



CAMBUSBARRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWS UPDATE

MARCH 2012

The next meeting of **YOUR** community council is on 20th March 2012.

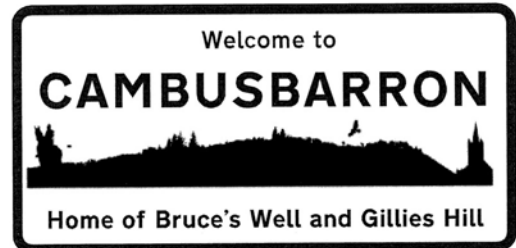
It will be held in the Community Centre starting at 7pm

Everybody is welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions

Some of the topics we are involved with

THIS new 'Welcome to Cambusbarron' sign will soon be a distinctive feature of each main thoroughfare into the village – on the Birkhill, St Ninians and Touch Roads. Designed by Parkdyke's Keith Ratcliffe, the sign is part of CCC's commitment to restoring a sense of pride in the village's past – and present.

It shows, of course, an outline of the instantly recognisable Gillies Hill, on whose northern slopes the village has grown for the past 3000 years. The text refers to Cambusbarron's proud role in the events of 1314.



AT long last, Cambusbarron will soon have its own pharmacy, with work expected to begin this month on the conversion of the cottage at 4 Main Street. Representatives will address CCC at its March 20 meeting. Come along and find out more about this new village asset – opening in April.

Unfortunately vandals have wrecked one of the special cameras put up on Gillies Hill, using air guns. The community will have to replace this camera for a cost of approximately £150. The police have been informed but if you have any information please let us know.

memorable funeral in a packed church for the late Mrs May Young, a well-loved village character.

WOULDN'T it be something if the red squirrel, perhaps Scotland's cutest endangered species, was to prove the saviour of quarry-threatened Gillies Hill? Thanks to the unstinting voluntary efforts of the Stirling University Nature Society, plenty photographic evidence of their existence in the woods on the hill has been gathered.

NEIGHBOURS of the storm-damaged Woolcarders Court, now a grade A listed near ruin, feared a planning deadlock could devalue their own properties. However, some hope was provided at February's CCC when new owner Campbell Whyte of Swilken Homes Ltd and his architect Bobby Halliday said they seek planning consent later this year and completion of the development by the end of 2013.

A FAIRLY recent but very welcome arrival in Cambusbarron, John Brittan, is hoping, in conjunction with CCC, to get enough local support to form a garden group.

John's aim will be to make the village even more beautiful by hanging and maintaining floral baskets in as many locations as possible. He also intends to site tubs around the village.

In addition, he has been working with the locally-based On The Verge group with a view to planting out various areas with wild flowers

[Volunteers welcome ::contact John at 449697](#)



Photograph from 27th February 2012

FILLING the vacancy caused by the retiral of popular Bruce Memorial minister Brian Webster has yet to be resolved. Full marks, however, to the Rev Andy Campbell who conducted a

If you have an event you would like featured in this diary, please send us details.

LOCAL businesses could help the community by sponsoring next month's newsletter. For more details, contact Alan Rennie on 07970 191083.

DATES for your diary:

April 15th - Sponsored Walk for Gala Funds, meet Foresters 1.30pm;
May 31st Save Gillies Hill AGM
June 16 - Gala Day;
June 24th Descent of the Gillies walk to Bannockburn Memorial
July 28th - Big Widstok, King George V Park

Do you want to sponsor this news sheet or any other comment?

Contact us through cambusbarron.com or email ccc@cambusbarron.com

Somebody said there are red squirrels in Gillies Hill woods

If you've seen any please let me know on savegillieshill.org



Murrayshall Quarry Proposed Reactivation

An important meeting of Stirling Council took place on 1st March 2012, when eight recommendations were put forward in connection with the proposed reactivation of Murrayshall Quarry. A full report of the meeting will be given at the next Community Council meeting, but probably the most important recommendation was that Stirling Council requires the quarry operators to produce an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the quarry area before any resumption of quarrying will be allowed. If they don't comply with this then Stirling Council have said they will issue a Suspension Order for the site.

But one note of caution. This is only a first step, but it looks as if we are ahead on points in the fight to have the environmental conditions on Gillies Hill properly taken into account. The next major battle, which might take place in about 6 months time, is when Stirling Council finally carry out a proper review, instead of the botched one of 2002, and decide whether any quarrying will be allowed. We need to urgently continue to gather factual evidence of the potential damage to the environment of quarrying. Any help with this would be appreciated

[This is a major step forward in the joint Community Council / Save Gillies Hill campaign to preserve the environment of the Gillies Hill.](#)

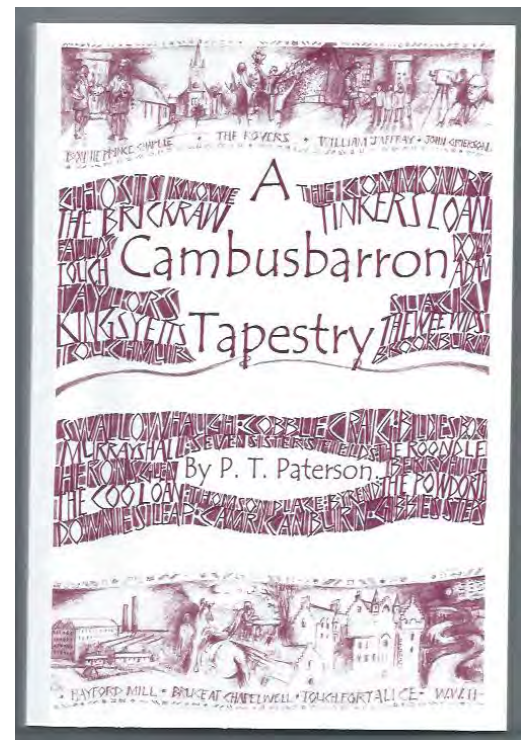
A Cambusbarron Tapestry

NEW BOOK by Peter Paterson

Local historian (and chair of the Community Council) launched his new book a Cambusbarron Tapestry on 2nd March. It is the story of Cambusbarron told in 280 pages through its people and places.

All profits from the book will go to a new Community Goodwill Fund.

Copies can be obtained from library and local shops Johns's and Satnam's priced £12



Our community police officer PC Morris has told us that there is a spate of thefts from cars in the area, with the thieves targeting unlocked vehicles. Please don't let your car be one of his statistics

LOCK YOUR CAR AT ALL TIMES