

# **Magazine for Gargunnock** and the surrounding area

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#### **Gargunnock Walking Group**

Recent walks have included a exploration of the banks of the River Teith between Deanston and Old Kilmadock where we explored the very interesting old graveyard. On the Sunday between Christmas and New Year we had our first weekend walk for people who are not available during the week. This was a local walk to the top of the Gargunnock waterfall and returning by Hillhead Farm. Seven of us then enjoyed an excellent lunch in the pub.

Forthcoming dates for walks are:

**2nd February** – A Sunday walk for "working" people. If the weather is good enough, we plan to climb Meikle Bin in Carron Valley. If the weather is poor, we will do a more local walk.

**13th February** – The Whangie – hoping for good conditions. **27th February** – Torwood Broch and Castle. An interesting historic walk on mostly good paths.

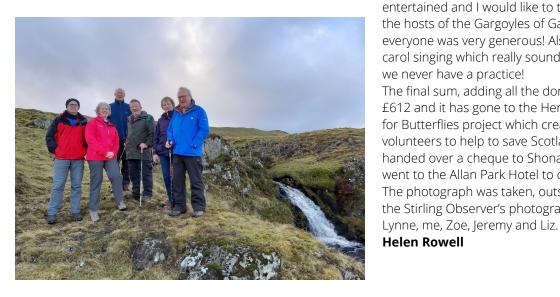
12th March – Little Glen Shee near Bankfoot in Perthshire, a moorland walk.

26th March - Traverse Menteith Hills.

All of these walks will be subject to good underfoot and overhead conditions. As usual I will send out emails to members about a week before to confirm arrangements. For future reference we are thinking of a return visit to Loch Ossian sometime in April or May. This walk starts with a train trip from Crianlarich to Corrour Station and then a walk round the Loch. With luck the azaleas at Corrour House will be in full bloom.

Last time after the walk we enjoyed a meal at the Corrour Station Restaurant and we would hope to do so again. If you are interested in participating in any of these walks, call me on 01786 860608 or drop me an email to edmond.mansion@btinternet.com and I will put you on the circulation list for meets and send a copy of the Guidance Notes.

#### **Edmond Mansion**



#### The Gargoyles of Gargunnock



#### FLITTING AROUND LIKE BUTTERFLIES!

That was the Gargoyles of Gargunnock leading up to Christmas and it was quite appropriate as our chosen charity was Butterfly Conservation Scotland! We entertained at the Callander Rotary Christmas Craft Fayre, did a concert for the Buchlyvie Church Guild, performed for the walkers of the Gargunnock Walking Group at the Christmas night out at the Inn and finally sang around the Christmas tree at the Smith. In between, and as Zoe was away, Liz and I did duets at Bannockburn House, on the balcony where the spooky things were happening in the TV ghost story, on over Christmas! We didn't see anything strange!

I also organise the Community Carol singing each year, which happened the week before Christmas. Helen and Willie Scott hosted us at Meiklewood House to start with, then we sang in the Kirk, followed by entertaining friends and family at Elizabeth and Edmond Mansion's house and finally at the Inn where we drank and sang heartily!

We had very generous donations in all the places that we entertained and I would like to thank everyone involved. So that's the hosts of the Gargoyles of Gargunnock and of the Carol Singing, everyone was very generous! Also, all those that took part in the carol singing which really sounded good this year, which is a relief as we never have a practice!

The final sum, adding all the donations together, was a fantastic £612 and it has gone to the Heritage Lottery funded Helping Hands for Butterflies project which creates wildflower meadows and trains volunteers to help to save Scotland's butterflies and moths. We handed over a cheque to Shona Greig from the charity and then went to the Allan Park Hotel to congratulate ourselves! The photograph was taken, outside the charity HQ in Allan Park, by the Stirling Observer's photographer and shows (L to R) Shona,

**Helen Rowell** 



Save the Dates!
Upcoming Events at the Community Centre



Diary of events, further information and contact details plus how to book the Community Centre can be found at www.gargunnock.org

#### **CONTACT EMAILS**

Bugle Email: gargunnockbugle@gmail.com
Community Centre Email: gargunnockCC@gmail.com
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Community Council Email: gargunnockcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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#### **McLaren Badminton Club**

