

THE BENARTY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this brand-new Newsletter which aims to round-up all the good stuff that's going on in our community, report on issues and events that affect the community and provide a single source of what's on in the community for both existing residents and anyone new coming to our area.

We're planning to issue four editions every year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. It would be great to produce a monthly edition but, unfortunately, our resources don't stretch to that at the moment.

The Newsletter team are a sub-group of the Community Council – whose job it is to represent the views of people who live in the Benarty Community to Fife Council and the politicians who cover Benarty as part of their Ward. All members of the team live locally, are volunteers and have no political affiliations.

We would love to hear your stories, see your photos and get your opinions on all things relating to Benarty past, present and future.

We're also happy to include any announcements that you'd like to share with the rest of the community.

We've started with a fairly bland title for the Newsletter, but the plan is to engage with the local schools to run a wee competition to come up with a better title, and perhaps a logo. Given the depth of creativity within our Community, we're sure they'll come up with something great.

The "What's On In Benarty This Quarter" section is a calendar of events and dates when various clubs meet. We've tried to capture everything, but if your group, or event, has been omitted, please let us know for future issues.

It would also be good if you could drop us a line to let us know of upcoming events or gatherings for the next quarter. If nothing else, it's free advertising for your activity.

As well as a few hard copies of the Newsletter, which you can pick up at various outlets in Benarty, there will be an online version. We're trying to cater for everyone's preferences. Not everyone has a Facebook account or access to the Internet.

However you choose to access the Newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading it – and please let us know what you think. Contact details are on the back page. Please try to be kind!

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Danny's Bench



The people of Benarty lost a guid friend earlier this year – Danny the Dug. Danny was famous around these parts, keeping folk going during the lockdown periods with his antics, and those of his owners, James and Isabell McShane. Danny used to dress-up and his quotes, from some of the most scenic places around Benarty, were legendary. He had something to say about all the major events going on, be it kids going back to school after the holidays, or street parties, or the sale of Rockore tickets! He was also a regular in the Santa Parade, organised by the Benarty Events Group, sporting his antlers and leading the actual reindeer up the road.

After his sad and unexpected departure, the local Godfather, Derek Davidson, started a crowd-funding page

to raise funds for a bench to commemorate Danny. As always, and such was Danny's popularity, the people of Benarty dug deep, raising enough to have a special bench commissioned, incorporating a carving of a labrador in its structure. The bench was unveiled, at the Meedies on 29 October. It is situated to the left of the entrance to the Fairy Wood.

James & Isabell were overwhelmed at the generosity of the Community and wish to thank everyone who donated. They also thanked Fife Council for giving approval for the one-off design bench to be situated in the park; Ian Bruce and his team for laying the foundations and thanked Derek Davidson and his team for organising the commemorative bench. It's a beautiful work of art.

Planning Proposals

In this section we plan to report on any new planning applications, or decisions, that affect the Community. We will not be including any personal applications, such as extensions to houses.

Applications

No new planning applications were validated in the last three months, nor were there any material variations to existing planning applications.

Decisions

Change of use of part of training/business land, to land for siting of self-storage containers (Class 6), erection of fencing and associated development. This is at BRAG, Crosshill. Application Date: 6 June 2022. Decision Date: 16 November 2022. **Approved.**

Major Step Forward for Save the Cage Group



I am delighted to report that approval in principle has been given, by the Collections Trust of the National Mining Museum of Scotland, to re-locate major mining artefacts to Lochore Meadows Country Park (the Meedies).

This is a major step forward for the Save the Cage group because the project is of national importance. It's getting huge artefacts out of a museum setting, into a place that is steeped in mining history, for all visitors to the park to appreciate.

Visitors to the park will be able to learn the history of the mining industry, and what it was like to work down a mine. The project, led by the Save the Cage Group, aims to lead visitors through the various stages of getting coal out the ground and what the working life of miners was like. In effect, a day in the life of a miner.

The artefacts will be outdoors, placed around the existing Mary Pit Head, so visitors will be able to touch the machinery, as well as learn what it was used for.

The next stage will be to agree the list of specific artifacts that will be brought to the park. It is hoped that the list will be drawn up, in conjunction with the Museum's Curator before Christmas and will then go to a meeting of the Collections Trust early in the new year for final approval.

