Chirnside Village Flyer

Back to the dark nights and wintery, very windy weather. Lots going on in Chirnside and the local area over the next few months and something for everyone.

From Christmas Markets for those last minute presents, fun parties and games for the kids, Santa grottos, Adult Christmas Parties and the usual stained glass, computer, larder and community lunch sessions happening too.

We are yet again looking for volunteers to help put up the Christmas lights and tree for the switch on at 6pm on the 5th of December.

If you are able to come out and help for a couple of hours On the 28th of November, we need light unravellers, up ladder folk, ladder steadiers, cable tie dispensers and cheer leaders.



Chirnside Community Lunches are back

Welcome and free to all (donations welcome)
In the Community Centre the 3rd Wednesday of the month, come for a hot meal and a blether
12 noon on the 18th Nov, 16th Dec, 20th Jan
Chirnside Community Centre regulars.
IT Drop in help, twice monthly Mondays 1.30-3.30,
Indoor Market, last Saturday of the month 10-2
Larder Open, Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 10-12

History Group

The history group meet most months of the year to enjoy an interesting talk. The next 3 months have

Nov 16th - Inner Farnes, Nick Lewis
Dec 21st - Caleb Buglas - Bookbinder Bigamist & Slave Owner, Phill Rowett
January 18th - Soldiering On, Major Lance Thornton KOSB

Christmas Tree Lights Switch on

Come and join the Common Good, The Beacon, The Gala Queen and the rest of the village in switching the tree lights on for the festive period.

5th December at 6pm

Count down will start at 6pm so be there just before, soup and mince pies will be there for everyone to enjoy, there might even be a wee bit of carol singing if you fancy.
Oh and Civic week have sent a letter to Lapland so Santa could be making a wee visit to see the tree and everyone too.

The lights are put up by a very small band of volunteers who would very much like some more folk to give a wee hand. No skills required. We are planning on putting them up on the morning of the 28th of November, the more people to help the less time it will take.



Oil Fuel Consortium

Chirnside has its own heating oil fuel buying group. Buying fuel in larger quantities can get better prices, Becky has taken over collating the orders and organising the best price. If you want to be involved in getting oil deliveries in bulk with the rest of the village, just contact
chirnsideoilconsortium@gmail.com
07779146141
There is no contract, commitment or obligation to purchase each month, however each supplier has a minimum order of 500 litres per address, per order. I will contact everyone in the Consortium, generally

on a monthly basis, so I can put an order together.

Entry of events is subject to space and we cannot guarantee to include all listing requests. Listings have been collated in good faith, we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information published but we cannot be held responsible for any consequences arising from errors or omissions. If you would like to get involved or have an idea of something to include, please don't hesitate to contact us at (info@chirnsidecommongood.org) This Flyer was Produced by: **Chirnside Common Good Association SCIO. Scottish Charity No. SC051238**

Chirnside SWI

Chirnside has a wonderful group of women who get together to have a cuppa and listen to talks do crafts and have a good natter in the Community Centre at 2pm
19th Nov Carolyn McGregor Xmas Crafts
17th Dec Xmas Party
21st Jan David McClean talk on Charterhall/Winfield.

Greener Gateway Award

Chirnside have been successful again in winning a silver award in the Biodiversity classification at SBCs Greener Gateway awards.
We have been highly commended on our efforts to reintroduce wildflowers and mixed grasses to the quarry area, planting and maintaining the trees in the top park as well as replanting the east end planter in more bee and wildlife friendly flowers and plants.



Chirnside Civic Week

The Civic Week Committee have been working hard organising events throughout the year for everyone to enjoy come along and support them, all welcome.

Bingo once a month in the Bowling Club, 7pm eyes down 7.30. Nov 21st, Jan 23rd, Feb 20th.

Coffee Morning, Bowling Club, 5th Dec 10am.

Darts Competition 7th Nov, 2pm £5 entry.

For more info on any of Civic Weeks events or to see how you can help please have a look at their FB page

War Memorial

The final part of the National Lottery Funding bid is to be completed. The bid was to install the new plinth memorial to the fallen from Chirnside who were not commemorated on the WWI memorial and to make a hard standing path up the side of the wall to make it easier for all to attend. Thanks to the Justice Department who will be completing this work before Armistice day.

SWIFT PROJECT 2027

Successes and Disappointments

Readers will know that 173 more nest boxes were installed this spring, over 3 counties with 51 in Kelso alone. This brings us to a marvellous total of 325 boxes in 3 years. Our target for next spring is 250, to exceed anywhere else in the whole country.

The worthy Coldstream Mens Shed has already started on their first 50.

Our volunteer monitors have reported ''the best year ever for swifts,'' giving us confidence in their survival as species, their numbers being down 60% in last 10 years. Local reports have been encouraging and justify what we are trying to achieve, to the ultimate benefit of swifts. Chirnside a 5 box site has ''all 5 occupied, total of 12 chicks, my best ever result. Town seems to have 4 'colonies', not an exact survey, purely from observation. Heiton near Teviot ''6 caught looking at boxes, this weather suiting them, so looking good for next year. In Cornhill plenty in sky, but 4 box installation not filled in 1st year, despite free caller.

In Kelso A sparrow hawk in Tweedsyde Park found eating direct from sparrows' nests, and its very presence affecting 22 boxes in Bend area. '200 seen gathering over Tweed, and also over Shedden Park, Tait Hall and older houses down as far as below Lidl. Congregating over race and golf courses. We counted up to 50 screamers over Ednam. most we have seen in 7 years here! No occupants yet but some interest and 'banging' of boxes, next year. fingers crossed. A total of 7 box hosts reported unwelcome squatters, evicted at nest building stage, and closure plates fitted, being removed in 3rd week in May. Known boxes will be re- fitted in September to thwart next spring, all when calling devices collected back in. Although out of season we continue to welcome donations and enquiries for next year, and site inspection visits take place weekly if passing.

Our thanks as always go to our Main sponsors, the fine magazine Kelso Life, and W R Patterson the renowned painters, who deserve your patronage.

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Saturday 31st October, 10-1
Spooky Indoor Market,
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 7th November, 2pm
Civic week Darts Competition, £5 all welcome
Red Lion Pub

Sunday 8th November, 11am
Remembrance Service and wreath laying
Chirnside War Memorial, Chirnside Parish Church

Monday 9th November, 9am-1pm
BHA Local Hub pop in
Chirnside Community Centre

Monday 9th November 9am
Citizens Advice Outreach
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 21st November, 10am
Charity Kilo Sale and Coffee Morning
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 28th November, 10-2
Christmas Fayre
Chirnside Community Centre

Thursday 3rd December, 4-6pm
Christmas Fayre with Santa, all welcome,
Chirnside Primary School

Saturday 5th December 10am
Civic Week Coffee Morning
Chirnside Bowling Club

Saturday 5th December 6pm countdown
Christmas Tree Lights Switch on with Santa visit
Crosshill, Chirnside

Friday 11th December 7pm,
Bond Themed Christmas Crackle, bring a party to a party
Heart for Duns, tickets available online

Thursday 31st December. 8pm-Late
New Year Party
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 16th Jan, 6.15pm
Burns Supper, Live Music
Chirnside Community Centre

Thursday 21st Jan, 2-4pm
Duns Tea Dances, £3 everyone welcome
Heart For Duns, you don't have to know how to dance