McLaren Badminton Club, Callander held its annual club competitions recently and among the winners was Gargunnock resident Stuart Ogg. The winners were Mixed Doubles 1st Jean Cowie & Mark Robertson, 2nd Eleanor Hamilton & Stuart Ogg; Ladies' Doubles 1st Jean Cowie & Natalie Underwood, 2nd Rachel Clive & Isla Routledge; Men's Doubles 1st Rod Johnson & Mark Robertson, 2nd Roger Drapper & Oliver Underwood; Ladies' Singles 1st Natalie Underwood, 2nd Jean Cowie; Men's Singles 1st Mark Robertson, 2nd Roy Pearson. Stuart is far right in the photograph.



The Club meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in McLaren Leisure Centre in Callander and new members aged 16+ are always very welcome. Our members currently come from Callander, Gargunnock, Gartmore, Aberfoyle, Lochearnhead, Thornhill, Kippen, Brig o Turk and Deanston – come along and join us all whatever your badminton skills level is. We have fun, playing lots of good games each week and occasional social nights out too. Competitions happen just once a year and participation is optional.

For more information contact Jean Cowie 07973 413185

## **Gargunnock Kirk**

**Christmas Appeal:** A big thank you to all who donated towards our Christmas Appeal for START-UP, Stirling.

A letter has been received from the charity in appreciation of our donation of £201 and bags of dried and tinned foods, collected at Services over the Christmas Season.

#### **Announcement**

Johan Mailer, sons James and Keith would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy on the death of Angus. They were a great comfort to them at this sad time and very much appreciated.

Thanks also for the donations to the retiring collection received in Church which will be given to the RSPB.

## Thankyou

This year, I am determined to say my grateful thanks to all those people who help me to make sure there are flowers in the church every Sunday. Everyone is very kind in making my job easy - when I ask, I am seldom refused - thank you all - the flowers bring joy, comfort and pleasure to all who receive them - be they for joy or sorrow.

#### **Wilma Stewart**

### **3F Group**

The 3F is a friendly informal group for women living in the Carse Area.

Our 3Fs are Friends, Faith and Fun, and we manage a good balance of all three.

This is Season 6 of the group and we welcome Ladies from Gargunnock, Blairdrummond and Doune.

The Group meets at 7.30pm on the last TUESDAY of the month at the comfortable church at 43 Balkerach Street – the main street through Doune.

Each month there is a speaker or activity, followed by time to chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

All meetings £3

ALL WELCOME

If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Wyllie, Tel. 01786 860550

#### Here is the Spring 2020 Programme:

**Tues 25 Feb:** Talk by Stuart Macara from Leprosy Mission **Tues 31 Mar:** Talk by Peter Rowell from the Bothy Association.

**Tues 28 Apr:** Talk by Sandy Leven from Scottish Rock Gardening Club.





## **Book Reviews**

Our book club read this month is **The Travelling Cat** 

#### Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa.

When I first started reading this book I was unsure as to whether I would enjoy it. The language and narrative seemed a bit simple, more geared towards a children's book. In the end, I really enjoying the book. The book is set in Japan and is the tale of a stray cat who is injured and taken in by Satoru and nursed back to health. Saturo names the cat Nana and the two slowly form a strong bond of trust and companionship.

Things change when Saturo starts taking Nana on various trips to meet friends from his past. He is trying to find a new home for Nana, who does not understand why this is happening. While this is a story of the love between humans and their cats, we also get to explore Japan. Satoru and Nana, travelling in a silver-coloured van, visit the seaside, Mount Fuji, Sapporo, and many other points, which are described most vividly through Nana's eyes.

This is a unique tale of friendship, family, loss and grief, told from both Saturo and Nana's perspective. We don't learn why Satoru is no longer able to take care of Nana until near the end of the book, and the reason is a heart-wrenching and sentimental one. I challenge anyone to remain dry-eyed at the end.

Karen Leask



#### **KICK!** by Mitch Johnson

Emotional and heart-warming is how I would describe Kick!