Discussions will also be taking place with Fife Council on the layout of the artefacts in the Meedies.

Once that's all been agreed, it will be full steam ahead for the project. A business plan will need to be finalised, and fundraising will start in earnest to bring the project to life. There is much work to be done in preparation. The artefacts will need to be cleaned and made safe and suitable plinths will need to be built before the machinery can be transported to the Meedies.

The Chair of the Save the Cage Group, Iain Chalmers estimates that it will take about 18 months to 2 years to see the artefacts, and information boards, in place, but that it will be worth the wait.

The Save the Cage Campaign began back in 2019 with a plan to buy a mining cage (ie the cage miners went into to descend to the bowels of the earth) to display at the Meedies.

The cage the group were aiming for was subsequently taken off the market, but undaunted, the group aimed higher and began working in partnership with the National Mining Museum of Scotland, based in the Lady Victoria Colliery in Newtongrange, Edinburgh, and with Fife Council to bring other mining artefacts to the Meedies.

Obtaining the artefacts required the approval of the Collections Trust at the Mining Museum of Scotland, and good progress was being made until the Covid pandemic struck the world.

The group continued to meet (after lockdown restrictions were lifted) but were in a hiatus until the Collections Trust could meet to approve the plan.

The Collections Trust met in October 2022 and gave their approval in principle.

If you would like to make a donation to the Save the Cage project, or would like more information on the project, please contact Iain Chalmers on 07939 585999.

Iain also asked that people look out for the fundraising activities that will be taking place over the coming months. The events will be advertised on the Save the Cage Facebook page, as well as other social media pages.

Ann McCallum Citizen of the year Award 2022

Do you know a person who deserves to be the Benarty Citizen of the Year; or Young Citizen of the Year? Your friend or a neighbour? Someone who really cares for others? A person who works for the benefit of our community, either on their own or as part of a group? Then please nominate them for Citizen of the Year 2022.

Ours is a great, supportive community and all sorts of people help each other out and muck in when there's volunteering to be done. Most do it out of their sense of community and out of the goodness of their heart, and not to gain personal glory – but that's all the more reason to recognise their contribution.

The person you nominate must be a resident of the Benarty area who has displayed selfless service, courage under adversity or brought distinction to the community during 2022. A person will not be considered if their nomination is associated with their employment.

Nomination forms are available at the Benarty Centre and on the Benarty Community Council's website. www.benartycc.org.uk

The closing date for nominations is Friday 16th December 2022.

Please note that you must obtain the nominee's permission and signature before you put their name forward.

Microgrants Awarded

Over the past three months, only one microgrant application was received and approved by the Benarty Community Council.

Group	Reason	Amount Awarded
The Meedies Running Club	The grant will allow the club to offer Scottish Athletic Jog Leader training, which is a recognised qualification, to 2 members of the club. The club requires jog leaders to lead sessions and take forward the Couch 2k programme. Having further coaches trained will mean that more local people can be supported.	£ 250

Anyone, or Group, can apply for a microgrant provided that they live in Benarty and/or the grant will fund a project in Benarty. The maximum microgrant amount is £250.

The funds for these grants come from the Wind Farm; are administered by Foundation Scotland; with decisions taken by the Benarty Community Council.

Application forms are available from the Benarty Centre or from the Benarty Community Council website. www.benartycc.org.uk

STILL TO COME...

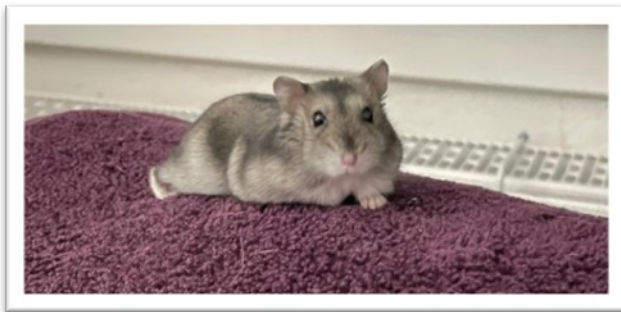
January 2023 will see the launch of Benarty Litter Busters. Kids from the local primary schools (P1 to P7) will have a friendly intra school competition to see who can pick the most litter. All involved will receive a participation badge and the winner(s) will win the Litter Buster Cup! Alongside helping the community by removing litter, the kids will learn community engagement skills and learn about recycling through various projects within school. This initiative will factor in and build upon the fantastic work already undertaken by both schools who regularly do litter-picking within their grounds.

