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## 2010 - COMMUNITY AWARD FOR HELEN BARRETT

On Hogmanay, the Community Council announced the Community Award Winner for 2010 - Helen Barrett, an inspirational leader within the Girl Guide movement for almost four decades. This award is made annually to recognise exceptional and selfless service within the Burntisland community.

Helen was brought up in Falkland in the fifties and it was there, as a child, that she joined the Brownies. Receiving, her secondary education at Bell Baxter High School in Cupar, she enjoyed sports and recreation and having moved on from the Brownies, thrived in the challenging atmosphere of Guiding, attaining her Queen's Guide qualification. On moving to Thornton with her parents, Helen continued her association with the Guides but at that time in the capacity of a leader and mentor for the younger girls.

Helen's participation in guiding was interrupted for a few years whilst she raised her two children, Denise and Mike. However, on moving to Burntisland in 1973, a very perceptive Margaret Connolly persuaded Helen to help with the Guide unit at the Parish Church. Thirty seven years later, after a Guiding career in which she has held several important command positions at District and Divisional level, Helen continues to inspire and advise leaders and young girls in every aspect of modern Guiding activity at the local level. She remains a member of the Fife Divisional Executive and is Chairman of the Management Committee which runs the Carmichael Centre, a residential site for guides in north east Fife. Her Guiding colleagues at all levels have remarked on how deserving she is of official recognition of her abilities and efforts. A former District Commissioner described Helen as a dedicated professional who works with an infectious enthusiasm and who possesses a profound knowledge of the Guides movement and working with young people. As a former Chairman of Programme and Training, Helen proved innovative and resourceful at a time when bureaucratic red tape threatened to stifle progress. Helen has earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues in the Burntisland Guides through her ability to teach and inspire youngsters in the very difficult environment of modern society.

As a grandmother, Helen continues to have a very full life outside the Guides. As well as enjoying quality time with her family, she loves cooking and baking and accompanying her husband Ken on walks in the Scottish countryside to "walk off" the inevitable results of her kitchen labours.

Helen is not just a Guide Leader. She is an admirable example to others as a volunteer who has given so much of her spare time to moulding the characters of young people so that they can become responsible members of the community. An essential service in modern times.

Helen is fully deserving of the Burntisland Community Award for 2010.



## Editorial Comment

It is particularly appropriate that the re-launch of the Burgh Buzz should occur at the beginning of a New Year and shortly after the announcement of Helen Barrett as the recipient of the Burntisland Community Award for 2010. The New Year, because it is a time to start afresh with recharged energy and vigour and Helen, because she is an inspirational example of how this vitality can be directed towards shaping the building blocks of a strong and meaningful community.

During the process of soliciting articles for this edition, it was initially disheartening to learn how many traditional organisations and social groups had disappeared in recent years. Conversely, it was encouraging to observe how others have adapted to the demands and expectations of modern society and how enthusiastic volunteers continue to work tirelessly for others within the community.

Burntisland as a town has changed dramatically over the last thirty years. The large local employers, the Shipyard, Alcan and the Docks, have all but disappeared and Burntisland is now more of a "dormitory" town with residents commuting to work elsewhere. Local traders have found it difficult to compete with supermarket chains and the High Street is no longer the central community hub that it once was. Nevertheless, Burntisland has a rich historic past and possesses unrivalled natural amenities and long established traditions which are the envy of many neighbours. The Links, the Blue Flag Beach, the Beacon Centre, the Binn and many scenic walks, the unique Golf Course, the Parish Church, the Highland Games, the Summer Fair, Civic Week, Floral Decorations, Museums, Heritage Exhibitions, Bonfire Night to name just a few, are all features of the town that many of us enjoy and are quietly proud of. But they do not happen by themselves. They have survived the years only because of the hard work and dedication of townsfolk like Helen. And long may it continue.

The Burntisland Burgh Buzz is no different. Its success or otherwise will depend on the support it receives from the Burntisland community. Articles, comments, stories, photographs, praise and even criticism are all welcome. The next issue will include a letters column, "The Sting", to which readers comments are invited. The Buzz will also be available electronically on the website to be accessed by people with Burntisland connections who live elsewhere.

Finally, a big thank you to our sponsors and advertisers for their essential financial backing. You can be assured that the editorial committee will strive for a continuity that will ensure that the Buzz continues as a regular publication, without interruption for the foreseeable future.

Bill Kirkhope

# Community Council Bullets.....

The Community Council holds its regular meetings on the second Friday of each month at 7.00 pm in Burntisland Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to discussion or to raise matters of interest to them. The full minutes of these meetings are displayed in the Library.

- In January, a new community notice board will be erected at Union Street. Tastefully designed, it will be available to all for non-commercial and non-political purposes.
- Funding was secured to erect Christmas lights in the High Street for the fifth successive year. Financial arrangements may be different in 2010 but some of the lights are at the end of their useful life and will need to be replaced. Steps will be taken to make individual fittings more secure in high winds.
- About £1,000 was spent on replacing the Scots Verse trophies for local school pupils and also designing medals for the winners. The presentation will take place in the Burgh Chambers on the evening of 22nd January.
- The cost of maintaining the Links is being kept under review. New accounts are available for the last financial year, showing a better financial performance.
- Proposals to improve the shopping environment in Kirkcaldy have been welcomed, but not at the expense of Burntisland. Original plans to use money from Fife Council's Locality Fund have been watered down. However, there will still be less money than before for local projects.
- Steps are in hand to clarify and enforce parking restrictions in Rose Street and Cromwell Road.
- Traffic calming in Kinghorn Road was welcomed in principle but concerns were raised about the details of the design. Improvements have already been made and more are in the pipeline.
- Paving slabs in the High Street were comprehensively inspected. Repairs will be made where there is a trip hazard. Steps are in hand to finance cosmetic repairs to cracks which have resulted from settling. Overall, most damage has been caused by vehicles parking on the pavement or where service pipes have been laid and the slabs poorly re-set.
- Work is under way to identify paintings etc which are part of the Common Good Fund and to reach agreement with Fife Council on how they should be managed.
- Scottish Water have taken steps to clear sewage debris in their wet well, which should help to eliminate odours at Cromwell Road. We are waiting to hear whether funds will be available this year to prevent flooding at Haugh Road.
- Pantomime tickets donated by ExxonMobil were distributed to senior citizens. Tickets will also be distributed for a Burns Lunch, to be held at Mossmorran in January.
- Police have reported success in the occasional use of dog patrols on the Links to address anti-social behaviour, and also in targeting speeding.
- The time has come to replace Burntisland Primary School with either a new build or total renovation. In terms of new sites, some 13 options were initially considered, with the front runners being the East Toll Park or Haugh Road. Fife Council officials have been invited by the Community Council to explain the evaluations which have been carried out so far. The Community Council will review the criteria which have been used for evaluation and will consider options afresh with officials. Over the next few months other interested organisations will similarly be invited to review and comment on the options which have been identified.

## Elected Councillors' Availability

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Surgeries as follows:

**Burntisland** - Second Friday of the month

6.15 - 6.45pm in the Burgh Chambers

**Kinghorn** - Third Thursday of the month

6.45 - 7.15pm in the Community Centre

**Kirkcaldy** - Last Monday of the month

6.00 - 6.30pm at Balwearie High School Room C5

**Auchtertool** - Last Monday of the month

6.45 - 7.15pm in the Village Hall

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## The Burgh Polis

Burntisland Police Station which also covers Kinghorn and Auchtertool, has a strength of 1 Sergeant, 8 Constables and 1 Station Assistant. The station itself is open between 9.30a.m – 1.30pm but when closed there are generally officers on duty in the area. In the event there are no officers on duty, the area is covered from Kirkcaldy

When the office is closed routine calls can be made to **0845 600 5702**.

Fife Constabulary is currently rolling out the Community Engagement Model across Fife which will come into effect in February 2010. This Model of policing has been successfully trialled in the Levenmouth area.

Through this new initiative, Fife Constabulary is committed to a policing style where communities are empowered to identify their local concerns and work with the Force to implement sustainable solutions. This system will see Community Officers dedicated to 60 identified "Beat" areas in Fife. The Officers will hold Beat meetings with local residents to identify and define 3 local priorities for that Beat.

Generally Community Officers will deal with calls in their area where the matter reported has longer-term implications which would best be managed by a coordinated policing response (this may range in scope from things like allegations of drug dealing to kids playing football in the street and applies to both criminal and anti-social activity).

The Community Officer dedicated to Burntisland, Kinghorn and Auchtertool will be PC Keith Gibb who, being a long time local resident, is well known in the area. Keith has an excellent knowledge of the area and a genuine interest in Burntisland and indeed all three areas. The first meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 1st February at The Toll Centre, Burntisland**. The next meeting will be same time and venue on **Monday 1st March** then every two months thereafter. Posters will be distributed throughout the area giving notice of these meetings and members of the public are being encouraged to attend and contribute positively to identify priorities.

## YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Burntisland Community Council (BCC) is elected every 3 years to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to local and public authorities the views of the community which it represents and to carry out other functions in the interests of the community.

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**Development Trust's Proud Record**

by  
Alex. MacDonald.  
(Chairman)

When Alcan ceased operations in Burntisland, their donation of £1m was designed to benefit the communities affected by the closure. Although most of the funds have now been allocated, there may be an opportunity early in 2010 for funds to be released for new grants.

Example projects supported so far include the following.

- Children's water play feature on Burntisland Links
- Viewpoint for walkers at Broomhill
- Clubhouse and changing facilities for a local football team
- Environmental improvements at Kinghorn Braes
- Environmental improvements and Christmas lighting at Burntisland High Street
- Children's playpark in Aberdour
- Equipment for Burntisland Highland Games.
- Improvements to Burntisland Pipe Band hall.
- Environmental projects at the Ecology Centre.
- Development of the Museum of Communication.
- Environmental improvements at Seamill pond.
- Renovation of Station House, Burntisland and development of business incubator units at Lammerlaws.

Numerous smaller grants of up to £5,000 took the total number of projects to 40. The Trust's insistence on match funding has turned the original £1m into £6m for the communities involved.

One of the key objectives of the Trust is to stimulate local employment. For that reason, the Business Incubator projects are particularly important, with the potential to generate and support up to 100 new jobs. One project – at Station House – is well under way. The other, designed as a model of energy efficiency, is awaiting a decision on EU grants before proceeding.

If the European money is not approved early in 2010, then the Trust will give priority to the original Alcan objective, namely to get the biggest impact in the shortest time. It is therefore possible that substantial sums will be released and made available for new grant applications.

The Trust's officials will be more than happy to discuss potential projects and to receive grant applications not later than the end of February. For that purpose, enquiries should be made to Ashley Birrell of Burntisland Development Trust on 01592 583260.



**Heritage Trust News**

by  
Ian Archibald  
(Convenor)

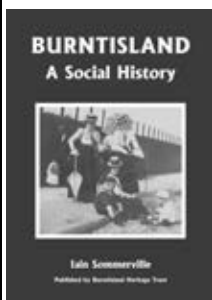
There were more than 1600 visitors last year to the 15th annual summer exhibition held in the Heritage Centre at 4 Kirkgate. The popular theme of "Old Burntisland Industries, Businesses and Families" contained a comprehensive display of information and photographs. There were more than 200 images on show - revealing Burntisland's rich diversity of industrial heritage, its many businesses, and the changing aspect of the High Street over the past 100 years.

Preparations for next year's exhibition are now well in advance. As part of the Royal Society's Local Heroes celebration, the life and times of Mary Somerville will be featured as well as many of Burntisland's other local heroes. In addition to the exhibition, members of the heritage group have been working with talks and science workshops in partnership with the local primary school, Edinburgh University and the Museum of Communication.

The Trust has seen a number of other projects reach fruition in the last two years. A Heritage Trail leaflet has been produced giving comprehensive information on inner and outer heritage trails. The aim behind the project was to produce an activity oriented leaflet which informs existing residents and visitors of the town's wealth of environmental, historical and industrial heritage. On the heritage trail circuits shown on the detailed maps, eighteen points of interest are described. Copies of the leaflet are available at the heritage centre and the library. As well as the traditional historic town walks carried on in the summer months a guided outer heritage trail walk has also been added to the trust's activities.

Following a community consultation exercise and thanks to Heritage Lottery funding two new commemoration plaques have been located at key locations in the town. The 'Burntisland's People' plaque gives details of individuals who have left their mark on the world. The second plaque marks the kings' and queens' and Cromwell's connection with the town.

In July 2009, the trust published 'Burntisland: a Social History', the third major book by Trustee



Iain Sommerville. It tells the story of the people of the Royal Burgh of Burntisland from 1700 to the present day in a very readable form, and includes personal reminiscences. Its five chapters cover the churches; the schools and library; the economy, industries and employment; personalities (35 of the town's most interesting individuals and families); and personal reminiscences. It

includes 258 illustrations, most of which have never been published before and 48 of which are in full colour. The book has been well received and has sold well, giving a significant boost to Trust funds. Copies, price £11.95, are available from Burntisland Post Office, Scotmed Herbs, Chapter & Verse, Fair Shares, Jason's Newsagent, Burntisland Library, and Waterstone's in Kirkcaldy.

Burntisland Heritage Trust was established in 1993 as an informal group, and assumed formal trust status in 1998. It is a registered Scottish charity (SC 028539). The aims of the Trust are to protect and promote all aspects of Burntisland's heritage. The Trustees and Friends of the Trust are all volunteers. Anyone interested in supporting the group should contact Ian Archibald on 01592 872121.



by Carol Kirk

The Bonfire and Fireworks display in November was better than ever, judging by the many positive comments we received after the event. When the group was approached a few years back to assume responsibility for the event, it was clear that without our intervention the community was in danger of losing a traditional and much loved family celebration. We had no option but to take up the challenge. And the event has grown every year since – better displays, more entertainment and ever increasing visitor numbers. Now we attract people from all the surrounding areas who know that the Burntisland celebration is one of the best.

However we are a very small group and the event could not take place without massive additional help on the night. We are extremely grateful to all who gave up their time voluntarily to ensure the event was run safely and without incident. We do however need to recruit new members to the group to assist with the considerable preparation and planning involved in the delivery of events like this. Last year we organised the Parade and Street Party for Civic Week and co-ordinated the Civic Week programme. If we have additional support from the local community, then we intend to repeat this.

If you feel, as we do, that traditional community celebrations are important to the town, then please consider joining us. Contact 01592 872164 for further information.



## Burntisland Blooms

by Sheila McGregor,  
(Blooms Co-ordinator)



### High Street Project

Last year, I obtained funding to introduce a hanging basket project into Burntisland High Street. I approached a number of shopkeepers to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the baskets in future years and was greatly encouraged when 14 agreed to take part in what I hope will be a continuing undertaking to enhance our environment. My thanks to Fife Council's Common Good and Locality Funds, John Cooper of Kingdom Amusements, Robert Watson of Watson of Leven and Andy Davis of Archway Metals for their generous assistance in getting the scheme underway.

### Volunteers

The Blooms Team lost one volunteer when Sharon King moved to Glenrothes. However, we were delighted to welcome Jinti Wight-Boycott, Audrey Williamson and Stuart Miller onboard. Jinty looks after the 2 containers at the nursery railings and Audrey cares for the 2 planters at Colinswell. Heather Leuchars now cares for the Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy Road containers and Mary Kay continues to look after the 2 tubs at the Burgh Chambers. Stuart has offered to assist with watering duties when Gordon McGregor and Frank Park are away on holiday. However, there is little room to manoeuvre as illness and clashes of personal commitments can disrupt the routine. More volunteers are required.

### Thefts and vandalism

There were 2 incidents of vandalism at Colinswell and on the Kinghorn Road. Both involved high spirited youngsters and caused no lasting damage. The incidence of plant thefts on the Kinghorn Road however, has become critical with the container and window box having to be replanted 4 times last summer. I am now considering removing both these containers and concentrating on up-the-pole containers on the lamp posts as I cannot sustain the costs involved in replacing all these plants. A fourth up-the-pole container was added last year to brighten up this dark entry into the town.

### Blue Flag Award

Burntisland Beach was given a Blue Flag Award for litter management, information provision, water quality and safety procedures last summer. This

award is recognised by 40 countries throughout the world and is a marvellous achievement.

### Beautiful Fife Campaign

Last year, Fife Council sponsored Best Kept Small Town and Village Campaign was replaced by the Beautiful Fife Campaign. Burntisland was judged to be of Silver Award standard and plaques to this effect have been erected at the Cowdenbeath and Kinghorn Road entries to the town. Disappointingly, the town was marked down for lack of community participation achieving, in this category, only 5 points out of a possible 10. To put this into context, the village of Strathkinness has 30 residents on their Blooms Committee whereas I have 4 ladies and 3 gentlemen assisting me out of a town of over 6000. Earlier in the year, I invited applications from town residents interested in project managing proposed enhancements to the town but none were forthcoming. For success in a town judging competition, a dedicated committee is necessary with different people taking on different areas of responsibility: Project planning and development, environmental issues (conservation, biodiversity, wild life areas), school liaison officer, assistance with High Street Project etc. Following a lengthy discussion by the Community Council at the November 2009 meeting, it was decided that we will not be entering this year's campaign due to a lack of community participation. However, the Blooms Team will continue with the town floral enhancement programme as in previous years and hope that future increased participation from the community will allow us to re-enter the Beautiful Fife Campaign.

