

Loudoun Kirk Newsletter

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Heritage Lottery Fund

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in getting a 57% grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This together with a 40% grant, which we are hopeful of getting from Historic Scotland should see us well on the way to having Loudoun Kirk repaired and preserved.

At present the offer from Historic Scotland is indicative and could not become firm until the balance of funding was available. With the HLF's grant, we now meet the requirements of Historic Scotland, and we await the confirmation of their offer.

It will be some weeks yet before we get our contract from HLF but in the meantime our financial advisor can go ahead with discussions with Historic Scotland regarding tenders, contracts and timescale.

It is anticipated the funds from Historic Scotland could be available to us 2000/2001.



We're on the net!!



The Friends of Loudoun Kirk now have a web site, thanks to the efforts of William Morton. William is not a member but volunteered his service free of charge. This is believed to have saved us several hundred pounds.

Although still under construction, access can be made through search engines or with our URL: <http://members.xoom.com/folk122/>

Members required



Now that we are more or less on our way to making a start to the project, we need all the help we can get.

We need new committee members and would encourage anyone with an interest in local history to join. Whether you feel you don't want take part but want to support the project just the same, please join, your £5 membership fee helps too.

We would like to hold members nights but need to know what would be of interest to you.

We also need new ideas for fund-raising events, we've tried car boot sales, fetes etc but so far they have been hard work with little reward. Suggestions would be very welcome.

.....Or have you a head for business, could you help with the administrative side of the project?

A.G.M

The Friends of Loudoun Kirk A.G.M. is on May 8th 2000 at 7.00pm in Newmilns Church hall.

All members are welcome. Proposals for changes in the constitution to be notified to the secretary by April 3rd 2000 (address below) Copies of the constitution is available from the address below (an S.A.E. would be appreciated).



Ceilidh

Another successful Ceilidh was held on Saturday April 8th in Galston Community Hall, reaching full house.

The Caledonian Ceilidh Band cater for all tastes and a great time was had by all.

It's hoped that another one will be planned for November. Details will be available at a later date.



The Friends of Loudoun Kirk is a recognised Scottish Charity whose main aim is to raise funds for the repair of Loudoun Kirk, Nr Galston.

F.O.L.K. has been active for about 5 years and has raised sufficient funds to carry out repair work caused by vandal damage such as the renewal of the oak door, as well as minor damage to the lock (on several occasions). Thorny shrubs have been planted - stolen and replanted.

Application for Heritage Lottery funds and a grant from Historic Scotland will see the project through to completion, and at a standard which will allow future maintenance to be kept to a minimum. Not only will we be required to keep up the standard of workmanship for future repairs but also to provide the public with access and information.

Our regular bi-annual Ceilidhs are self funding and well supported and this provides us with a small but steady income which will in the future be used for the maintenance of Loudoun Kirk. Although fund-raising is foremost on our minds, we still try to plan interesting evens and we are constantly looking for new ideas.

☐ *Are you interested in local history and are willing to help?*

Many of our events require research into past events and local history, take for example our regular participation in Door's Open Day where local historians Jim Main and John Alexander are at hand to answer any questions visitors may have. A reasonable knowledge of local history and enjoy speaking to people is all that it takes to help.

☐ *Can you lend a hand at any of the events?*

We try to make a presence at many local fetes and events but only have a limited amount of volunteers e.g. a ghost walk required people to help with the bar-b-que and stewarding as well as taking part. Practical help has been in the past required to set up stalls, sell raffle tickets, cook hot-dogs etc.

☐ *Have you any good ideas for fund-raising events etc.*

We try to maintain a level of good quality events which aren't so run of the mill to raise money or to act as membership drives, as such we are constantly looking for practically run events that may be successful in the local area.

☐ *Don't want to take part - join anyway, we need your support as a "Friend"*

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Membership Application Form

I wish to apply/renew membership of The Friends of Loudoun Kirk (F.O.L.K.)

Name.....

Address.....

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Tel No E-mail:.....

Annual membership £5

Life Membership £25

Are you willing to help with fund raising events/join the committee

Return form with membership fee to : FOLK c/o A Wilson, 122 West Main Street, Darvel, KA17 0EZ

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