Keep up the good work Benarty and St. Kenneth's!

When they aren't busy with a litter picker, the schools are keen to contribute to our shiny new newsletter. As well as the competition to name it and design the logo (with optional family help), the kids will be taking on the role of junior reporters. Every issue there will be segments from both schools letting the wider community know what is happening within their schools.

But it's not just the kids who get to have fun! If anyone would like to write a feature for the newsletter, please get in touch. We'd also love pictures for our Benarty Now and Then feature and of your pets—we promise to feature at least one pet per issue.

Here is my Casper the Friendly Ninja Hamster



And lastly, we'd like to wish our brilliant Benarty community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, all the best for 2023.



Benarty Community Council



Fife Youth Sports Academy



A new, major investment is proposed, to build a sporting academy for the youth of Fife, on the site of Ore Park in Glenraig.

An Open Day was held on Sunday 27th November in Lochore Institute so that the community could see the plans for themselves and ask questions about the proposal. The project is causing some excitement, and much support, around Benarty and Lochgelly and the event was well attended.

The land is being transferred to the Fife Youth Sports Academy as a Community Asset Transfer, and the agreement with Fife Council makes it clear that the land can only ever be used for recreational purposes.

The Open Day was part of on-going consultation with the community and relevant community groups. An earlier meeting had already been held on Monday 14th November to consult with all the schools and football teams in Benarty and Lochgelly about the proposals, and they are fully behind the development because of the benefits it will bring to them and the wider community.

The Benarty and Lochgelly Community Councils are also being consulted on the plan.

Some of the Community Benefits for both Benarty and Lochgelly are:

- There will be boys and girls after school football teams, professionally coached.
- Benarty and Lochgelly senior football teams will be able to train and play on the Astro turf pitch and use the facilities.
- Local schools will be able to use the much-needed facilities.
- Minibuses will be available to allow the schools to commute back and forth to the Academy, including a bus adapted for use by children with additional or special needs.
- During school holidays, the facilities will be open daily for kids' clubs and a range of sports.
- Elderly walking football can be arranged.
- The upstairs hall in the pavilion will be multi-functional and can be used by other groups.
- A running track is planned for around the main pitch.
- Local employment opportunities will be created.
- Local training opportunities will be created.

This project is being led by local people, whose aim is to bring a state-of-the-art sporting facility

to our area, so that all the children in our community have a chance to develop their sporting talents to whatever level they can attain, coached by professionals and encouraged by the whole community.

The Fife Youth Sports Academy are keen for the local community to get involved and would welcome volunteers who would like to help to bring the project to fruition, either through hands-on graft; offering sporting skills; or management and organisational skills.

The project will be developed in phases, eventually providing a new pavilion; Astroturf pitches; a running track; new fencing; floodlights and car parking. It is hoped that construction work can begin in the summer of 2023.

The development is expected to cost around £2 million, and it is estimated that over 1,000 children and adults will use the facility weekly.

Some financial sponsorship has already been secured but the main fundraising effort will begin in earnest early in the new year.



Community Policing

As this is the first letter being sent out across the Benarty area, I'd like to start by introducing myself and the team to everyone reading this publication. In Benarty, we have three police officers who carry out the role of Community Police Officer, they are PCs Nina Foster, Gillian McCloskey and me (Barry Smith). We are stationed at Cowdenbeath Police Station. The Community Inspector for the Cowdenbeath policing area is PI Steven Hoggan, and the Community Sergeant is PS John Nicol. I have carried out the role of Community Officer for the Benarty area for about ten years and have worked in the area for over twelve years; PCs Foster and McCloskey are new to the role so I'm trying to get them introduced into the community as much as possible.

As part of the Community Officer role, there are many things we carry out that the public might not be aware of, and I'm going to explain this to give you a flavour of what the job entails. I'm sure the community is aware that the main part of the job is "keeping people safe", and there are many ways that this is done.

