



# MANOR & CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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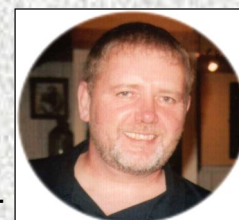
## Manor & Castle Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- Chairperson's Comments
- Councillor's Comment's

### Chairman's comments

Welcome to the November meeting and Newsletter.



Winter has well and truly set in now, a distinct drop in Temperature over the past couple of weeks. Hope you are all keeping well wrapped up.

The planned bag packing in the co-op on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December has been confirmed, as I mentioned previously we must take full advantage of these days to bolster our funds .Any help from friends and family would be a great help.

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We will start taking names for the spring trip at the meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

I have provisionally booked the King Robert Hotel (Bannockburn) from the 31<sup>st</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April and also the coach (same one as last year) As soon as we have required numbers I will confirm. Hopefully have everything in place by the beginning of January.

If you are planning to come on the trip but cannot manage the meetings please let someone know to book your slot.

Regards

Eric

The dark nights are now upon us and as I write this the temperature is hovering over the zero degrees. It has been a quick year and with an election for Westminster coming up, it not going to go quietly.

It was great to be in attendance of the first Stornoway community council meeting in over a decade last month and wish all the members of the council the very best. The community council will play a very important role and I, as a local government councillor, want to work alongside the newly elected councillors to help serve the community.



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The Stornoway Community Council is as follows:

Joan Mui (Chair)  
Melinda Gillen (Vice-Chair)  
Katie Laing  
Susanna Erbida  
Jane Hepburn Macmillan  
John Morrison (Treasurer)  
Eric Anderson

At the most recent meeting of the Stornoway Primary Parent council, the issue of the primary estate was brought up again by concerned parents. The chair of education was there to hear representations from many parent council members, Cllr Nicolson and myself. There is a report coming to the next Education committee where it is hoped that the issue will be closer to resolution.

There has been a number of incidents of Anti-Social behavior plaguing the Manor area for quite a while now. This has turned into more than high jinks and is causing real concern to the community especially the elderly and young families who feel very vulnerable. This should not be tolerated and any incident should be immediately reported to the police without hesitation—this is hugely important. I attended a multi-agency meeting last week to discuss this. The police read out the number of cautions etc that had increased due to this rise of behavior. Councillors who attended the meeting were of the mind that the Community Safety Partnership should be revived to start public campaigns tackling these and other issues. A report has been requested to the December meetings.

Councillor Gordon Murray

## **Volunteers for Bagpacking**

**Please help our fundraising by volunteering or getting someone in your place to backpack**

**Funding for:**

**Senior Citizens Trip  
Senior Citizens dinner  
Children's events**

## Christmas lights turn on



Stornoway's Christmas lights are due to be switched on on Tuesday 26 November.

From 5.30pm Stornoway Town Hall will be open with a number of stalls set up.

Musical performances plus the Christmas message and shop window display prize presentations take place in the town hall from 7pm.

A parade starts at South Beach at 7.30pm and the illuminations will be turned on with "special guests" at the ceremony.

The outdoor part of the event will be rounded off with a fireworks display.

Earlier, local music stars Peat and Diesel will perform an under-18s concert in the Nicolson Institute. The one hour event commences at 5.30pm.

Later that night, the band will be playing in the town hall for a 16-years plus event.

The Christmas lights events are organised by Stornoway Amenity Trust with support from Western Isles Lottery. (Hebrides News)

# COOKS CORNER

## November Minestrone Soup

### Ingredients

- 1 medium red onion (diced)
- 1 large carrot (halved and chopped)
- 2 large stalks celery (diced)
- 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil (divided)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (divided)
- 1 teaspoon black pepper (freshly ground, divided)
- 5 cups vegetable broth (or chicken)
- 1 small delicata squash
- 1 cup white beans (cooked)
- ¼ cup dried orecchiette pasta (or uncooked fresh pasta)
- ½ cup fresh spinach (stems removed)
- ½ cup grape tomatoes (halved)



### Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cut squash in half vertically and place cut side up in a small roasting pan. Drizzle with half of the olive oil and half of the salt and pepper. Bake for 30 minutes, or until fork tender. Remove from oven and let cool.

In a medium dutch oven, saute onion, carrot and celery over medium heat for 5 minutes. Season with remaining salt and pepper. When the delicata is cool enough to handle, gently scoop out pulp and add it to the vegetables. Add broth and bring to a gentle boil. Add the pasta, cooked beans, spinach and grape tomatoes. Cook for 10-15 minutes or until pasta is done.

Serve immediately with crusty bread.



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