



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...

CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM - 7.30PM

This year, as always, Santa starts his global Christmas Eve tour right here in Neilston with a quick visit round the streets before he gets up and away with the big sacks. Aren't we lucky? So before you hang up your stocking, listen for the bell, look out your window and you may spot the old man himself. We've had advance notice of his itinerary.

HOW THE MAGIC HAPPENS

NDT is in touch with HQ at the North Pole, assembles a team of helpers from local volunteers and ensures the vintage Santamobile is still roadworthy.

SANTA SLEIGH TIMETABLE

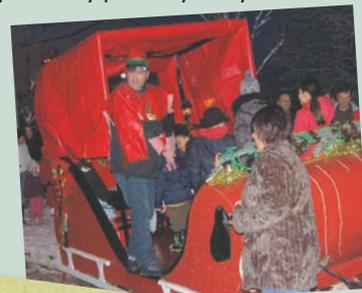
NETHER KIRKTON	4.00PM
KIRKTONFIELD RD (AT THE PINES)	4.20PM
KIRKTONFIELD RD (AT GLEN AVE)	4.40PM
MANSE RD (AT BROADLIE RD).....	4.50PM
DUNCARNOCK CR (AT BOTTOM).....	5.05PM
CHRISTMAS TREE (NEILSTON CROSS).....	5.25PM
THE BANK (MAIN ST)	5.40PM
BRAEHEAD AV (AT LEA AVENUE).....	5.55PM
KINGSTON AV (AT BOTTOM DOUBLE HEDGES RD).....	6.05PM
KINGSTON AV (AT SNACK STOP).....	6.20PM
KINGSTON AV (AT TOP DOUBLE HEDGES RD).....	6.30PM
CRAIG RD (AT LOANFOOT AV).....	6.35PM
GLEN SHEE (AT GLEN FALLOCH).....	6.50PM
GLEN DOLL RD.....	7.10PM
BRIG O'LEA.....	7.25PM
MILL BRAE.....	7.30PM

HELP!

Reindeer are in short supply and we have to rely on a cheery driver, stout wheels and a towbar to pull the sleigh. Our current cheery driver (and vehicle) wants to retire.

Anyone want to take over?

Contact Laura at the Bank now before this unique opportunity passes you by.



BANK CAFE OPENING HOURS FOR OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

CLOSED
FROM FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 2.30PM
OPEN
FRIDAY 28TH & SATURDAY 29TH
DECEMBER 10AM-2.30PM
CLOSED
SATURDAY 29TH DEC AT 2.30PM

RE-OPENS
TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY '13 AT 10AM

BUILDING CLOSES
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER 5PM & RE-OPENS
MONDAY 7TH JANUARY
(PRIVATE HIRES EXCEPTED)

A YEAR TO REMEMBER!
A LOOK BACK AT 2012 AND DATES FOR YOUR 2013 DIARY
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2012, WHAT A YEAR!

Our family album for 2012 shows lots of happy faces and illustrates the variety of projects undertaken by NDT, using the Bank as our base, where everyone is welcome to get involved. We want to thank everyone who has given time and energy to the make it all possible and issue a warm invitation to make 2013 an even bigger and better year.

JANUARY

Official opening of the Bank by Alex Neil (then Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment).



Alex Neil opens the Bank with kind words (and clearly, a sweet tooth)

FEBRUARY



The Bank Cafe takes off!



Valentines at The Bank

MARCH



Community windfarm finance approved and work begins



Ukelele (mad?) hatters



Crofthead Concerts



Walking groups get going

APRIL



Mini Olympics launch Go Neilston!



Bike repair workshop



Lou Hickey singing group

MAY



Traditional music workshop Chanter class



Neilston Pad walk



Go Neilston! Activity Challenge

JUNE



Jubilee party



Go Neilston! Treasure Hunt



Volunteer Friendly award

JULY



Sowing...



...to blooming in a few short months

AUGUST



...and not forgetting the station



Our apprentice pipers carrying on a proud Neilston tradition

SEPTEMBER



Neilston Food Trail



Town Team relaunch



Cycling proficiency

OCTOBER



Spooky goings-on at the Bank Cafe Halloween



Neilston pupils visit the Bank and get on Board with the Charter



Turbines arrive at Neilston Cross

NOVEMBER



Cycling open day



The Bank garden winter clean up

DECEMBER



Sell out Crofthead concert with Fred Morrison and the East Ren Schools Pipe Band



'Bank Ensemble' debut performance

START-BACK DATES FOR YOUR NEW DIARY

WALKING GROUPS

Wednesday 9th Jan 10am & 10.30am
Look out for the spring relaunch of the walking groups.