Drug Related Crime

We regularly receive information about suspected drug-related activities. Along with other departments in the Police, we work to develop this further and gain enough information to apply for a warrant so any addresses/vehicles can be searched, and any drugs can be recovered and therefore taken out of circulation – reducing the potential harm in the community.

Domestic Offences

A high number of the calls we attend relate to domestic incidents. These may often result in crimes being reported, such as threatening and abusive behaviour, assaults or communication offences, as well as many others that I could list – basically anything that occurs between two partners, or ex-partners. As part of our role, we ensure that if an accused person is released with bail conditions these have to be checked ensuring the complainer is not subject to other offences being committed, and the accused is visited to remind them of the bail condition(s) and that they are abiding by them.

Firearms Enquiries

Myself and PC Foster are trained Firearms Enquiry Officers. This involves conducting enquiries relating to any firearms, shotgun or air weapon applications which includes the grant of a licence, renewal of a licence or variation of a licence.

Out-of-area Enquiries

Often due to our skills, we are sent out of the area to assist other parts of Fife and, on occasion, across Scotland. These duties can include enquiries for major incidents, sporting events, crime scene protection and protests to name but a few. In the last twelve months, there have been some high-profile events that you will undoubtedly be aware of like COP26 in Glasgow and Operation Unicorn, following the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth.

Local Events

We all enjoy being involved with the events that happen in the local area and appreciate all the hard work the community put in to make these happen. Recently, we have been involved with the children's gala, Rockore and the remembrance parades. I'm very honoured to be part of the remembrance parade and laying the wreath on behalf of Police Scotland, and thankful for the sacrifice service men and women made for us.

The above list is just a very brief account of some parts of our job and there are many other parts that I could go on to describe, but the most important part which supersedes all of this is engaging with our public. Without this, we would not be able to address or signpost people regarding the problems our communities are facing. As your Community Team, we are committed to improving the safety and well-being of our people, places and communities. We will do this by working with our partners to ensure we prevent crime, harm and disorder, and ensuring victims are appropriately supported, and those who are responsible are dealt with within the extent of our legislative powers.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Benarty Community Team
PCs Smith, Foster and McCloskey

What's On In Benarty This Quarter

December 2022

1 st	Thursday	3.15pm	Christmas Fayre	Benarty Primary School
		6-7pm	Messy Church	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		7-9pm	Benarty Community Council Meeting	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
2 nd	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
3 rd	Saturday	1.30pm	Lochore Welfare v Luncarty	Crosshill
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		8pm	East Coast (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
4 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30	Church Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
			Benore Christmas Fayre	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		3-4pm	Service of Remembering	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		4-7pm	Steve Agnew & Albo (Live Music)	Lochore Welfare, Crosshill
		5-8pm	Simply Mo (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencaig
5 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		1-3pm	Arts Club *	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-9pm	An Advent Study: Film "A Christmas Carol" & Study	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
6 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
7 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
8 th	Thursday	6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
9 th	Friday	9.30am	P1/2/3 Nativity	Benarty Primary School
		11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5-9pm	Santa Parade & Christmas Fayre	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
10 th	Saturday	11am-3pm	Advent Retreat #	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		1.30pm	Kinnoull v Lochore Welfare	Tulloch Park, Perth
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		8pm	Live Music (Artiste TBC)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
11 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's, Lochgelly
			Christmas Fayre	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly

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11 th	Sunday	5-8pm	Kenny Smith (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
12 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		1-3pm	Arts Club *	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-9pm	An Advent Study: Film "A Christmas Carol" & Study	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
13 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
14 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
15 th	Thursday	6-7pm	Messy Church	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
16 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club (Xmas Party)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
17 th	Saturday	10am-3pm	Christmas Crafters' Market	The Institute, Lochore
		1.30pm	Lochore Welfare v Kennoway Star Hearts	Crosshill
		5-8pm	Eva Coreaz (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		7-9pm	Brass Band Christmas Concert	St Serf's, Lochgelly
18 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		5-8pm	Jay Silver (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
19 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		1.30pm	Christmas Concert	Benarty Primary School
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-9pm	An Advent Study: Film "A Christmas Carol" & Study	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
20 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
21 st	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry

