



WINTER 2016

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# BCIC Newsletter

BARHILL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

## Wrap up warm—Winter’s here

A very warm welcome to the winter edition of the BCIC Newsletter—included in this edition are highlights from the BCIC Annual General Meeting held in September. The BCIC Board would like to sincerely thank those BCIC Members who attended and gave their comments, ideas and feedback on the important issues we face as a community.

Throughout this newsletter please find more information about some new projects being considered for 2017 and the ways in which you can engage with what’s happening in YOUR village.

As always, we are working hard to make our community proud of the BCIC’s programmes, events and initiatives. Our door is always open and we shall continue to support ideas and projects you’d like to see happen.



## Winter Fuel Payment

*You probably noticed the BCIC started work on the Winter Fuel Payment early this year, with notification letters being sent out in November. This was to ensure everyone who’s eligible gets their payment in plenty of time before Christmas.*

*Please expect payment by mid-December. If you’ve not received yours by then, contact any BCIC Director.*

## What a Guy! Celebrating the BCIC’s first Bonfire Night Party

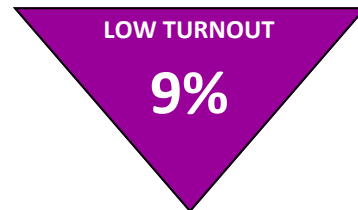


*Absolutely brilliant night at the Barrhill Fireworks & Guy competition, well done to the BCIC for all their hard work! Really excellent night thank you to everyone who organised it! Great night, fireworks fab and soup most tasty!* These are just some of the wonderful comments posted on social media following the very first BCIC Fireworks and Guy Fawkes Competition held at Arnshean Park on 6th November. A BIG well done to the competition winners; 1st prize—the nursery up to p4 , 2nd prize— Ethan Wild and 3rd prize—Finlay Hegarty. With over 70 villagers, friends and family attending its been decided to hold this event again in 2017—and make it even more fun than this year. Our thanks to all who turned out, to PyroEFX for the great display and Linda Wild for the photographs used in this article.



# BCIC AGM—highlights

The BCIC held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19th October when Mr Simon Redman (Chairman) extended a warm welcome to the 13 BCIC Members present. As membership of the BCIC currently totals 138, a 9% turnout was disappointing, however an interesting and informative evening took place. Opening with a presentation from Foundation Scotland outlining an introduction to investing in Endowment Funds, Mr Redman then gave his Annual Activity Report in which he informed everyone of the successful projects the BCIC had undertaken in the previous year, and an overview of the bursary and grant funding given to residents and the community at large.



Mr Mark Bradshaw, Treasurer presented his Financial Report, followed by a general question and answer session. The Retirement, Election and Re-Election of Directors was the next agenda item, with Philip Porter, Angela Blackstock and Simon Redman all voted on again as reappointed Directors. The AGM concluded with an Open Forum, with those BCIC Members present discussing such subjects as the outcome of the Community Action Plan and how this will steer the direction of the BCIC, financial investment opportunities open to the community, minibus hire, woodland walks and footpaths, outdoor fitness equipment for Arnsheen Park, the establishing of a Community Garden, and a traffic speed gun purchase. To close, the Chairman reiterated to all BCIC Members and residents of Barrhill the importance of the community coming forward with requests and ideas to the Board of Directors, and thanked those attending the AGM for their support.



## Barrhill Camera Club snaps up minibus hire

Members of The Barrhill Camera Club recently visited The New Lanark World Heritage Site, courtesy of the BCIC's minibus hire programme (available to any group or organisation within Barrhill). The visit provided a wealth of photographic opportunities for members of the club, which has its own Facebook page ( Barrhill Camera Club ) and new members are more than welcome. Meetings are held on an ad hoc basis and members are currently working on submissions for next year's exhibition and sale. Get in touch with the Club if you'd like to join.

For more details on the minibus hire programme please get in touch with the BCIC— we are here to help you make the most of your leisure time.

## Outdoor gym equipment at Arnsheen Park?

We'd be interested to hear from Barrhill residents if you think outdoor fitness equipment installed at Arnsheen Park is a good idea? Cost and accessibility are often barriers for people wanting to exercise, but by installing outdoor gym equipment in Barrhill the BCIC can help promote a healthier lifestyle, encouraging people to do a little more to get fitter. Less intense than the equipment found in a regular gym the machines are very safe and simple to use, and are proving extremely popular in other parks, particularly with older people.

### ***Do you think this is a good idea?***

Speak to a BCIC Director or email [bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk) and let us know your opinion.

***LET'S GROW IN 2017***

A new group is looking for like-minded individuals interested in meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a community farm or establishing allotments in Barrhill.

An activity that people of all ages can enjoy.

