



WELCOME TO ISSUE 6 OF THE BEACON!

“CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR.”
THE EARLIEST REFERENCE I’VE FOUND
FOR THIS SAYING IS FROM A BOOK IN 1847.
SINCE THEN, FILMS, SONGS, CARTOONS
AND EVEN PLAYS HAVE MADE USE OF IT.
MANY OF YOU WILL NO DOUBT BE
ADDING “THANK GOODNESS.”

We’ve come through a hard few years and Christmases and I think we can all say thank goodness that we can celebrate this one, no matter how you choose to do it. Whether it’s marking another year gone by, celebrating the birth of Christ, or just a time to get together and relax with family and friends.

Many will be finding it hard, both now and in the near future, to cope, never mind celebrate, and we should all be aware of the needs of our neighbours, friends and family. I’d like to draw your attention to the Community Information Event on Wednesday 1st February (see facing column) when you can find out what assistance is available to help you cope with the winter ahead. We also want to highlight the location of warm spaces which can be used by everyone (again, see facing column).

We hope you find this festive edition of the **Beacon** useful and enjoy this Christmas season since, as they say, it only comes but once a year.

Brian Elder

Chair, Chryston Community Council

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If there’s anything you’d like us to consider for the next issue, or if you’d like to write a letter to the editor, please email us at beacon@chrystoncommunitycouncil.org.uk

WARM SPACES 2023

HEATING COSTS

Did you know the average cost of heating your house in winter can be £15 to £20 A DAY. It’s difficult to calculate what each household spends as circumstances vary, but if you have a smart meter you can tell immediately what you’re using.

WARM SPACES

With costs unlikely to go down soon, one way of saving money is to take advantage of the warm spaces in our area. You can just sit and read the paper, meet or make friends, have a free hot drink or take advantage of any other facility being provided.

WHERE AND WHEN?

Chryston Library.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10am - 1pm & 2 - 5pm.

Providing all facilities of the library plus free tea and coffee. (Note: closes for lunch)

St Barbara’s Church hall, Elmira Rd., Muirhead.

Thursday, 12 noon - 4pm.

Providing free hot drinks and sandwiches.

Chryston Parish Church, 105 Main St., Chryston (starts 9th January)

Sunday/Monday, 2 - 10pm

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday, 10am - 10pm

Thursday 10am - 6pm.

Providing free hot drinks, snacks, pool table, table football, wi-fi, space to work, games, crafts, PC hub.

Why not take advantage of these warm spaces by bringing a friend, or come with a neighbour and save on those heating costs?

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENT

Wednesday 1 February, Chryston Parish Church halls, Main Street, Chryston, 10.30am - 1.30pm

We’re living in a time when a great deal of pressure is put on our incomes. Gas and electricity, rent and mortgages, food, clothing and many more essential items are all getting more expensive.

The Community Council are hosting an event, in conjunction with outside bodies and NLC, where advice will be available in many areas to try and assist with some of these pressures.

Why not come along, and if the information is not just for you pass it on to neighbours, friends and family. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided so bring a friend and chat over the information provided.

DEFIBRILLATORS

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE FOUR DEFIBRILLATORS IN OUR AREA?

They are located at

- The taxi office of **Stepps & Moodiesburn Cars** at the junction of Lindsaybeg Road & Cumbernauld Road.
- Outside **M&D Green Chemist** at the junction of Station Road & Cumbernauld Rd.
- On the wall of **S. Collins & Son** the butcher on Lindsaybeg Road.
- On the outside wall of **Chryston Parish Church** on Main Street.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO ACCESS THEM IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY?

The defibrillator in the taxi office is accessed by going into the office and requesting the defibrillator. Instructions for use are contained in the case and you will be guided by spoken instructions from the defibrillator itself.

The other three defibrillators are accessed by calling the emergency services and giving them the code which can be seen inside the casing. You will then be given another code to open the casing. Remove the defibrillator and follow the instructions.

SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

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Subscribers currently receive both emails and paper copies. However, we wish to produce more brief and frequent up-to-date newsletters as well as the **Beacon** for our community and this can only be achieved by email.

If you wish to subscribe, go to www.chrystoncommunitycouncil.org.uk/beacon-newsletter

100 YEARS AND STILL GOING

We'd like to congratulate Ms Rita Anderson O.B.E. on reaching the grand age of 100 this November. Rita was one of the founding members of Chryston Community Council and worked tirelessly for our community for many years.

CHRYSTON & MUIRHEAD IN BLOOM

You may have noticed a number of planters appearing in Chryston and Muirhead recently. This is a project between the Community Council and the Northern Corridor Community Volunteers (NCCV).

Our project uses existing, unused NLC planters. We've filled them and put them outside numerous businesses (including **Feast** and **Glasgow Law Practice**.) Since adding one planter to the exterior of **La Campagnola**, the owner, Medo, has added more plants and planters to the outside seating area. We hope to brighten up the village in the spring by adding even more planters and hanging baskets. We're also planning to repaint the village's hanging basket stands.

Our sincere thanks goes to Michael Connolly at **Caulders Garden Centre**, Cumbernauld, who kindly donated plants and compost to allow us to complete a number of planters. If you would like to volunteer to help us with this project please contact Chrystoncommunity@gmail.com

POLICE UPDATE

Police Scotland continue to give updates to the Community Council and report that of the 68 calls made recently in our area, 13 were duplicates. Of the remaining 55, there were no crime trends to be wary of. However, at this time of year, they would like to remind people to be more vigilant with their property, ensuring everything (vehicles, houses, doors and windows) is locked and secured.

There have been 23 crime reports raised for the area, with no wider concerns for the community. Of note, Chryston Free Church was broken into, which resulted in a male being arrested and charged with theft by housebreaking.

Do be vigilant in all areas and enjoy the Christmas holidays.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR RESIDENTS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.