### Primary School children

In October, the Community Council sponsored a bulb planting project carried out by 10 children from Burntisland Primary School. The Fife Council town gardeners assisted the children in planting 100 bulbs at the entrance to the Links Car Park.

### Community Garden

A major development for the town is a proposed community garden at the waste ground to the rear of St Serf's Church Hall. Plans for allotments and a garden have obtained planning permission and it is hoped that all the necessary services will be in place by the spring. There is now a waiting list for plots but anyone interested in the community garden or further information may contact Elly Kinross by e-mail on [elly@fifediet.co.uk](mailto:elly@fifediet.co.uk)



## Blood Donations – 8 New Donors

At the donor session on 7<sup>th</sup> December, James Bisset received his SILVER GILT award for his 50<sup>th</sup> donation.

Gillian McIntyre, Gillian Paul, Alisdair Bryan and Kirsten Korhonen all received BRONZE badges for 10 donations. Out of 138 attendees a total of 114 donated of which 8 were new donors. Despite this magnificent effort, donations are down by almost 40% when compared with the year 2000. The next donation session will not take place until August but ample notice will be given in future editions of the Buzz.

## THE SPACE UPSTAIRS

## POTTER ABOUT

Shoppers on the High Street can't have missed the extensive renovations and construction going on in the former delicatessen premises known as Rambler's Rest next to the Co-operative store. Jinti Whyte-Boycott & her husband Andy have purchased the property with a view to creating a dance studio/ exercise area for yoga and other activities. This will be on the first floor whilst the ground floor will be taken up by the expanded Potter About which is bursting at the seams in its present location. The dance studio will be known as 'The Space Upstairs' and hopefully, will open around the 1st March whilst the Potter About will open about April 1st. Updates can be viewed in the windows at the front. Meantime Jinti's NIA classes will continue at their present times and locations.

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## The Secrets of the “Coo Hill” by Bill Kirkhope

Many years ago, when I was a pupil at Burntisland Primary School I was taught that the burgh of Burntisland was once surrounded by a defensive wall. Whether my teacher had not explained it properly, or perhaps I had not been paying attention (more likely), I found it difficult to imagine a wall surrounding the whole of Burntisland at that time. This topic had never really occupied my mind until I was forced to do some homework prior to conducting tours of the Burntisland Outer Heritage Trail. I began to appreciate the strategic significance of Burntisland as a key deep water port on the Firth of Forth.

In the middle ages the town had significant seaward defences with a stone-built fort at the Lammerlaws in the south-east, and Rossend Castle commanding the entrance to the harbour in the west. The town's defences to the east and north took the form of an earthen wall which is clearly delineated in a map dating back to the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century.

These fortifications were probably most significant during the late Civil War period (1650-1651). Unable to take Burntisland from the seaward side, Cromwell crossed the Forth at Inverkeithing and after defeating the Royalist forces at the Battle of Pitreavie, he laid siege to Burntisland. His army encamped in front of Kilmundy and Burntisland sensibly surrendered. Cromwell's troops occupied the town for some seven years.



**Strategic Map of Burntisland C.1745-46**

Continuous development over the centuries has resulted in the disappearance of almost all of the town's medieval defences. The one exception is the “Coo Hill” which in my boyhood, was grazing pasture for dairy cattle from the Kirkton Farm and in the winter was used by the more daring (suicidal) sledgers from the Castle area. It now forms part of Burntisland's common good estate. This land has remained untouched by development but even the inexperienced eye can make out the artificially shaped ramps on the upper slopes which most likely formed part of the defensive wall.

In October last year, the Archaeological Unit of Fife Council conducted an exploratory dig on the upper slopes of the Coo Hill in an attempt to identify traces of the wall and associated town defences. The limited excavations of five small trenches failed to locate the line of the wall or either of the two batteries but did uncover a pile of 17<sup>th</sup> Century masonry rubble. It is hoped that further excavations may eventually reveal the strategic secrets of the “Coo Hill”.

**Post Script::** "After the excavation work, Ian Archibald from Burntisland Heritage carried out further research into the map of Burntisland that was produced 1745-46 He has found that there is another and different copy of this map of the town that has lain undiscovered for 250 years. This is an exciting find and hopefully more will be revealed in a future edition of the Burgh Buzz."



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2010 will be a year to remember in Fife. Our Year of Culture and will feature the best in major events and activities sure to attract visitors from far and wide and inspire local people to take part and be involved in organising their own events and projects to celebrate their own achievements, traditions and heritage.

There's something for everyone in this ever growing 2010 programme and a lot of these events will be free. As well as the Arts, sport features prominently, and the year also recognises how important local community events, creative projects, festivals and galas are to the people of Fife.

Fife's Events Strategy Co-ordinator, Linda Temple said "There is a huge amount of artistic, sporting and community talent across the Kingdom which we look forward to celebrating in 2010. Fife Council have made a substantial investment in the 2010 programme to help attract many more visitors to the Kingdom and encourage Fife people to try something new or go to events they had never thought about before in the hope they will take time to discover our many hidden gems. It's also a great opportunity for Burntisland groups to apply for the new funding to enhance the Games, Civic Week, Fireworks Display and the many other local events and activities that take place throughout the year or better still, for new ones to be organised".

In addition to the usual grants available, extra grants of up to £2,500 are available from two new funds. They are open to constituted community groups, social enterprises, micro or small businesses and voluntary organisations. The new funds are to help support groups to deliver something extra special or memorable as part of an existing gala day or festival, community event or activity or for something brand new that will bring people together in a positive and celebratory manner to enhance the community. Groups can apply now to more than one fund for the same event, the new funds close in June 2010.

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## Burntisland & Kinghorn Rotary Club

Since the last issue of the Buzz, the Rotary Club has grown from strength to strength. Membership has been boosted with a number of younger recruits and the Club now boasts three female members. The Club is one of the most active in the District with weekly meetings at the Sands Hotel, many social and fund raising events, and an ambitious aid programme within the local communities of Burntisland and Kinghorn and overseas.

The last major fund raiser was a Charity Shop in Burntisland High Street last October. Representatives of Rachel House in Kinross (CHAS) and McMillan Nurses each received cheques for £750 at the recent, pre-Christmas partners' evening. The annual Burns verse competition is taking place in both Primary Schools and the respective winners will be presented with their trophies at the traditional Burns Dinner in the Kingswood Hotel on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The annual coffee morning/plant sale will again take place in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May (one week later this year). The Club fully appreciates the support it receives from the public in all of its fund raising efforts. The most successful local Club activity in recent years has been the award winning Rotary Rambles Project which is reported below.

Internationally, the main thrust of the Rotary movement is to complete the Polio Plus project, started in 1985, to rid the world of polio through the vaccination of the world's children. This project is very close to completion with the disease remaining in only a few pockets of India, Africa and Afghanistan. Massive efforts are being made to overcome geographical, religious and political difficulties so that all the children of the world will be protected for ever. Rotary Clubs in the United Kingdom are united under the banner of "Thanks for Life" to raise the necessary funds to complete the job.



## Rotary Rambles Project Enters 6<sup>th</sup> Year

As we enter the New Year the award winning Rotary Rambles Project continues apace. Originally conceived as a response to the national problem of obesity, the project continues to encourage the community to take exercise through walking.

Arguably, the most successful ingredient of the project is the **Rotary Rambles Award Scheme** in Burntisland and Kinghorn Primary Schools. Each year, some 90 primary 4/5 pupils earn their individual certificates of merit by completing four local walks. They also gain an appreciation of the local environment and heritage and are introduced to the basic principles of map reading and navigation. Many of the children have since introduced their parents and grandparents to this new experience.

Two local walking groups (new members always welcome) have become established under the project. The **Wednesday Wanderers** take short easy town walks every Wednesday morning whilst the **Sunday Strollers** have a monthly programme of more ambitious countryside walks. (Details in the programme of events (page 18).

For visitors to the town or for any residents not members of these groups, exploring Burntisland's natural amenities and landmarks has been made easy. Laminated route cards describing 6 walks of varying degrees of difficulty are

available, free of charge, at Burntisland Public Library, Jason's Newsagents and the Beacon Centre. Similar cards for Kinghorn are available in Kinghorn Community Centre and Niven's Coffee House. In addition, three easy circular walks, all starting from the Links car park are described in a leaflet which is available free from the Library. These vary in length from 15 minutes to 1 hour and are graded Bronze, Silver and Gold according to their degree of difficulty.

The Lammerlaws, Broomhill and Ross Point offer magnificent views but the most stunning spectacle of all is from the top of the Binn. Last autumn, sponsored walks by local groups raised substantial funds towards setting a bench on the top of the Binn. This has since been put in place beside the Rotary viewfinder by members of the Rotary Club. Walkers now have a comfortable spot to rest their weary backsides whilst enjoying the marvellous panorama of the Forth estuary. Why not experience it for yourselves?