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22 nd	Thursday	7-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
24 th	Saturday	6.30-7.30pm	Vigil Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		7pm	DJ Budgie	The Red Goth, Lochore
		10.30pm-Midnight	Watchnight Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
25 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's, Lochgelly
		10-11am	Mass of the Day	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glenraig
		7pm	DJ Budgie	The Red Goth, Lochore
26 th	Monday	10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		7pm	DJ Budgie	The Red Goth, Lochore
		8pm	Sandy B	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
27 th	Tuesday	6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
28 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
31 st	Saturday	1.30pm	Rosyth v Lochore Welfare	Fleet Ground, Rosyth
		7pm	DJ Budgie	The Red Goth, Lochore

Please note, there is a waiting list for this club.

Bring own packed lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Kids Come First (a before and after school's club) meets every day 7.30am-6pm.

January 2023

1 st	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glenraig
		7pm	DJ Budgie	The Red Goth, Lochore
3 rd	Tuesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
4 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
5 th	Thursday	6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-9pm	Benarty Community Council Meeting	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
6 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
7 th	Saturday	2pm	Lochore Welfare v Glenrothes	Crosshill
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		8pm	Sandy B (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
8 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Lochgelly
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glenraig
9 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
10 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
11 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
12 th	Thursday	6-7pm	Messy Church	St Serf's Church, Ballingry

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12 th	Thursday	6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
13 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
14 th	Saturday	2.30pm	Preston Athletic v Lochore Welfare	The Pennypit, Prestonpans
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		8pm	Pamela (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
15 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
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		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
18 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
19 th	Thursday	6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
20 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
21 st	Saturday	6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		8pm	James Kirk (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
22 nd	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's, Lochgelly
		11-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
23 rd	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		1-3pm	Arts Club *	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
24 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
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		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
26 th	Thursday	6-7pm	Messy Church	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
27 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
28 th	Saturday	2pm	Lochore Welfare v Leith	Crosshill

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28 th	Saturday	6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		8pm	Jackie Clarke (Live Music)	Lochore Miners' Welfare Institute
29 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
30 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		1-2pm	Arts Club *	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
31 st	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry

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1 st	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
2 nd	Thursday	6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7-9pm	Benarty Community Council Meeting	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
3 rd	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
4 th	Saturday	6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
5 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Lochgelly
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
6 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		1-3pm	Arts Club *	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
7 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
8 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
9 th	Thursday	6-7pm	Messy Church	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
10 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
11 th	Saturday	2pm	Lochore Welfare v Kinnoull	Crosshill
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry

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12 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
13 th	Monday	10am	Food Angels	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		10-11am	Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
		10am-Noon	Mothers' & Toddlers' Group	St Serf's Church, Ballingry
		1-3pm	Arts Club *	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
14 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.15-7pm	Taekwondo (Kids 3-8yrs)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		7.30-9pm	Youth Club (Senior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
15 th	Wednesday	10-11am	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		2.15-4.15pm	Ladies Circle	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-8.30pm	Highland Dancing	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6.30-9pm	Indoor Bowls	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
16 th	Thursday	6.30-8.45pm	Sewing Class	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
17 th	Friday	11am-2pm	Companions' Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
18 th	Saturday	2.30pm	Luncarty v Lochore Welfare	Brownlands Park, Perth
		6-7pm	Vigil Mass	Ss Kenneth's & Bernard's Chapel, Ballingry
19 th	Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Church Service	St Serf's, Lochgelly
		11am-Noon	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
		6.30pm	Gospel Meeting	Gospel Hall, Glencraig
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		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry

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27 th	Monday	6.30-8pm	Taekwondo (Kids 8yrs+ & Adults)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
28 th	Tuesday	11am	Jobs Club	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		5.30-7pm	Youth Club (Junior)	Benarty Centre, Ballingry
		6-7pm	Mass	St Patrick's, Lochgelly
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GET YOUR TRAINERS ON...

And join in with Parkrun or Junior Parkrun at the weekend.

Parkruns are free, weekly, community events held all around the world.

