

Music, books and a cash grant for Juniper Green



Juniper Green from the air

Juniper Green Community Council (JGCC) have been awarded a grant to investigate the viability of a community bank in the area.

Businesses, community groups, young and old savers have all asked JGCC how to replace face-to-face banking.

Consultants from West Lothian have been chosen to do the research and talk to residents of the affected communities.

So now those who attended the public meetings in May will have the chance to tell the consultants if there is sufficient interest and support for a community bank in Juniper Green.

Meanwhile, Meadows Chamber Orchestra will visit Juniper Green on Saturday. 30 September (7.30pm) in Juniper Green Parish Church as part of the Balerno Music Festival.

For over 40 years the Meadows Chamber Orchestra has performed regularly and with critical acclaim to audiences in Edinburgh and beyond.

They will perform Beethoven's Sextet in E, two horns and string quartet, plus music for string quartet and brass quintet.

There will be free tea and coffee available in the church hall after the event and tickets cost £10 (£5 for a child).

They will be on sale at the door but you are advised to book in advance from: balernomusicfestival.org.uk or junipergreenparishchurch@gmail.com

Now, some sporting dates for your diary They are Friday, 22 September at 6.30pm and Saturday, 30 September at noon.

Stephen Reid has organised the Bloomiehall Park Centenary Football Competition which will conclude on the evening of Friday 22 September in the park.

Then, on Saturday 30 September at 12noon in Curriemuirend Park, the annual cross-country competition between Harmeny AC and Corstorphine AC will take place for the fourth year.

Finally, the Pentlands Book Festival's first event this year has sold out within 24 hours.

All 100 tickets were taken almost as soon as they were advertised, indicating the level of local interest in the talk Holed (and Told) in One! to be given by Neil McLennan at Baberton Golf Club on Friday 13 October.

This commemorates the 1917 meeting in at the club when three of the major poets of the First World War, Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and Robert Graves, got together for the first time.

In mid-November, Pentlands Book Festival has other events to whet the appetite for the treats to come during Book Week Scotland from 27 November to 2 December.

The draft Book Festival programme is on the festival's website www.pentlandsbookfestival.org and, when finalised, will also be visible on posters and available in leaflet form in local libraries, shops, cafés and waiting rooms.

Your free tickets will be obtainable online and from libraries. Keep a look out for publicity and check the website. Book early to avoid disappointment.