Kick is about poor boy called Budi who is growing up in the slum of Jakarta (Indonesia), always working tirelessly in a football boot factory seven days a week; though the only thing that keeps him going is his passionate love for football. Suddenly he falls into the Dragon's bother's trap, they told him he had to steal some boots from the factory while not getting caught by the evil and devilish foreman! Will Budi have enough strength to steal the boots for the villainous, malevolent brothers?

As Budi's hard life goes on other problems start occurring, will he still be a professional footballer and play for Real Madrid?

His friend Rochy, Mum and Dad support Budi throughout this touching story.

I really enjoyed this book because it was moving and tense and you always think that there is some more hope! I would recommend this book to readers who are 10+ and to people who like tense and emotional books!

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By Zahra



# Presenting the Gargunnock Primary School Junior Journalists!

#### **Celebrating Christmas**

Gargunnock primary school had a wonderful time before the Christmas break. We did all sorts of exciting events like going to a Christmas pantomime and having an end of term Carol service in our Outdoor Learning Zone.

On the 13 of December, the whole school went on one big bus to the King's Theatre in Glasgow. We had a great time watching Jack and the Beanstalk. The pantomime was a great and joyful thing to watch as it was funny and creative with cool twists such as a helicopter and even a moving giant!!! The carol service on 20th December was equally great. Many parents came and it was a great way to finish the term. We sang a selection of carols. The pupils, assisted by our music teacher Mrs MacLean, accompanied with musical instruments including African drums. The best thing was that we

were all together at Christmas time.





#### **Goodbye and Hello**

Before the Christmas holidays, Mrs Hamilton, the P1/2/3 teacher retired. Mrs Hamilton had been working here for 9 years, and before that she was an art teacher who visited many schools, including ours. We all made a big leaving folder for her, filled of little pictures that we drew, and acrostic poems. We made a big poster of her and gave her silly certificates. P6/7 sang her a song, and then we celebrated. We celebrated with cake and juice. We all really liked Mrs Hamilton and we will miss her. We were all really sad that she had to go.

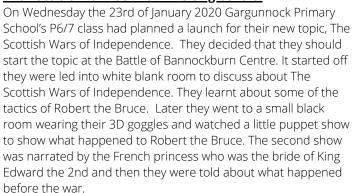
In her place Miss Barrowman joined our school. Miss Barrowman has been a teacher in Raploch Primary School for the last years. We are enjoying getting to know her!

By Evie Moseley P5

#### **Celebrating Scots at Gargunnock Primary**

All the pupils have been very busy this month learning Scottish poems, for a school competition. This is to celebrate the work of Robert Burns. On the 24th of January we had a celebration morning, celebrating his life and works. This gathering of pupils and staff consisted of many festivities; including a whole school progressive Gay Gordons, listening to poetry, singing some Scottish songs, wearing tartan and tasting some delicious haggis! At the assembly, the class winners of the poetry competition performed their poems for the rest of the school, and then the teachers and staff attending gave them marks, which were added up for a winner! A Primary 4-7 who is performing a poem by Robert Burns has an opportunity to go to Stirling High to perform their poem at a Burns Bonanza. This year, Ruairi Peddie earned this privilege with 'Up in the Morning Early'. Everyone has enjoyed learning their poems and Beth Jackson, a finalist from P5 said, "I think it was a bit hard, but I like how we got to choose our own poems." Class winners for the poems were Zoe Hart, P1-3, Beth Jackson, P4/5, and Zahra Sheikh, P6/7. By Ruby Conroy, P7

#### The Battle of Bannock Burn Visiting Centre!



The pupils were led along a long corridor to a humongous room with 3D videos on the wall of people in the war fighting, camping and practising fighting. Behind each of the 3 screens was a long row of characters most people may have never heard of before. There were men who had fought during the wars and normal village scots that had to prepare things for people, and woman who all had to do a lot while the men fought and there was even a little boy who said that his job was to polish all the knights shields and swords and that he wanted to be a knight and fight. In the middle of the room stood a big black spot which on top of it had all sorts of replica weapons and armoury and on the wall were 3 very tall and very large replicas of spears that under them had tactics that were used to win the war. On one side of the room was a big elevator-like door that had a countdown. When the countdown ended the door automatically opened to show a large dark room in the middle. There was a round table showing where the Battle of Bannockburn took place. Everyone in P6/7 was separated into 2 teams with numbers and the teams were Scotland and England and one person in each team was king or queen. Number 14 was king or queen of England and number 22 was king or queen of Scotland. They basically had to replay the war that took place on the map, it ended that England won by the queen defeating the king!

