**Juniper Green CC October 2016 Newsletter**

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1. **Pentlands Book Festival 2016 starts Friday 11 November**

We know you’ve been waiting eagerly and we can now let you know that tickets are going to be released today, Wednesday 26 October.

You can obtain them at Currie or Colinton Libraries.  A limited number are also available for most events at the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Juniper Green.   Tickets are limited to a maximum of 4 per person.  All events are free (except for “How Round is Your Pizza?” at Al Borgo) but we would appreciate your donations at the door of each in order to be able to stage the festival again next year.

You can obtain full details of the programme at <http://www.pentlandsbookfestival.org/> and also via the PBF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Pentlands-Book-Festival-903223373082029/> .  It will also be published in November’s C&B News, out shortly, plus Konect, and leaflets outlining the programme are available in Colinton and Currie Libraries and RBS in Juniper Green, as well as other outlets around the three villages and beyond.

Tickets are also available for events at the following Eventbrite addresses, except that the James Thomson tickets can be booked only by phoning 0131 453 4517, and the tickets for the RLS walk are available only at Colinton and Currie Libraries either in person or by phone (0131 529 5603 and 0131 529 5609 respectively).   The Writing and Getting Published event is not ticketed as you are welcome to drop in at any time during the three-hour event.   However, they are all listed below to give you more background on the event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-moira-monologues-tickets-28077002069?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-round-is-your-pizza-tickets-28079941862?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-kathleen-jamie-tickets-28079753298?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/treasures-from-the-national-records-tickets-28093271732?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-border-sir-walter-scotts-minstrelsy-in-story-and-song-tickets-28079661022?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-walk-with-rls-tickets-28093664908?aff=es2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teddy-bears-sleepover-tickets-28077305978?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ae-fond-kiss-tickets-28093931706?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dads-rock-tickets-27972495487?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cooking-the-book-tickets-28103824295?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fair-isle-ghosts-tickets-28103935628?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-widow-tickets-28103998817?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teddy-bears-sleepover-tickets-28077414302?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-jewel-jean-armour-and-robert-burns-tickets-27983478337?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tweet-your-street-tickets-28634711192?aff=eac2>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wojtek-the-bear-tickets-28860075262>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/writing-for-prizes-tickets-28104140240?aff=es2>

2. Baberton Mains History Group Receives National Recognition

On 18th October in the Assembly Rooms, the Baberton Mains History Group received public recognition for its enterprise when members were awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Scottish Civic Trust in the Heritage Angel Awards as one of two runners-up in the Investigating and Recording category. The awards were presided over by the author and broadcaster Vanessa Collingridge. The judges were impressed by the originality of the group’s undertaking and their assertion that Wimpey estates and their like are as much a part of our heritage as ancient monuments and historic buildings.

The philosophy of the Group was that “Pompeii, Vindolanda and Skara Brae tell us that everyday lives are the most fascinating part of history; we just didn’t want to wait for the archaeologists to dig us up and speculate about what we’d been up to”.

In 2013 a group of residents of the community council area including Baberton Mains decided to assert the significance of the housing estate and its people by recording the reminiscences of original occupants of the Baberton Mains houses and by researching the history of the estate itself and of the land on which it is built. This unusual enterprise was led by eight women volunteers, each undertaking an area of research and contributing a chapter to a book, of which over 500 have been sold, recording what they had discovered. This project brought the inhabitants of a modern housing development and of the much older settlement of Juniper Green together to look at the making of history in their own time and at the story, from pre-history to the present day, of the land now occupied by late 20th century homes. P6 children from Juniper Green Primary School joined in, making a quilt with panels illustrating major events in the history of the lands on which some of them live, a work widely exhibited locally and in the Scottish Parliament.

Many congratulations to the 8 volunteers for putting their research into this area onto the national stage. More details can be found by watching the video at:  <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h45bdbfw83os9ei/AADUwmKa6Mz_kbUrJgepl03Oa?dl=0> (our video is the first, top left) or by going to the JGCC Facebook page at

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/junipergreencouncil/>

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1. **Harmeny AC Wins the Annual Curriemuirend Park Cross Country Race**

A beautiful sunny day on Saturday 1st October again provided the backdrop for 61 young athletes from Harmeny and Corstorphine athletics clubs competing in the fourth annual Curriemuirend Park Cross Country competition.

This year’s two race event was organised by local Harmeny AC coach Craig Stewart. It was particularly encouraging for future athletics to have 35 entrants competing in the under 11’s race.

The event is a challenging course, winding through the hilly wooded park, and as usual all the young athletes amazed the cheering spectators with their display of strong competitive running.

Trophies, sponsored by Juniper Green Community Council and the Friends of Curriemuirend Park, were presented by Joanna Cherry MP.

The exciting news this year is that the overall trophy was won by our local club Harmeny AC!

Look out for the trophy appearing on display throughout our area in the following months.

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