UKELELE BEGINNERS

Wednesday 30th Jan 8pm-9pm

SINGING GROUP WITH LOU HICKEY

Saturday 23rd Feb 3pm-4.30pm

BIKE CLUB UPDATE

Repair workshop opening in the New Year, working with local groups to get those bikes in good shape and their owners back in the saddle!

TOWN TEAM MEETING

Tuesday 5th Feb, Glen Halls 7pm (tbc)

REGULAR BANK DATES

EAST REN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday 8th Jan 9am-5pm

PILATES

Wednesday 9th Jan 6pm, 7pm & 8pm
(Next block starts 23rd Jan)

HAROLD JOSEPH SOLICITORS

Friday 11th Jan 9am-5pm

CRAFT GROUP

Monday 14th Jan 7pm-9pm

KNITTING GROUP

Monday 21st Jan 7pm-9pm

THERAPIES

Several local beauty and holistic therapists offer a wide range of treatments by appointment. Pick up a leaflet from the Bank.



The Bank is available for hire for meetings and events. Call us on 0141 561 1201.

TOWN TEAM TAKES OFF

The second meeting of the Charter 'reboot' took place on Nov 22. A lively discussion revealed an appetite to see further exploration of various project ideas, especially the future of the Kingston playing fields and the Brig O'Lea stadium.

A full note of the meeting is available by emailing admin@neilstontrust.co.uk. A display showing the background to the Charter and the current state of play is currently at Neilston Library and a digital version is also available on the NDT website.

LOOKING FORWARD

We're told 2013 is to be the 'Year of Creative Scotland'. There are many ways to be creative (you've seen some of them in these pages). The biggest act of creativity for a community, is when people join in shaping their own place. Many ways to do that too. Public meetings aren't much fun; even at their best they don't appeal to everyone and they're not the way to get projects moving. As 2013 approaches, and a new Local Development Plan is published, let's look at different and effective ways to involve the whole village in the **Year of Getting Real on the Charter**.



WINDFARM NEWS

By the time this reaches you, weather permitting, the streets will be back to normal and no more heavy deliveries will be coming through the village. All turbine components are now on site. Thanks to everyone for bearing with us and in particular to residents at the top of Kingston Road.



There she blows...soon!

THANK YOU

To all our volunteers: faithful café staff of all ages, garden helpers, cycling leaders, the newsletter delivery team, admin support and everyone who turns out to make our events work, a massive thank you on behalf of the Trust, and Neilston, which is a better place for the contribution you make. Happy Christmas, and we look forward to working together in 2013.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

LEISURE CENTRE CONCERN

The results of the engineering report into the swimming pool (currently closed) and the estimated costs of rectifying the faults should be known by the end of December and presented to Cabinet for their deliberation by mid-January, so the issue of the Leisure Centre and its possible fate will feature high on the Community Council's agenda at its next meeting. **Glen Halls, Tuesday 29th January, 7pm.**

RE-POPULATING NEILSTON'S TREES

Neilston has lost many of its trees over the years, from destruction by developers, landowners, disease or just from age. With Dutch Elm disease a recent memory and Ash Dieback disease threatening to wipe out 25% of the UK's trees, it's a good time to think of re-populating Neilston's trees.

This is a project which the Community Council (CC) is just getting off the ground. The first step is to have a survey done of the existing village trees to determine their species, age and condition. Next step would be to identify new (and existing) locations and best species for planting. Contact has been made with various ERC officials and the Woodland Trust to help the project along. Input from members of the public is most welcome.



The majesty of mature trees- we need to plant now for future generations.

i The CC meets in the Glen Halls on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm (except December and July).

BOOK LAUNCH

RECOLLECTIONS OF NEILSTON
BY GEORGINA HENDERSON

Neilston Library, Friday 21st December
2pm-4.30pm

Gina traces her family line in Neilston over many, many generations, so her long-awaited memoir will be of great interest to residents old and new.

Copies £10 from the library and village outlets.



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