After that room it was lunchtime then the class decided to go outside to see the amazing monument statue and to learn more about what happened on that battlefield. They saw a terrific timeline on how it started, what happened in the war, and what happened after. Next to see was where the Scottish camped. They were told that the Scottish camped up high on the hills so they could be able to look south and see where the English where, and if they were going to attack. They were able to look north so they could see the Stirling castle and it would encourage them to fight and win for the prize. Then P6/7 walked down to the statue. It was a big tall statue of Robert the Bruce on his frightened horse and engraved into the stone it showed how long he was king for. The very last room was the work house. It was filled with replicas of shields, bows, swords, axes, other interesting weapons. There was all sorts of armour used for each type of fighter in the wars, like the infantry who were the poor people who couldn't afford as good of armour has the others, archers who weren't as poor as the infantry but weren't the richest of them all and last but not least the knights who rode on their horses wearing their best most expensive part of armour. Three students from the class got to stand up and hold the weapons and wear the armours that the fighters would have done ages ago. Everyone learnt lots of facts and the one of the staff there said 'I think that all of you behaved really well and I will look forward to seeing you again'.

By Louise Crawford, P7

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS GARGUNNOCK**

Residents and friends of Gargunnock have raised the magnificent sum of £1258.00 for SHELTER. We'd all like to wish EVERYONE in the village a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2020!

#### **Best Wishes from:**

The Bennett Family; The Blackwood Family; The Bonner Family; Janene, Kevin, Hope & Niamh Brodie; The Bruce Family; Gay & Harry Burt; Chris, Jackie & Heather Campbell; John, Diane & Julie Christie; Alec and Helen Clark; Scott, Julie, Andrew & Alexander Coubrough; Douglas & Moira Coupethwaite; Bryan, Shona, Ella, Daniel & Louise Crawford; Eric & Alice Dempster; Graham, Helen, Rachel & Cameron Dingley; Norman, Iona, Susan & Peter Donaldson; Max & Barbara Drummond; The Evans Family; Peter, Claire, Grace & Madeleine Gill; lain, Jaine, Carra & Evie Marriot Gulland; Hannah & Angela; Rowena Boome & Tony Heath; Elaine & Russell Hendry; Louise, Craig, Kyle & Innes Heron; Ewan, Jane, Lauren, Sam, choockies & cat Hunter;

David, Helen, Gail, Tom, Ally & James Hyland; Philip, Ruth & Naomi Irvine; Tom, Fiona, Anna & William Jamieson; Martin & Fiona Johnstone and family; David & Isobel King; Karen, Duncan, Stewart & Megan Leask; Cindy & Peter Lee; Ian, Sandra, Katherine & Hamish Lewis; The Lindsay Family; Martin & Babara Linklater; Jan & Johnny Loudon; Robin, Alison & Finlay Lunn; Gordon, Hilary, Duncan & Scott MacArthur; Lindsay, Gregor, Struan & Bryce MacCallum; The Malone Family; Edmond & Elizabeth Mansion; Tina Peek & Charlie McAllister; Ewan, Amy, Frazer & Tilly McCabe; Tom, Mairi, Carolyn & Finlay McEwan; The McGlynn Family; John & Helen McLaren; Linda & Kenny Meiklejohn and family; The Milne Family; The Muirhead Family; Hugh, lean & David O'Connor;