**"Resting and enjoying a winter view from the Binn bench"**

Anyone interested in local walking routes, groups or facilities should contact Bill Davidson at 01592 872555.

### The Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club is a group which meets at the Toll Centre every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month between 7.00 and 9.00 pm, from September to May. Transport can be provided. The Club was formed some four years ago when the Burntisland Pensioners Association disbanded and now has some 43 members. Membership comprises mostly senior citizens but is open to any adults from the Burntisland area who would enjoy some traditional fun in a friendly atmosphere. A full programme of activities which includes crafts, hobbies, entertainers, whist and dominoes and many others, is organized by a small band of volunteers headed by Alison Warlaw and Mary Brownlee. The Club is an independent body and the running costs are funded by various organisations which include Age Concern, The Co-op and Fife Council. Anyone interested in joining can get the necessary information from the Toll Centre 872854.

### Burntisland Speakers Club.

by Dave Murdoch

Why become a member of the Burntisland Speakers Club? Well we have it from the horse's mouth, a fairly recent initiate, Dave Murdoch. Dave has found the twenty odd other members to have been welcoming, friendly and particularly good humoured. As a recent member, he has already performed various roles during meetings, including that of principal speaker. His Club experiences have improved his confidence and ability to speak in public, both professionally and socially. He feels that learning to deliver a speech within the confines of the Club has increased his self confidence to perform in public. He can confidently chair a meeting, deliver a birthday speech, propose a toast or a vote of thanks. Above all, attending meetings of the Club exercises his mind in the spontaneous exchanges and witty rapport between members. However, Dave considers that the greatest asset of the Burntisland Speakers Club is the feeling of fun and friendship which exists amongst all members.

The Club meets at the Sands Hotel every second Thursday between the months of September and March. Why not come and join us.





A new Drop In /Job Club is being launched by Fife Council's "Opportunities For You" team at Burntisland Library on Fridays (10 – 12.30) from 5th February. It is aimed at anyone who is looking for paid or voluntary work; thinking about training or college courses; or considering a career change. For a lot of folk who perhaps haven't worked for a while or those who have been made redundant and are re-entering the job market, job hunting has changed completely. As Development worker, Alison Hamilton explains "It can be a daunting prospect to produce a C.V. for the first time or complete an application form on line, while far more vacancies are now advertised on the internet than in the local newspapers." The Service, which is part of the Opportunities Fife network, will offer practical help in writing C.V.s and completing application forms as well as newspapers, stamps and envelopes. In addition, there will be access to all the library's resources and, for anyone who is not familiar with using the internet for job search, there will be computer support.

For those who are at the career planning stage, Alison also offers information and advice on learning and volunteering opportunities as well as funding for training. Gordon Thomson, Library Supervisor, welcomed this partnership initiative which complements the services already offered at Burntisland Library. So, from Friday 5th February Burntisland residents will have job search support 'on their doorstep' for the very first time!

### ***ABK Ladies Probus***

Early in 2006 two ladies resident in Kinghorn but with strong roots in Burntisland decided on a bold move: to set up a new Ladies Probus. Sheila Scotland and Maureen Johnston, whose husbands are members of ABK Probus, realised that there was a need for such a group because all of the ladies' clubs in Kirkcaldy were bursting at the seams. After receiving help and advice from existing committee members there, Sheila and Maureen invited some other local ladies to join them in a founding committee. As a result, in September 2006, prospective members gathered at the Sands Hotel for the first meeting. Initially membership was limited to 60 in order to ensure a friendly and intimate atmosphere which would enable members to chat easily and get to know each other. From the start, the venture proved a great success. There has been so much interest that membership has been increased to 80 and there is currently a waiting list of over 20. Besides the monthly meetings addressed by a speaker, smaller book, walking and yoga groups have flourished and bus trips and theatre outings have been organised. Excellent hospitality is provided by the Sands Hotel.

### ***Burntisland over 70s Christmas Treat***

The 2009 Christmas Treat was held in the parish church hall on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by 113 over 70s and invited guests from among our local councillors and churches. In addition Christmas goodie bags were delivered to another 35 homebound over 70s who were unable to attend.

An excellent three course Christmas lunch was cooked and served by the students and teachers from Adam Smith College. After lunch entertainment was kindly provided by Liz Nicol and the afternoon was finished off with carol singing with the cubs.

The event was a great success again and would not have been possible without the hard work of the committee fundraising throughout the year and kind donations from local businesses, organisations and individuals. Fundraising brought in £2146 which includes £1200 from the increasingly popular Burntisland Calendar which will be continued this year with the 2011 calendar being on sale from the end of June.

Local businesses including Burntisland fabrications, Briggs Marine, Shell, Exxon Mobil and Myrtle Coffee donated a total of £425. Local organisations and individuals including the customers of The Star, The Rotary, The Masonic Lodge, The Tai Kwando Club, The WRI and The Ladies Bowling donated a total of £975, and Fife Council and Help the Aged awarded grants of a total of £450.

On behalf of all who attend the treat every year, the committee would like to thank everyone for their support which makes the Christmas treat possible every year.

### **2020 DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

As a relatively recent incomer to Burntisland (6 years now) I have been amazed at the changes in the town. From the demolition of the Alcan plant to the revamp of the High Street, the pace of change has been rapid indeed.

I know of no other town developing at such a speed. I understand that there was a golden goodbye from Alcan but it takes more than money to make change happen. This makes me believe that the special ingredient is the people of the town.

So what has driven the folk of Burntisland to take control of their town and who are they? Amongst the many groups working their magic in the town I know of: Burntisland 2020 Development Trust, Burntisland Alternative Sports Scheme (BASS) and the Burntisland Development Trust. These are in addition to those who have a statutory interest like the Community Council and Fife Council. In a population of just over 6,000 it demonstrates that there are many committed individuals, ready to give up their time to help the wider community.

Of recent improvements I have been impressed with are the viewpoint (now an essential part of the itinerary when friends visit us), the links water feature (my daughter loves playing in the jets on a sunny day) and the skate park. All facilities we enjoy as a family.

As the 2020 Development Trust had been involved with all of the three projects, I thought I would go along to a meeting to find out what was next on the agenda.

I was impressed by the dedication shown by those present but surprised that I was the first 'new' face to turn up for a while. I was given a warm welcome and my faltering questions were answered patiently and with thought. But where was everyone else? I understand there are over 300 members in the 2020 group. I also understand that it is common in many organisations for members to be content for a hard core to carry on the business. However there comes a time when this hard recognises the need for new blood, fresh ideas and new enthusiasm. To this end I have now volunteered to get more actively involved. If anyone else should wish to join me then they can text 2020 to 80010 and I will call them back for a chat. Alternatively you can visit the website at [www.burntisland2020devtrust.org.uk](http://www.burntisland2020devtrust.org.uk)

Hopefully, speak soon as there is still much to do...

Mark Kisby

## The Toll Centre

Tollcentre.org.uk

The Toll Centre is run by a Management Committee of Volunteers and is part funded by Fife Council.

In 1963 the then Burntisland Town Council gave the use of the Music Hall at a nominal charge for Youth Club meetings which were held three evenings each week. Membership grew until it became very apparent that the premises were unsuitable for carrying out the ever-increasing range of activities.

The adult management committee decided to start fund raising to erect a purpose built Youth Centre. Following a lengthy period of consultation and preparation, building work commenced in August 1974. and the Centre finally opened to the public on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1975. Originally, the facility was intended for sole use as a Youth Centre, but over the years its role has changed to cover the whole of the community.

Activities included well attended Junior and Senior youth clubs, a Junior Badminton club, an Athletic club and sometimes, up to three bands practising in any corner they could find. Weekly disco's regularly attracted over 200 young people. Other groups using the centre included Mother and Toddler's, Playgroup, Children's Gymnastics, Yoga, Flower arranging, Men's keep fit, Senior citizens group and Burntisland United Football Club used the centre as a base.

As the years progressed the Centre suffered severe problems because of its flat roof. This was tackled in the same determined manner for which the Centre was renowned and funds were raised to enable the necessary construction work to be completed. The Toll Centre continues to be an important community facility with the following groups making full use of the facilities:

**Burntisland Playgroup** moved into the Centre the first week it opened and still runs Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12pm. **Burntisland Out of School Club (B.O.S.S)** celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in October 2009. The **Parent and Toddler** group meets on a Wednesday afternoon from 1pm until 2.45pm. Anyone caring for a Baby or Child is welcome to come along. **Gymnastics Classes** take place on Thursday afternoons from 4 pm. The **Wednesday Social Club** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's of the month at 7pm. Anyone, 60 or over, is welcome to join in a wide programme of events. Saturday mornings the centre is open for **Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness** clubs and **Tae Kwon Do**.