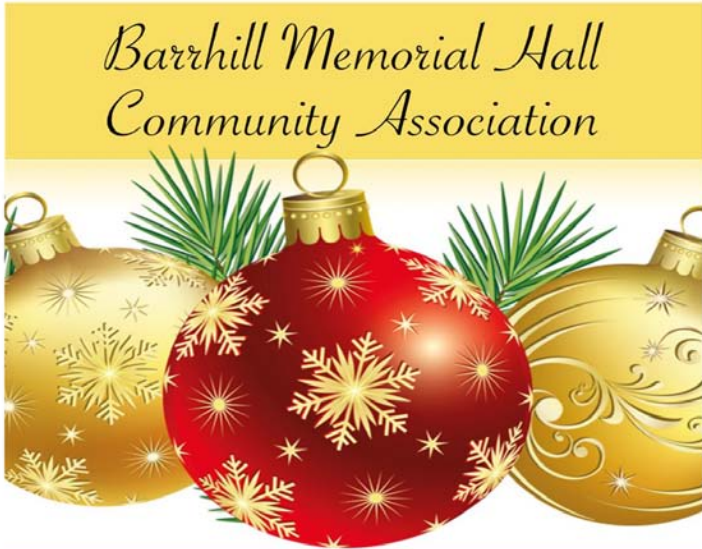
Make friends, exercise and grow great food.

Interested to learn more then complete the enclosed questionnaire or contact:

01465 821029 or 07765 464275

Email: [pearlmcgibbon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pearlmcgibbon@yahoo.co.uk)





Barrhill Senior Citizens  
**Christmas Dinner**  
Wednesday 14th December 2016  
6.30pm for 7pm Meal

*Silent Night  
Holy Night*

**Carol Evening**

7.00PM  
SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER  
Followed by refreshments  
BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL

All Welcome

CLUB DIAMONDS  
**BARRHILL  
KEEP FIT**

games laughter healthy "Come out and join in" dance  
**FUN** exercise happy  
social enjoy **ENERGY**  
WELLBEING

DATE: MONDAYS  
TIME: 7.00PM TO 8.00PM  
VENUE: BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL  
ADMISSION: £3.00 PER PERSON (CLASS FEE)  
**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**



**Barrhill Memorial Hall  
Community Association**

**Children's Christmas  
Party**  
Friday 23rd December  
at 6.30pm

Come and see Father Christmas & Play Party Games

All Barrhill Children up to Primary 7 Welcome !!

**Barrhill  
Play Group**  
Every Thursday 12-2pm  
Barrhill Memorial Hall

You're invited to  
**Playgroup!**

All Children from Barrhill  
and surrounding Villages  
Welcome!!

Birth to Nursery Age  
£2 per session



2016 saw the very first Barrhill Flower Show held on Saturday 3rd September—with 68 different classes on offer. The day was so successful that next year's show is already in the planning stage, with lots more new classes and an electronic version of the schedule planned to make the show all the more accessible. One new class will be for a bottle of home-brewed Sloe Gin, so get picking before its too late and start making



Some of this year's winners at the very first Barrhill Flower Show



Sarah Malone—Memorial Hall Committee Member and BCIC Director enjoys a beautiful arrangement at the Show.

## Change to the BCIC Board of Directors

Following this year's AGM, an Appointment of Office Bearers was conducted at the next meeting of the BCIC Board of Directors. We are delighted to announce that Simon Redman has agreed to continue as Chairman, with Gavin Hughes stepping up to the role of Vice Chairman. Angela Blackstock will continue as Secretary/Memberships Director and Mark Bradshaw as Treasurer.

Please remember every Director takes on their important role on a voluntary basis and for the benefit of the whole community whilst fulfilling their own family and work commitments. Monthly meeting always bring fresh challenges and responsibilities for our Directors.

However ultimate responsibility rests with EVERY Barrhill resident to steer the Board in the direction in which they want to see it grow. Your support is vital so please do make 2017 the year in which you engage with the BCIC and make a difference.

### SPACE AVAILABLE FOR A BCIC DIRECTOR

If you feel you've got what it takes to sit on the Board of the BCIC as a Director, then we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for a motivated, committed and enthusiastic individual to join us—if you would like to learn more and put your name forward, then please contact the BCIC on [bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk) or talk to any BCIC Director listed below.

### *A personal message from the Board*

Another year in the life of the BCIC is ending and we are delighted it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the many successes of the past year, as well as the learning points for future strategy gained along the way. We look forward with great excitement and expectation to 2017 and as always, promise to do our utmost to make our village thrive and prosper.

We would like to offer our thanks for all the contributions that everyone has made to our success this year. We have achieved more than ever before and with a membership of nearly 140 people, look forward to working much more closely with you—the heart of the community.

Until the New Year on behalf of the Board, we wish you a very restful and Happy Christmas and a prosperous and extremely happy New Year.

### Barrhill Community Interest Company

- Chairman—  
*Simon Redman*
- Vice Chairman—  
*Gavin Hughes*
- Secretary /Memberships—*Angela Blackstock*
- Treasurer—*Mark Bradshaw*
- Directors - *David Russell, Johnnie Thomson, Sarah Malone, Euan Allan*