The Ogg Family; Boyd, Sally, Sarah & Fraser Park; Jon, Morag, Matthew & Angus Park; Jill Patrick; Derek, Vanessa, Kate, Anna & Ben Paynton; Kate & Geoff Peart; David, Christine, Camille & Innes Penman; Hector, Trish, Darren & Alistair Petrie; Lindsay, Bill & Lewis Shankie; Andrew, Lois, Tom & Finn Simpson; Claire, Doug & Bryony Smith; Matt & Jackie Stevenson and family; Wilma Stewart; Sarah, Ally, Euan & Ava Thomson; Colin, Morna, Freya & Andrew Tinto; Catriona Vass, Kirsty & Eilidh Vass Payne; Sandra Anderson & Colin Wales; Mark, Lorraine & Steven Welsh; The Whyte Family; Ian, Margaret, Gordon & Catriona Young; The Youngs at Glenfoyle

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Thank you for your warm welcome and support Alistair and Violet

# **Police Report**

#### **Community Engagement and Reassurance**

PC Steven Graham and PC Gary Martin are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted on 101 or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact. It has been a fairly quiet few months in the village through the winter months which is good news for villagers and Police alike.

#### THEFT

The summer months saw an increase in house breakings and thefts in the Forth and Endrick area however fortunately Gargunnock was probably the least affected by these incidents.

Enquiries in relation to these crimes are still ongoing with several positive lines of enquiry and persons have been identified as being responsible for numerous crimes.

Look out for your neighbours!! On many occasions housebreakers are immediately apprehended due to a neighbour acting quickly in relation to something they may have witnessed from their address. There is no issue if anyone contacts Police and it turns out to be a false alarm. Also, if you do see a crime being committed, contact us on 999, it is quicker than the 101. All incidents in relation to suspicious persons or vehicles are welcomed and Police will attend to all these incidents immediately. We urge people to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. As the evenings are darker earlier at this time of year please consider the following:

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.
- If possible use secure lighting at the front and back of your property.
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used. Don't give the thieves the tools to break into your house..
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses.
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of expensive items in your home.
- If your house is fitted with an alarm then please use it. This is a good deterrent should thieves manage to force entry to your house.

There are guides on the Police Scotland website giving other ideas to protect property in rural areas:

https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime

It is also of note that there was a recent theft of a motor vehicle from a village in the area whereby it would appear the perpetrators have placed wire or similar through the letter box and removed the keys from within. Please bear that in mind when leaving keys around the house.

#### **Road Safety**

There has been heavy rain and windy conditions in recent weeks in the Forth and Endrick area making driving conditions extremely hazardous. On the A811 just outside Kippen, a lorry was even blown over into a ditch due to the extremely high winds. Fortunately no injuries were sustained and no other vehicle was involved.

On 2 separate occasions within a week on A811 around the sawmill area there were RTCs. Both involved 2 vehicles and neither resulted in any injuries.

**The Central Scotland Safety Camera Partnership** have continued to operate on the A811 near to Kippen on an almost daily basis. There have been several drivers reported to the Procurator Fiscal in Stirling in relation to speeding since the last edition. A driver has been reported for travelling at 91mph on the A811.

#### **ADVICE FOR DRIVERS:**

Prepare for the winter by keeping your vehicle well maintained before you take to the road.

Take special care that brakes, tyres, lights, batteries, windscreens and wiper blades are in good condition. In addition, washer bottles need to contain an additive to stop the water from freezing.

Tyres should also be checked weekly to ensure they are legal and at the correct pressure (consult your vehicle handbook). The minimum legal tread depth for cars is 1.6mm across the centre 3/4 of the breadth of the tread around the entire circumference. They should also be checked for bulges, cuts or tears which weaken the tyre. Failure to maintain your tyres could lead to a maximum of £2,500 fine and 3 penalty points per tyre.

Consider keeping an emergency kit in your car for severe weather, This should at least include:

• An ice scraper and de-icer, shovel for snow, torch and spare batteries, warm clothes, boots and a blanket, some food and a warm drink in a flask, first aid kit, battery jump leads, map or device with offline maps for any unplanned diversions.

Be mindful of the road conditions when you drive; bad weather is often blamed for causing accidents however the real cause is often inappropriate driving for the conditions that exist.

#### HARE COURSING

Hare coursing is the pursuit of hares with greyhounds and other sight hounds, which chase the hare by sight, not by scent. Hare coursing was banned in Scotland in 2002 however it is still an ongoing issue in this area. Coursers will often use binoculars to spot the hare. Their dogs, usually lurchers or greyhounds, are on a slip lead threaded so it can easily be released. The coursers will walk along an open field to frighten the hare into the open. The dog catches the hare and kills it by shaking the animal in its teeth. Sadly, the dead hare is merely left in the field or thrown in a ditch.