**Computer Classes** are run in conjunction with Fife Council, Adam Smith College and the Toll Centre. Classes include Computers for the Terrified, Computers for the Less Terrified, Desktop Publishing, Digital Photography and Internet and emails.

**Youth Clubs** continue to be enjoyed by the young people. The **Children's Club, Junior Youth Club** and **Music Project** provide a wide range of activities.

The Centre has a large hall and meeting rooms that can be hired. There are also spaces in our programme that the management committee would be happy to consider other groups or activities make use of the facilities.

For more information about any of the Toll Centres activities logon to our Website [tollcentre.org.uk](http://tollcentre.org.uk) or phone 01592 872854



## Mixed Fortunes for the

## Shipyard

By

(Andrew Beveridge)

Burntisland Shipyard AFC has endured a difficult first half of the season after a promising start in the first couple of games. After all the managerial changes last season the playing squad was very much different, only four players remained from the previous season, with the manager wanting to bring in his own players. After a win and a draw in the first two league games the team then went on a poor run of only one win in twelve games, although, a good performance in the Fife Cup against East Fife FC raised hopes of better things to come. After a win in the next match against Kinross AFC things took a downturn with the club being knocked out of The Scottish Cup, The South of Scotland Challenge Cup, The Scottish Amateur Cup and The Fife Amateur Cup. This last defeat against Dundonald AFC in the Fife Amateur Cup was a major shock and a huge disappointment to everyone at the club. Indeed, after this defeat manager Mike Mallin tendered his resignation, which the club accepted. Billy Whitehead the assistant manager took over in a caretaker capacity and has so far remained unbeaten after four matches, winning three and drawing one. This upturn in fortunes led the committee to give Billy the job until at least the end of the season. The turnover of players this season has been huge, however, Billy has brought a few players back to the club and brought in some new faces that have strengthened the squad. The intention now is to kick on after the Festive period break and hopefully climb up the league and do well in the domestic cup competitions that remain. As ever anyone who would like to assist in the running of the club would be most welcome or even just come along and lend some support to the team.. It can be more entertaining than Starks Park but the Community Council Secretary may dispute that!

## Burntisland Shipyard Youth Development

Burntisland Shipyard Youth Development has over 50 kids participating in 3 different age groups, U/11, U/10 and U/8. In good weather all groups use the facilities at Recreation Park, whilst during the winter months they have to travel to Kinghorn to use the indoor facilities which are not available in Burntisland. All children have Burntisland Shipyard crested kit, partially paid for by the senior club and **all coaches have Disclosure Scotland clearance.**

The U/11 group sponsored by local business **SM AUTOS**, participate in the Fife Soccer Sevens Development Association on Saturday mornings at the Pitreavie Playing Fields in Dunfermline. This group continues to improve with talented youngsters benefitting from sound coaching. No decision has been made yet regarding the U/10's participating at Pitreavie, however, the U/8's group will start in March.

Last summer the development coaches, for the first time, ran the Civic Week 5 a-side competition at Recreation Park. This proved to be a great success with both the parents and children delighted with the organisation and facilities. Burntisland Shipyard AFC would be delighted to continue to host this great event. Also, the club held a "Fun Day" for all the kids plus their families in August and despite the poor weather, again this was a great success and will hopefully become an annual event.

Although we have waiting lists, boys and girls are welcome to become involved and hopefully progress to represent Burntisland Shipyard into their adult life.



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## Burntisland Bowling Club

The Club, situated at 123, Kinghorn Road, Burntisland, provides facilities for outdoor bowling on 6 rinks from April to October and Carpet bowls in the Clubhouse from October to April. New members are welcome. Free coaching is provided by qualified coaches with shoes and bowls available. There are regular Social activities in the clubhouse with a bar, dominoes, darts, bingo, whist and dances. The Clubhouse is also available for members anniversary and birthday parties with a limit of 60 persons. If you are interested in joining contact the Secretary, John MacDonaldson 872785



## Beacon Leisure Centre Gym Refurbishment.

The Beacon's new state-of-the-art gym is now open, in great time for all those who have resolved to get fitter and healthier during 2010.

The gym has undergone a complete refurbishment as part of a £720,000 Fife Council and Fife Sports and Leisure Trust upgrade programme of seven gyms, and now benefits from equipment rivalling even the most expensive membership-only gyms.

The 20 station gym has been fitted out with the very latest exercise machines from Technogym, the world leaders in fitness equipment design. Their gym equipment is built with a full understanding of the body's movement, correct alignment and proper biomechanics. For our gym users this translates to superior results in less time! There are 11 cardiovascular stations, 9 resistance stations and a free weights area.

Each item of cardio equipment is installed with its own TV screen with built in freeview with 49 channels, dozens of radio stations, an i-pod or mp3 docking station and even some games should you have time to get bored!

There are friendly fully trained instructors on site who will lead you through an induction and are on hand each time you visit should you encounter any problems. They can also develop programmes to suit your individual needs or requirements.

The gym is open from 8.00am daily and closes at 9.30 pm from Mon – Fri and 7.30 pm at the weekend. To book your induction phone 01592 583383 or for further information log on to [www.fifeleisure.org.uk](http://www.fifeleisure.org.uk).

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## Curling The Burntisland Connection

by  
Helen Gordon

At a time that almost witnessed the re-creation of the first GRAND MATCH for 30 years, it might be appropriate to revisit the history of curling and the local connection. Historians seem to agree that the Scots invented the game and the first written evidence of an early Challenge match dates to Paisley in the mid 16th century. Many old curling stones also survive from the 16th Century and the earliest are crudely hewn and have no handles. Now stones are round in shape, weighing 20 Kilos each and made from highly polished granite.

Until the early 20th century curling was essentially an outdoor game played on the frozen lochs and ponds during the harsh winters of past centuries. Later, shallow artificial ponds were created and these could be flooded when a hard frost was anticipated to create safe ice. The first indoor ice rink in Scotland was built in 1907 at Crossmyloof and the modern game was born. Scottish curlers enjoyed their game so much that they exported it to approximately 20 countries between the 19th and 20th centuries.

Burntisland Curling Club was in existence from about 1880 to 1946 although it appears from the minutes of the Club that very little curling took place after 1939. In its heyday curling took place at various dedicated artificial ponds. These were situated at Dunearn, Seamills, the dam below Ged's mill and in 1905 a new pond was constructed near the Bowling Green with a 30 year lease.

It is hoped that this short article may stimulate discussion or memories. I would also like to remind people that the Winter Olympics takes place soon and Scottish curlers are hopeful that our UK teams will do well.

Finally for any would be curlers out there, an active club still exists in Aberdour. Beginners welcome.

Enquiries to Dorothy Browse - [dorothy.browse@bt.com](mailto:dorothy.browse@bt.com)



## The Erskine Art Club

Any budding artists, even complete beginners, are most welcome to come along to the weekly club meeting in the Erskine Church Hall. Each session commences at 10.00 every Monday morning and lasts approximately 2 ½ hours. Newcomers will receive tuition from well known local artist Caryl Candlish. Caryl said "We genuinely want to encourage you to come along and have-a-go. After all we are all novices and doing our best to support and help each other." Ample supplies of equipment and materials are available to help beginners right away".

The Club also assists in running the Annual Art and Crafts Exhibition held each summer in the Library Hall. This provides an ideal opportunity for artists, especially beginners, to display and possibly sell their work. Give Caryl a ring on 874212 and she will be quite happy to tell you all about the club.

## ***Allotments and a Community Garden***

The area of waste land behind the St Serf's Church hall is to be converted into a community resource producing organic vegetable and fruit. The ground, to be leased from Fife Council, will be sub-divided into 12 allotments and a community garden about the size of four plots. There will be a large communal shed for the use of all plot holders. Following meetings over the winter all plots have been allotted but there is still scope for anyone to be involved in the community garden or to be placed on a waiting list for individual plots.

Initially, the site will be administered and developed by two Fife Diet growing facilitators. Once solid community support has been established, an independent voluntary association will be formed to take over the running of the complex. All plot holders and community gardeners would be eligible to become members. The site will be run in accordance with Garden Organic Guidelines to which plot holders must comply. Regular members' meetings will take place at which collective planning decisions will be made.

The community garden will be organised by a core group of people who, although enjoying a fair proportion of the garden produce themselves, would also be prepared to share it with others. The garden will contain perennial fruit trees and bushes and a herb garden which will be open to everyone in the wider community to use. The local Primary School has expressed an interest in becoming involved in the community garden.

The organisers of this scheme, Fife Diet Project, envisage that the complex would host events and workshops related to food and the growing of it. It is hoped that all the final paper work will be completed by the Spring when the digging will commence.

## ***Fair Trade***

On 3/3/03 Bruce and Sarah Stuart opened Burntisland's first Fair Trade shop, Fair Shares at 128 High Street. So what is Fair Trade?

