will be notified and given a period of time to rectify the situation. If they still fail to meet the minimum requirements the Trust will have to arrange for a gardening contractor to undertake the work and re-charge the costs to the tenant, although this would clearly be a last resort. Not every house is expected to have a 'show garden', but as a minimum we expect:

- Grass to be regularly cut with margins properly trimmed and edged.
- Borders to be regularly weeded.
- Shrubs and small trees to be regularly trimmed.
- Hedge or other shrub cuttings to be uplifted quickly.
- Gravel areas to be kept free of weeds and grass.
- Dog or other pet fouling to be uplifted immediately.

Our grounds staff would be happy to provide advice to anyone who is unsure about any particular element of garden maintenance.

The Gardener's Gossip



After a very mild winter, the crocuses and daffodils are in full bloom, and it's time to look out the mower and give it a check over.

- ⇒ [Petrol Mowers](#) - Check oil, spark plug, filter, old fuel, starting cord and clean/replace as required.
- ⇒ [Rotary Mowers](#) - Remove blade and sharpen.
- ⇒ [Cylinder Mowers](#) - Sharpening the blade is a specialist's job. A garden machinery servicing centre would assist you with all the above sharpening & servicing requirements. Now that's done ✓, give the grass a check over removing any stones and debris. A rake over with a spring rake may also be an effective way of prepping the grass before mowing.
- ⇒ [Moss removal](#) - Scarifying at regular intervals, then applying a liquid or granular moss killer should help eradicate this problem. If you require advice on any aspects of garden tasks, give the office a call.

Beautiful Perth Awards

It's time to make plans for the 2019 Gannochy Garden and Patio Awards run with the generous support of Beautiful Perth. No need to enter, finalist gardens will be nominated and Beautiful Perth will judge them to select a winner. Last year's winners will not be nominated.

Seasonal Office Hours

Trust offices will be closed on: Friday 19th and Monday 22nd April 2019.