The Saturday morning event is 5k and is held at Lochore Meadows

Country Park. On Sunday mornings, there is a 2k junior parkrun for children aged four to fourteen held at Fife Cycle Park. Both are at 9:30 am.

Parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience with no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome whether you walk, jog or run—and you can also volunteer or spectate.

Registration is free and covers you for all events, just go to the website to sign up: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/> and then bring a scannable copy of your barcode to the event!

As easy as 1,2,3 GO!

If evenings are more your thing, the local club The Meedies Running Club is all abilities and free to join. The club has been going strong for a while but they always love to welcome new members. They meet at 6 pm for a 6:15 pm start at the boathouse at Lochore Meadows Country Park on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Not only are they a welcoming club, but they also do quite a bit of fundraising for local causes, so if you don't want to join be sure to give them a friendly wave when you see them out training.

KIDZ CORNER

WORD SEARCH

C	R	A	C	K	E	R	S	J	U	N	N
A	E	B	A	Y	M	G	J	S	I	A	T
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O	D	P	R	S	A	N	T	A	Y	I	C
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The words to find are:

Santa, Robin, Letter, Snow, Presents, Sled
Nativity, Carols, Reindeer, Carrot, Turkey
Pudding, Wrapping, Crackers, Rudolph

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find the 8 differences between the pictures?



Coalfields Worx

Coalfields Regeneration Trust has partnered with B.R.A.G. Enterprises to deliver our Coalfields Worx programme in the Cowdenbeath Area. They will carry out a range of environmental work within all the villages in the area.

The programme provides training, work experience and volunteering opportunities for those with barriers to employment.

This project is even more important now due to the high unemployment levels, and the lack of job opportunities due to the pandemic.

One supervisor and three trainees have been appointed, and over the next year they will carry out a plan of work which could include:

- ♦ **Winter** – litter picking and street sweeping; hard pruning and weeding; leaves bagged for mulch; cuttings/cultivation; hard landscaping (paving, benches, etc); garden clearances; building window boxes, bird boxes, etc to order/sell at events;
- ♦ **Spring** – litter picking and street sweeping; weeding and planting out; community maintenance (e.g., treating planters with stain/paint); chargeable work (e.g. building, installing and filling window boxes, building bin stores, external decoration of private property); community works/clearances; and
- ♦ **Summer** – litter picking and street sweeping; weeding and planting out; chargeable garden services (e.g., weeding, strimming, trimming, mowing – grass cuttings used as mulch for community planting); community gardening; rotational services for local businesses; installing high street hanging baskets sponsored by shops.

The current trainees started in October and have been carrying out work around B.R.A.G. Enterprises sites in Crosshill, Methil and the Levenmouth Hub. These jobs have ranged from cutting back trees, grass cutting, hedge trimming, and filling potholes. This included mixing and laying cement before filling and compacting cold tar and clearing a large garden area in preparation for future work to convert the space into allotments and a community garden space.





We have also had the team attend training to help provide further skills and knowledge that will assist them in their future long-term employment. Most recently they all gained their CSCS cards by passing their Health and Safety course and CSCS touch screen test.

The whole team are looking forward to getting out in the community more to help with local improvements.

If there are any areas within your community that you would like to see improved, please contact David Robertson via email at drobertson@brag.co.uk to discuss.

Article and Photos from Pauline Grandison, Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Benarty Christmas Lights



We would like to say...

“Thank You!”

to the Benarty Events Group & their helpers, for once again giving up their free time to put up the Christmas lights around Benarty. Great job team!

Westfield Community Liaison Committee

Report on Meeting held 28th September 2022

A delegate from Benarty Community Council (BCC) attended the Westfield Community Liaison Committee meeting held at Lochgelly Centre. The meeting was chaired by an independent Chairman, Martin Strang Steel, so no bias was shown to any of the areas affected by the building of the incinerator at Westfield.

Construction has moved onto the civil works phase and is on track, and soon the infrastructure would be visible locally. Phase one has created over eighty personnel, and whilst not local - as was requested, if possible - at previous meetings, they have been using local catering facilities.

Our BCC rep. was assured that the culvert used to prevent flooding from our Lochty Burn to Kinglassie **would not** result in flooding or other issues upon Benarty. Further, they assured that there are measures in place to dry out that area.