In its simplest form, it is trade with producers in developing countries, paying them a fair price for their product which enables them to cover the cost of production, allow for re-investment in their business and enable them to do many other things that we take for granted; sending children to school, receiving elementary health care, providing food and clean, safe water for their family. It should also allow all links in the supply chain (producer, importer, and retailer) to make a reasonable living.

In April 2004, with the help of a small group of committed people and businesses, Burntisland became Fife's first Fairtrade Town. Other towns have since followed: Lochgelly, St Andrews and Cupar with Glenrothes and Dalgety Bay currently working towards Fair Trade Town status.

For the past six years, Bruce has been a member and leading office bearer of a number of Fair Trade organizations at local and national level, including the Scottish Fair Trade Forum which was set up with assistance from the Scottish Government to promote Scotland as a Fair Trade Nation. However, the important part of Fair Trade is the business end. If more folk buy products from Fair Shares and similar independent shops this allows us in turn to buy more products from the producer groups and as a result help more folk in the developing world.

How can you help? Fairtrade fortnight is just around the corner at the end of February. That is when the whole community should become involved through buying more fair trade products and joining campaigning Groups.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Bruce on 01592 870071, email [info@fairshares-shop.co.uk](mailto:info@fairshares-shop.co.uk) or pop into Fair Shares. Fair Shares is open 10-4pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



## **A New Home for The Ecology Centre**

After another record-breaking year in community education, The Ecology Centre has submitted plans for a permanent home at Kinghorn Loch. The new facility will enable the Centre to expand its educational and volunteer experiences to the local community in a more sustainable building, in keeping with the ethos of the Centre. This will help to improve the neglected area at the east end of the loch and provide more facilities for the visiting public. The Ecology Centre will continue to maintain the west end of the loch as a wildlife area and welcome walkers, cyclists, etc.

The Ecology Centre has a long history of working with the Burntisland Community through the primary school, helping parents, staff and children develop the nursery garden; local groups and the mentoring of unemployed adults. Ronnie Mackie, Operations Manager at The Ecology Centre commented "A new Centre will enable us to expand and develop the work we do and ensure that the site will continue to benefit the local community and beyond"

Anyone interested in becoming a member or volunteer at The Ecology Centre can find details at [www.theecologycentre.org](http://www.theecologycentre.org), by email [admin@theecologycentre.org](mailto:admin@theecologycentre.org) or by calling 01592 891567

## **BiFab Ready for Wind Farm Bonanza**

Burntisland Fabrications Ltd (BiFab) is in an ideal position to take advantage of the recent announcement by Crown Estates of the approval of nine wind farm projects, mainly in the North Sea. These will include 600 offshore wind turbines off the Firth of Forth and 250 in the Moray Firth.

Since BiFab was formed in 2001, it has continued to thrive despite significant changes in the North Sea energy industry. It reopened the Methil facility in 2003, primarily to manufacture larger structures for the oil and gas industry and recently opened the Arnish facility on the Isle of Lewis. The company employs some 880 staff in Fife and recognising the importance of skilled personnel, is offering employment opportunities to many youngsters in Fife through an apprenticeship training programme.

BiFab's success is based on its key assets, the skills of its professional staff and workforce coupled with its ability to offer a choice of three major fabrication facilities suited to different project needs. In Burntisland, the Energy Park Fife and the BiFab Arnish facility Stornoway, BiFab can offer three superb fabrication facilities where work can be carried out under cover. The yards located in Fife are approximately 20 km apart and are operated using the same management systems.

While the company focus continues to be the offshore oil and gas sector, BiFab has recognised that this sector is changing and plans to be a major contributor to the renewables market such as wind, wave and tidal power. Working closely with Scottish Enterprise and Fife Council, the company is confident of establishing a mass manufacturing facility in Scotland for the supply of sub structures for offshore wind farm projects for the UK and Europe.

The management team is very confident that its experience in the oil and gas sector in addition to diversification plans into the renewable energy sectors, will secure the long term future of the company, their employees and the fabrication industry in Scotland.





## Museum of Communication

The Burntisland - based Museum of Communication is delighted to welcome the re-launch of the Burgh Buzz!

The Museum purchased the former Ex-Serviceman's Club at 131 High Street, way back in November 2003. Thanks to substantial grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Burntisland Development Trust, it has been able to complete the first stage of a restoration programme and can now store the bulk of its 40-odd tonne collection of communication-related artefacts on the premises - these include radio, audio, television, telephony, telegraphy and IT.

Further restoration work is planned. This will include upgrading the exhibition area and improving disabled access, so that, when fully refurbished, the building will provide exhibition, meeting, storage, administrative and study facilities. It will become not only a major centre for everyone interested in the history of communication and information technology, but will also add an extra dimension to Fife's already rich and colourful background.

Each year, the Museum holds themed exhibitions during the summer months. Our 2009 exhibition "Great Scots Who Changed the World" resulted in appearances on BBC2 and STV and has led to exciting plans to liaise with Burntisland Heritage Trust in telling the story of Mary Somerville, the nineteenth century pioneer of astronomy, mathematics and geographical studies, whose formative years were spent in Burntisland. Additionally, the museum will host a series of evening lectures throughout the year. For details of these and further information, please contact either [mocenquiries@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mocenquiries@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01506 823424.

The Museum is run entirely by volunteers and new members are always welcome. Our aims are to study, collect, preserve and exhibit items that tell the story of communication from the days of pre-electric telegraph to the state-of-the-art technology. If you'd like to become involved, just get in touch today - or simply call in to '131' on any Saturday between 10 am and 4 pm - - - we'd love to meet you.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Buried deep under the ice of the frozen Arctic wastes lies a massive piece of grey granite. It is approximately 1 cubic mile in size.

Once, every thousand years, the ice melts for only 24 hours to reveal this massive outcrop for only one day, before it is reclaimed by the ice for a further 1000 years.

On this one day, every 1000 years a small bird flies several hundred miles to alight upon the stone.

It carefully sharpens its beak on the exposed rock and then flies off.

When this rock has been worn completely away by the actions of this bird, then one second of eternity will have passed.

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## BEACON RUNNING CLUB.

So there you are, ready to sit down, put your feet up and watch Eastenders when all of a sudden you hear a commotion out in the street. People shouting instructions – others responding with expletives. You pull back the curtains and there are 25 lunatics charging up and down the road in luminous yellow jackets. It's wet, it's windy, it's cold. Yet they actually seem to be enjoying themselves! If that's been your experience then please don't worry (and don't phone the police!) – it's just the Beacon Running Club out on a training session. With winter and the dark evenings we have to stick to well lit areas, typically around some of the quieter residential areas in the town. Come summer though we'll be back on the Links, the Toll Park, the coastal footpath, perhaps down on the beach or even over the Binn.

Burntisland is a great place for running, with plenty of variety, on and off road as well as a hardy contingent of runners, joggers and shufflers who meet up every Monday evening at the Beacon to train together and offer a bit of mutual support. If this is the year you've decided to enter a 5k race, to lose a bit of weight or get fit again (and especially if, in a fit of mis-placed optimism over Christmas, you signed yourself up for a marathon) why not come along and give training in company with others a try. The club caters for all abilities but is geared especially towards those who may not yet feel confident enough to join one of the more established athletic clubs in the area. We have runners in their teens and runners in their 50s and as many women as men. Most sessions involve running for short periods of time, then 'recovering' (whether that be by jogging, walking or propping yourself up against a lamp-post) then going again. There is no requirement to be able to run for miles (or even a mile) before coming out with us.

Apart from the Monday evening sessions, many of our runners also meet up informally at weekends and other times to train together: knowing someone else is relying on you for company is always good motivation for getting out the door! Equally, for local races like the Black Rock 5 and the Donkey Brae, being part of a club guarantees loads of support and vocal encouragement.

If you fancy giving the club a try we'd love to see you, any Monday evening down at the Beacon at 7 o'clock. There is no membership: you just pay a small charge at reception (currently £1.85), much like any other sports class or activity. If you've not exercised for many years, are significantly overweight or have any underlying health problems or concerns then it's always a good idea to get a check up from your GP first, so as to confirm that running is a suitable form of exercise for you. The club is, essentially, for adults but teenagers of high school age are also welcome, in the company of a responsible adult. Unfortunately, due to their different training needs and abilities, we cannot accommodate younger children.

If you'd like to know more about the club and whether it would be suitable for you, why not come down before 7 one Monday to chat to folk. Ask for George or Steve (or just have a word with anyone hanging around in a reflective vest). Alternatively you can e-mail me at: [george@beaconrunners.com](mailto:george@beaconrunners.com)

We look forward to meeting you.

George Lees & Steve Wombwell.



**Erskine United Free Church:**  
(In the community/for the community)

**‘On Stream’**

December’s usual business was enhanced with well-supported services on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The **Family Nativity Service** was delightfully sustained by the Sunday School and ably supported by some conscripted adults!