This is of course a very serious offence and if these persons are identified and apprehended they will dealt with accordingly at court. There have been reports of such activity in fields surrounding Gargunnock so all calls regarding suspicious activity as mentioned are always welcomed.

Stay safe and please take note of any weather or travel warnings we post on social media. Sites that provide good information in relation to this are @StirlingPol, @polscoccontrol and @trafficscotland on Twitter. Updates are also posted on Facebook under 'Forth Valley Police Division'

Any issues, staff are on duty 24 hours a day at Balfron, 7 days a week and we look forward to speaking with you when we are out and about.



# **NEW SUNDAY X10 BUS SERVICE**

# Glasgow - Balfron – Kippen – Stirling From Sunday 2 February 2020

| Sundays only                            |      |      |      |      |      | _    |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Stirling, Bus Station                   | 0900 | 1100 | 1300 | 1500 | 1700 |      |
| Gargunnock                              | 0915 | 1115 | 1315 | 1515 | 1715 |      |
| Kippen, Cross                           | 0924 | 1124 | 1324 | 1524 | 1724 | _    |
| Buchlyvie                               | 0934 | 1134 | 1334 | 1534 | 1734 |      |
| Balfron, Cotton Street                  | 0943 | 1143 | 1343 | 1543 | 1743 |      |
| Balfron, Buchanan Street opp Clinic arr | 0945 | 1145 | 1345 | 1545 | 1745 | _    |
| Balfron, Buchanan Street opp Clinic dep | 0947 | 1147 | 1347 | 1547 | 1747 |      |
| Killearn, Wellgreen                     | 0954 | 1154 | 1354 | 1554 | 1754 |      |
| Strathblane, Kirkhouse                  | 1005 | 1205 | 1405 | 1605 | 1805 | _    |
| Milngavie, Station                      | 1017 | 1217 | 1417 | 1617 | 1817 |      |
| Kessington, Kessington Road             | 1026 | 1226 | 1426 | 1626 | 1826 |      |
| Maryhill, Shopping Centre               | 1038 | 1238 | 1438 | 1638 | 1838 |      |
| Renfrew Street                          | 1050 | 1250 | 1450 | 1650 | 1850 |      |
| Glasgow, Buchanan Bus Station           | 1053 | 1253 | 1453 | 1653 | 1853 |      |
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| Sundays only                            |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Glasgow, Buchanan Bus Station           |      | 1100 | 1300 | 1500 | 1700 | 1900 |
| Hope Street, Sauchiehall Street         |      | 1106 | 1306 | 1506 | 1706 | 1906 |
| Maryhill, Shopping Centre               |      | 1119 | 1319 | 1519 | 1719 | 1919 |
| Kessington, Kessington Road             |      | 1129 | 1329 | 1529 | 1729 | 1929 |
| Milngavie, Station                      |      | 1139 | 1339 | 1539 | 1739 | 1939 |
| Strathblane, Kirkhouse                  |      | 1150 | 1350 | 1550 | 1750 | 1950 |
| Killearn, Wellgreen                     |      | 1201 | 1401 | 1601 | 1801 | 2001 |
| Balfron, Buchanan Street Clinic arr     |      | 1208 | 1408 | 1608 | 1808 | 2008 |
| Balfron, Buchanan Street Clinic dep     | 1011 | 1211 | 1411 | 1611 | 1811 | 2008 |
| Balfron, Cotton Street                  | 1012 | 1212 | 1412 | 1612 | 1812 | 2009 |
| Buchlyvie                               | 1021 | 1221 | 1421 | 1621 | 1821 |      |
| Kippen, Cross                           | 1031 | 1231 | 1431 | 1631 | 1831 |      |
| Gargunnock                              | 1040 | 1240 | 1440 | 1640 | 1840 |      |
| Stirling, Bus Station                   | 1055 | 1255 | 1455 | 1655 | 1855 |      |

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