Existing trees would be moved to the green space area of the site, and solar panels are being placed and Brockwell Energy, at the time of the meeting, were in talks with Scottish Power over the energy created from said panels. All attendees suggested that the surrounding areas benefit from the energy created.

And whilst the site has changed hands from Brockwell Energy to Equitix Ltd., Brockwell will stand by all promises made, including the Westfield Energy Recovery Community Fund. The fund is available to local groups. Each application will be judged on merit, even if the criteria is not met by the information requested on the application form.

Application forms are available from: <https://westfield-erf.co.uk/westfield-erf-community-fund/>

Benarty Foodbank

The Benarty Foodbank is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4pm to 6pm. It is situated at BRAG in Crosshill.

Demand for the foodbank is increasing, as we all start to feel the bite of the cost-of-living crisis. They could really use your help in terms of donations of food, toiletries and other household essentials. The list of items required is updated monthly, so please check their App, which is free to download, or their website for the latest list. <https://dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Dunfermline is the main hub and covers five separate foodbanks, of which Benarty is one – but your donations can be taken directly to the foodbank at BRAG in Crosshill.

Alternatively, you can leave donations for the foodbank at the Benarty Community Shop. This service has only recently been introduced and the volunteers within the shop are happy to deliver the donations to the foodbank on your behalf.

The foodbank is also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help out; even if you can only manage one of the sessions each week, it would make a difference. The volunteers' hours are 3.45pm to 6.15pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you are interested in helping out, please email the foodbank at info@dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk for an application form or call them on 07580 231286.

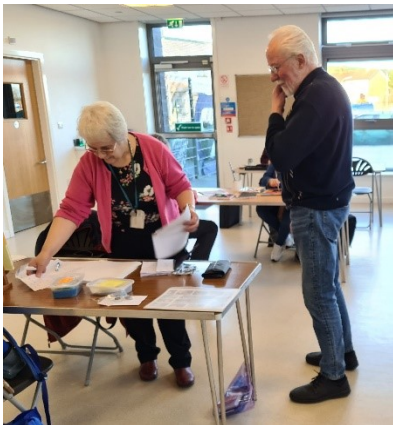
Focus On... Benarty Arts Club

Every issue, we will be focusing on a local group within the community, so that we all get to know a little more about them and what they do. Perhaps, over the coming issues, there may be one or two that others within the community would like to join.

It seems fitting that the Arts Club is being featured in this first issue, because it is one of the longest running groups in our community, having been going for over 20 years.

The Office Bearers of the group are William Gardiner (Chairperson), Violet Fotheringham (Secretary) and Elizabeth McMahon (Treasurer). The group is self-funded, in that its members pay £5 each week to contribute to, for example, materials and getting professional help and advice on their work.

A new tutor, Alfred Allan, joined the group in November this year. Alfred, or Fred as he prefers to be known, is a well-known artist living in Fife. He was born in Belfast, then moved to Fife in 1957. The East Neuk of Fife and the Perthshire countryside have had a major influence on his work, including landscapes, seascapes and harbour scenes. His paintings are renowned across the world, appearing in galleries and being sold to celebrities – who, for privacy reasons, must remain nameless.



Violet Fotheringham & Fred Allan



William Gardiner

The group has previously held exhibitions in the Rothes Halls in Glenrothes and in the Lochgelly Centre. Many of their art works were also on display in the art marquee at the Benarty Children's Gala in 2019, which was a new and popular innovation for the Gala that year.



David Wyse



Jane Shehata



Peter Robertson

The group has also donated their work to some lucky organisations, for example, a Stained-Glass Window was gifted to Lister House in Lochore; and a Mosaic Collage was gifted to BRAG in Crosshill. A few pieces are also on display in the Benarty Centre. In addition, a portrait of Gordon Brown MP was painted, and presented to him, by a group member.



One of the pieces in Benarty Centre



Violet Fotheringham with one of the art works in Benarty Centre



Presentation of his portrait to Gordon Brown MP

Individuals within the group have also donated their own work to raise funds for other organisations. The late Jim Christie, who is sadly missed by everyone in the community who knew him, was a very talented artist; and the sale of his paintings have raised funds, for example, for the Benarty Heritage Preservation Group over the years. Another of Jim's paintings was gifted to the Community Shop in November and is now proudly displayed on their wall.