The **Candlelight Carol Evening** which took place later that day was a stunning success as a first attempt at involving the community in an all-age ‘Nativity Experience’ It was attended by a large congregation who enjoyed a lively and imaginative presentation of the Christmas story in carols and readings as well as graphic illustrations and seasonal music, set within the warm ambiance of candlelight and lanterns.

The **Watchnight Service** was well attended considering the icy conditions. Conner Wilcocks provided organ and harp music, beautifully accompanying his sister Morgan as she sang ‘Still the night’. Rev Alan Sharp shared in the service.

£400 approximately was raised over the Christmas period for Women’s Aid and the Bethany Christian Trust.

The **Wednesday Morning ‘Lite Bite’** continues for those who like a bit of friendship and chat after dropping the children off at School or Nursery. Drop in at the Church Hall between 9 and 10.15am for Tea and Toast before getting on with the day’s chores.

**‘In the Pipe-Line’**

**Two new ventures appear in February:**

1. **Healing Rooms** - Healing Rooms exist in over 40 countries and a number have come into being in recent years in Fife. Following the successful launch of the Kirkcaldy Healing Rooms (St Bryce Kirk Centre) another H.R. is to open in,

*Erskine Church Halls,*

*Thursday evenings, 7.30pm till 9pm  
starting 18<sup>th</sup> February.*

This is a Prayer Ministry bringing wholeness and healing into the lives of individuals. It is offered free of charge by trained Christians from a wide cross-section of local Churches. All are welcome - no appointment is necessary.

(*contact: Andy or Diane, 07941705031 or see the website: [www.healingrooms-scotland.com](http://www.healingrooms-scotland.com)*)

2. **Christianity Explored Course** - free and informal course explaining the basics of the Christian Faith through an easy-to-follow study of the Gospel of Mark. Now established in many countries with hundreds of thousands attending the course it is suited to those of faith and of no faith, as a refresher’s or enquirer’s course.

(NB: There’s no prayer or hymns - plain

simple learning together - all questions and points of view will be respected). Details:

*In the Church Hall,  
starting on 13<sup>th</sup> February through to 15<sup>th</sup>  
May  
on Saturday mornings, 10am till noon.  
(2-week Easter break in the middle)*

It uses lively ‘on location’ teaching DVD’s by Tico Rice (All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. There will be plenty scope for group questions and discussion.

All enquiries will be welcomed and responded to.

(*contact: Rev. Jim Neil 01592-873718 or e-mail: [jim@neilfamily.co.uk](mailto:jim@neilfamily.co.uk)*)

**Churches Together in Burntisland** - they are currently planning shared activities for Easter and a Quiz Night involving the whole community. Details coming soon.



**St Serf's Episcopal Church**

On the 20th December we were delighted to welcome Bishop David Chillingworth and his wife Alison to our Sunday service. The service was even more special because we were also welcoming in baptism our newest member, Isabelle Sarah Grace Bradshaw. Isabelle brought her mum and dad, Pauline and Matthew; pretty smart for a wee 6 month old girl in a nice red hat. Afterwards we all went to the Sands Hotel for breakfast and to help Isabelle eat her special baptism cake.

The ABI Singers (joint choir from the Aberdour, Burntisland and Inverkeithing Episcopal churches plus friends from other local churches) made their special musical contribution to our Christmas Midnight Eucharist. Their next outing is to sing Evensong at St Paul’s Church in Kinross on the 31st January. They will also provide music for our Ash Wednesday Eucharist on the 17th February when we begin our Lenten observance in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday 28th March with a 9.30am service in which we bless and distribute palm crosses in church and hear the gospel account of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. We then tell the story of his betrayal, trial, suffering and death in a shared, dramatised reading from the gospel of Luke.

On Maundy Thursday we have an 11am service in which we mark Jesus’ last supper with his disciples, hearing the gospel account of John. On Good Friday the ABI Singers join us and there will be a candle lit Taizé service at 6.15pm in which we will meditate on what the death of Jesus means for us. Then at 7.30pm we move to the more formal service of sung Compline, the ancient night prayer of the Church sung to plain chant. On Sunday morning at 9.30am we celebrate the resurrection with the joyful Easter Eucharist. If, like young Isabelle and her mum and dad, you would like to join us you would be most welcome.

**The Parish Church**

**The Church has left the building!**

The Parish Church has a very practical reason for moving out of the historic church building and into the church hall. During January and February, the church is very expensive to heat and we are running out of money. It will save us about £50 every Sunday. There is also an ecological reason. the Church of Scotland has committed itself to reducing the carbon footprint of every church and this will enable us to meet that target.

But above all there is a sound theological reason, to remind ourselves that the church is not the building, it is the people. An historic building is good but it is the promise of Jesus to be with us when we gather in His name that is extraordinary. It also gives us the opportunity to celebrate communion as the reformers intended with all of God’s people seated at table. Historically the church pews are a Victorian addition. Initially they would have put out long tables and chairs and given the people communion tokens to tell them which sitting to attend. So in January we will fill the hall with tables and chairs to remind ourselves that we are all invited to sit at the Lord’s Table.

In the Sundays up to Easter we will be looking at life and teaching of Jesus. Everyone is welcome at our services still 11am in the hall, with crèche, and young church meeting at the same time – just bring the children.

**Walking with Jesus**, a course open to everyone, will be running in the weeks up to Easter. It is straightforward stuff, a course for Lent – the forty days leading up to Easter. Everyone is welcome to take part in at least one or more ways:-

Firstly by reading Luke’s gospel, a chapter or a bit at a time. We have some complimentary copies in our church shop, and we will be making notes available. Whilst worshipping together on Sundays we will be dealing with Luke’s gospel and with the ideas covered by the course. All will come together on Easter Sunday when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together.

Secondly by joining a small group, not a new idea as the original small group was Jesus and the 12 disciples. You’ll be welcome in any of our small groups. Indeed it would be wonderful to have to form more small groups because of demand. If you are interested in joining one of our small groups phone Alan or Linda Sharp 874303.

Its not going to be terribly complicated – just a matter of starting afresh and walking with Jesus.

**The Multi Service:**

The parish church has three services every week:

**Sundays** - 11am in the church hall and a family service 6-30pm in Solid Rock – a bit more contemporary

**Wednesdays** - 10.30am short mid week service in Solid Rock, followed by tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome at all of our services



## SCOTS VERSE COMPETITION

The Scots Verse competition was started in 1986 to mark the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of King Alexander III. He died after falling from his horse near to Kinghorn and a monument to him is located between Burntisland and Kinghorn.

The competition recognises excellence among those who have taken the time and trouble to learn the language of their forebears and to use it to maximum effect. For the first time, the Community Council are presenting a cup and a medal to the winners in each of Primaries 1 to 6.

### Presentation

#### Primary 1 – The Marshall Memorial Trophy

**Winner: Ali McLeod**

Jock Marshall was the first Chairman of the Community Council in 1978. He was one of a small band of 7 people who formed the original Community Council in Burntisland. It is fitting that the first trophy should reflect the first Chairman.

#### Primary 2 – The Macdonald Memorial Trophy

**Winner: Rachel Barclay**

Margaret Macdonald was a long-serving Secretary and Vice Chair of the Community Council. She was firm in seeking fairness for all, and being courteous in all of her dealings. Her diplomacy earned her great respect and this trophy is an excellent tribute to her skills.

#### Primary 3 – The MacDougall Memorial Trophy

**Winner: Aedan Cooper**

John MacDougall represented Burntisland on Fife Council as an elected member and later became Leader of the Administration and also Provost of Fife. Born and bred in Burntisland, he moved away only in his later years when he became MP for Glenrothes. A strong supporter of an inclusive community, John excelled at bringing people together. This trophy continues his interest in supporting our young people.

#### Primary 4 – The Gilbertson Memorial Trophy

**Winner: Finlay Stenton**

The Gilbertson family have played an important role in the community for generations. Christine Dewar represents the family today as a member of the Community Council, but her parents were both active in the life of the town.

#### Primary 5 – The Horn Memorial Trophy

**Winner: Oliver Cooper**

Derek Horn was a long-service Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Community Council, whilst his wife Betty was also a member for many years. Skills in presentation and performance were the stuff of Derek's life and it's appropriate that he should be commemorated through the presentation of this trophy.

#### Primary 6 – The Kerr Memorial Trophy

**Winner: Sasha Bell-Newman**

Douglas Kerr was the inspiration behind not only Burntisland Community Council but also the Scots Verse competition itself. He organised public meetings and actively sought out people who might be persuaded to help set up a Community Council in Burntisland.

So it's entirely through his foresight that the Community Council and the Scots Verse competition are active today. Courteous and hard-working to the end, Douglas was an inspiration and an example to all of our young people today.

