



Seasons Greetings from the Board and Staff at

The Ferguslie Group

Festive Office Closure



The Association will close on 24 December at 12.30pm and reopen on Monday 6 January at 9am.

Routine repairs will be done up until 13 December, however repairs requests submitted from 16 December may not be completed until after the festive closure, dependant on type of fault.

Emergency repairs will not be impacted. If you have an emergency repair during the Festive Closure, please call **01698 533 910**.

Here are some useful emergency numbers for noting :



- Gas leak/loss of supply, Transco on 0800 111 999
- Power Cut, Scottish Power 0800 092 9290
- External Flooding, Renfrewshire Council on 0800 373 635
- Social Work Standby Services 0300 343 1505
- Homeless services 0800 052 0180

New Telephone System

We have installed a new telephone system which makes it easier to get through to the correct department. Our main switchboard number is still the same (0141 887 4053). You will now be offered the following options;

- Press
- 1 To report a repair
 - 2: Housing Officers/Rent payments
 - 3: Welfare Rights
 - 4: Accounts Payable
 - 0: Reception

It is important to highlight that you can no longer dial direct to the repairs line. If you have any issues with the new system please let us know.

Pay your rent before it is spent!

Christmas is a very expensive time of year but please remember your rent is still due for payment on 23 December. Some people are paid early in December and you can also pay your rent early.

You can pay rent in the following ways

- * Set up a direct debit
- * Use an Allpay card at the Post Office or the Allpay app on your mobile phone. Allpay is also available online www.allpayments.net, have your Allpay card and debit card ready to make a payment
- * Call us on 0141 887 4053 and press option 2. You can also use this number to speak to your Housing Officer or our Welfare Rights Team if you are having difficulty paying your rent.

FERGUSLIE COMMUNITY ADVENT CALENDAR

24 local families and community groups have come together to create Scotland's first Community Advent Calendar here in Ferguslie Park. From 1st December till 1st you can follow a trail where one window scene is revealed every evening at 4:00 pm up until Christmas. Pop into the Tannahill Centre to pick up a leaflet with more information.

BURNS DAY MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Our Multicultural Food Festival will be returning on Saturday, 25th January 2019 to celebrate Burns Night. As well as free food from around the world we will have a range of music and entertainment that celebrates everything Scottish! Remember to follow our Facebook and twitter pages to keep up to date!





The Tannahill Centre update



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE FLIGHTPATH CAFÉ

Following their award of £25,000 towards the refurbishment of the Learning Kitchen within the Tannahill Centre, Trustees of the Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund visited us to formally launch the café on Friday, 13th November 2019. As well as upgrading kitchen equipment, the support from the FlightPath Fund has enabled the Tannahill Centre to take on two local young people as Trainee Kitchen Assistants.

The café is open from 8:00 am till 1:30 pm, Monday – Friday serving a wide range of homemade foods including our very popular daily specials.



FERGUSLIE FRIGHT NIGHT

The Tannahill Centre teamed up with Pals of the Privies, Create Paisley and a number of local community groups to celebrate Halloween in style. Over the October School Holidays, Create Paisley worked with young people to prepare for a light parade, making lanterns, masks and light-up umbrellas. On Halloween, approximately 400 local people joined us for our light parade ending at Glencoats Park which was transformed into a haunted trail of illuminations, music and Halloween themed games.



ST. ANDREW'S DAY

We celebrated St. Andrew's Day with a Festive Family Fun Day. As well as stalls, inflatables, facepainting and much more, Ferguslie Community Choir launched the event as we switched our lights on as Santa arrived. Thanks to our volunteers who ran workshops attended by over 100 people, we were able to fill the centre with decorations made by local families.



VOLUNTEER PROJECT

We are delighted to have had an opportunity to work with a group of local Ferguslie Elves. Having advertised the Elf role through social media we were approached by a group of 6 who wanted to help spread the magic of Christmas in the Tannahill Centre and across the community.

They ran a series of creative workshops which had a total of 97 participants made up of local families. They made Elf doors, Christmas decorations and snow globes. Much of what they made was used to decorate the tree.

Next they decorated our Grotto and put up our beautiful Christmas tree. They also helped Santa when he came to visit at our Family Funday (30/11/19) by helping in giving out gifts to the children.

The Elves have decided that after Christmas they would like to organise a regular monthly workshop to produce decorations and props for the various events throughout the year. Moving forward, they will become an events group with a definite focus on our 25th Birthday Celebrations, Gala 2020 as well as other regular events such as Valentine's day and Mother's day.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY

We celebrated International Volunteers Day on Thursday, 5th December 2019, thanking the volunteers who made our Christmas celebrations possible. We also took the opportunity to ask them what they would like to be involved in next year, and we are really looking forward to making those ideas happen!