John Glover



Joan Connor



Karla Blamey

The Arts Club meets every Monday afternoon, from 1pm to 3pm, in the Benarty Centre. There are currently 14 members and, such is the club's popularity, there is a waiting list to join.

This also highlights the wealth of creative talent that exists within our community.



Benarty Now and Then



Back Row (L-R): Diane Figg, Carol Allan, Anne Stewart, Annette York, Katrina Galloway, Charlotte Copeland, Linda Adams, Aileen Robertson

2nd from Back Row: Harry Marshall, Jimmy Anderson, Stuart Nowrie, Craig McKenzie, David Mackie, Roy Adair, James King, Brian Wilson, Tommy Armstrong, Tony Martin, William Emslie

2nd from Front Row: Sherilee Gilmour, Mary Wright, Linda Paige, Elizabeth Kent, Mary Barnes, Christine Meikle, Elaine Muirhead, Margaret Adams, Margaret Drylie, Fiona Innes, Ann Sharp

Front Row: Jacky McKenna, William Brown, Alan Gray, Ian Lockhart, William Beveridge, Ian Rowley

A wee bit of nostalgia for us all. This photo was the last class photo taken before we all left Benarty Primary School to go up to Ballingry Junior High School (what is now Benarty Primary School), so around Spring 1971.

Under the Comprehensive Education System, everyone had to go to the Junior High for at least two years, where we were taught almost everything under the sun. For example, girls took woodwork and metal work and boys had to do cookery lessons. The breadth of subjects taught gave us all a chance to see what we liked, or what we were good at (not necessarily the same thing!), and what we weren't quite so hot on!

At the end of 2nd Year, those deemed clever enough, were given the option of going to Beath Senior High School, where they were expected to sit their Highers and possibly do 6th Year Studies; then for some, to go on to University. Those that didn't take that option, or weren't given that option, got another chance at the end of 4th Year, after they'd sat their O'Levels.

Some of my classmates have long since left the area; some are sadly no longer with us; some moved away for many years (like me) but came home again; and some stayed in the area, or at least nearby, for their whole life.

I hope I've remembered everyone's names correctly. If not, please feel free to put me right.
(Charlotte [Copeland] Howe)

If you have any memories to share, we'd love to read them and see the photos.

Have Your Say

If you have any opinions, that you'd like to share on this Newsletter, or if there are any announcements, articles or photos you'd like to contribute, please email them to: charlotte.howe@benartycc.org.uk; or you can hand them in, or post them to, Charlotte Howe, Benarty Community Council, Benarty Centre, Flockhouse Avenue, Ballingry. KY5-8JH.

Benarty Community Council

The Benarty Community Council meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Benarty Centre, Ballingry. All residents of Benarty are welcome to attend these meetings and ask questions on any item on the agenda. Residents can also raise other issues, that haven't been covered by the agenda, towards the end of each meeting. Alternatively, you can write to the Secretary of the Community Council, Benarty Centre, Flockhouse Avenue, Ballingry. KY5-8JH; or email the Secretary at: john.purdie@benartycc.org.uk. The papers for meetings are also available online at: www.benartycc.org.uk and in the local library in Benarty Centre.

Local Councillors Contact Details

Benarty is part of Ward 8, within Fife Council's boundaries, which also includes Cardenden and Lochgelly. There are 4 Local Councillors who cover the Ward, so each of the four represent Benarty as part of their remit. If you have any issues, about areas for which Fife Council is responsible, you can contact any of the Local Councillors direct. The details are shown below.

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Lea McLelland	SNP	Mobile: 07596 727308 Fife House: 03451 555555 Ext 442320	cllr.lea.mclelland@fife.gov.uk

You can also write to any of the four Local Councillors at: c/o Members Services, Fife House, Glenrothes, Fife. KY7-5LT

Advertising

If you'd like to advertise your business in this Newsletter, please contact Debbie Doyle at debbie.doyle@benartycc.org.uk; or leave a note with your contact details at the Benarty Centre and Debbie will contact you.