### Conclusion

The people after whom the trophies have been named are a very mixed bunch. However, they all have one thing in common. They believed firmly in the value to the community of debate and discussion rather than conflict. They got results through respecting the opinions of others, without necessarily agreeing with them.

The winners of this year's Scots Verse competition have doubtless learned some new words and learned the importance of a first-class presentation. But what matters most is their willingness to stand up in front of an audience and say what they have to say. Today it's someone else's words. In years to come it will be their own words. Their teachers and families have played a key role in stimulating their interest and encouraging them to do their best. All of them deserve congratulations on an excellent performance.

Alex. MacDonald.  
Chairman

Burntisland Community Council

The presentation of trophies took place in the Burgh Chambers on 22nd January.

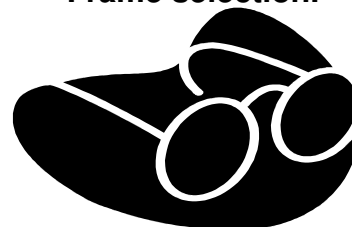
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## Burntisland Primary School

Staff and pupils at Burntisland Primary have all had a busy first half of the new school session. So far this session we have had Harvest and Christmas church services, open afternoons where we invite parents and friends into school to share in the children's learning and a very successful Christmas Fayre.

The school has lots of great links with our Community – Primary 7 children have been enjoying learning to bowl down at the local Bowling Club and will participate in the Rotary Club's annual Scots' Verse competition later in January with the winner being invited to perform at their annual Burns Supper at the Kingswood Hotel on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Primary 2 children in Mrs Noble's class have visited the local library as part of their study of Andrew Carnegie where they had a great time and learned a lot. With the kind assistance of Ian Archibald from Burntisland Heritage Trust they also visited the Burgh Chambers and Parish Church.

Burntisland Primary School has long benefited from an excellent relationship with the Rotary Club and in October the Primary 6's took part in a sponsored walk, the proceeds of which went to the Rotary Club in order to help support local community initiatives. This was part of a big thank you for the Rotary Rambles scheme that they all benefited from in P5, where the children along with the staff, families and members of the Rotary Club enjoy walks around their local community.

In December children from Primary 1 – Primary 6 participated in the school's annual Scots' Verse competition, the performances were outstanding and the lucky winners will be attending an awards ceremony at the Burgh Chambers on 22<sup>nd</sup> January where they will be presented with a trophy from the Community Council.

Preparations will soon be underway for our annual concert for the Women's Group at the Erskine Church. This will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. The proceeds of tickets always go to a good cause so do please come along and support the children.

### Burntisland Primary School Parent Council

The Parent Council has been in existence since 2007 when Parent Councils were brought into being to replace School Boards. It was felt that School Boards had become too formal and as a result in Burntisland we have a strong core of 20+ parents who attend our meetings held once a term to represent the views of parents. These meetings are also attended by teaching staff of the school and by local councillors. We work in partnership with the school and strive to promote this partnership in many ways. In addition we develop and engage in activities which support our children's education.

At our last meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January we discussed a variety of items including our recent successful Christmas Fayre and the changes to be brought in with Curriculum for Excellence (which will mainly have an impact on secondary pupils as primary teaching is already delivered as themes, e.g. International Week). In addition we discussed the possible impact of Fife Council budget restrictions affecting the school (we are writing to the Education Department to seek clarification on this matter). Our Eco-group is continuing to work on the School Travel Plan. A major topic of discussion is, of course, the proposed New Build of the Primary School. We hope that Fife Council will soon engage with other stakeholders to ensure good community involvement in this significant requirement for the town. The 590 pupils and 48 staff and parents/grandparents/carers work together very well in extremely difficult premises and we look forward to having new premises and improved facilities for the town by 2014.

Anyone interested in hearing more, or coming along, please contact Jo Hadoke, Chairperson, via the School Office. Our next meeting is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.



## 1st Burntisland Scout Group

There have been many changes since Scouting began more than 100 years ago and while the Scout Movement is still a uniformed organisation, the shorts and funny hats have gone, replaced with a more practical uniform and girls are now welcomed in all sections. The Burntisland Group has been running for almost 90 years and at present meets in St. Serf's Church Hall in Manse Lane. The Group provides a diverse and challenging programme of activities for youngsters aged from 6 to 18. The opportunities available within Scouting are almost limitless and the Group makes available a wide range of activities ranging from crafts to survival training.

The Beaver Colony meets on Thursday evenings from 5:45-6:45pm for Boys and Girls aged 6 – 8 years old and as well as working towards Badges, the weekly program includes a variety of games, activities and craftwork along the theme of "Fun and Friends".

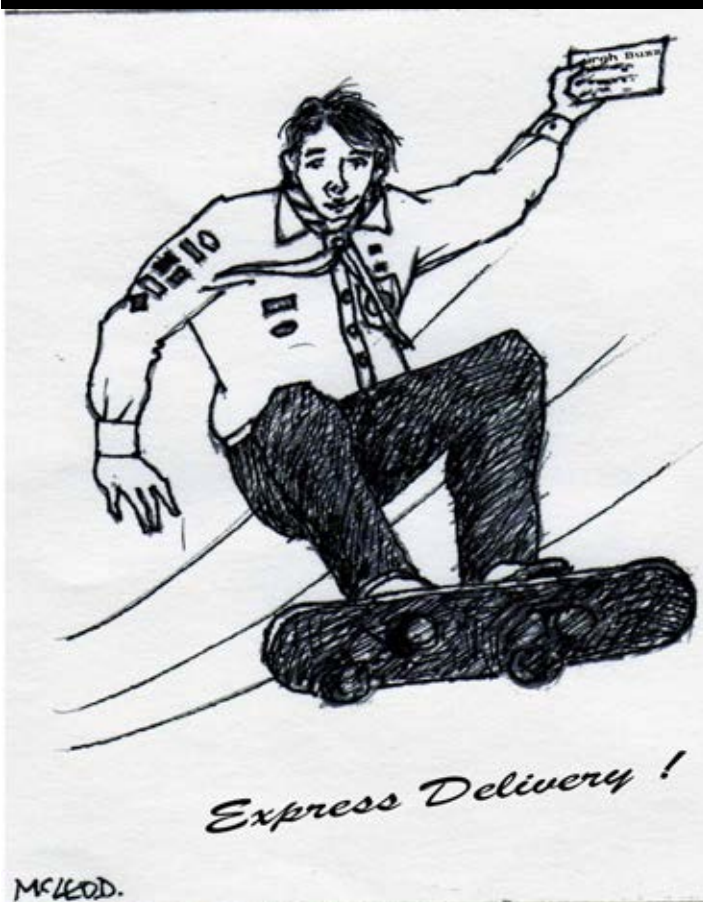
The Cub Pack meets on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm for Boys and Girls aged from 8 to 10½ years old and the program is more challenging, offering games and activities as well as badge work including first aid, country code, mapping and other scouting skills.

The Scout Troop for young people aged 10½-14 years, meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm and as well as weekly meetings packed with games, activities and skills training, the Scout Troop camp frequently throughout the year (including the winter months) so that the Scouts can further develop their outdoor skills.

Youngsters aged from 14 to 18 are encouraged to take part in the Kirkcaldy District Explorer Unit Program, Young Leader Training and also help with the other sections of the group.

The Scout Group has opportunities for everybody – for young people as members of the different sections and also for adults to help run the sections and organise and take part in adventurous activities.

**Many thanks to the Scouts  
For delivery of the Buzz !**







Local girl Mary Stuart is heading to South Africa in August this year to take part in a voluntary gap year with the charity Project Trust who have been established for over 40 years.

During her year out she will be working within a local community at an outward bound centre as an instructor. In this capacity she will be teaching activities such as rock climbing and abseiling. In order to do this she needs to raise in the region of £5000. This money is used to cover the cost of flights and things like training and support overseas. To date she has raised in excess of £1000 from various fundraising events including a 24 hour sponsored silence and several cake sales. To continue fundraising she is planning a Coffee Morning & Sale in Solid Rock on Saturday 20th February, and a sponsored walk at Easter. Also she is collecting old phones and ipods for recycling. If you have any to donate please hand them in to Fair Shares, 128 High Street, Burntisland.

Mary would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported her so far and hopes that this fantastic support will continue.

If you would like to know more about The Project Trust or help to support her please contact her through Fair Shares.

## ***Burntisland Playgroup Thrives***

Burntisland Playgroup has been based in the Toll Centre since the 1970s. In 2001 the group became partner providers with Fife Council, offering 24 funded ante-pre-school places for 3 to 4 year olds. We have three very experienced full time members of staff and three part time staff who deliver care and education in a safe, healthy, caring and stimulating environment. The children and their families are respected and valued in an environment which is free from prejudice and discrimination.

A committee of parents, carers and volunteers manage the smooth running of the Playgroup and, with their help fundraise for resources, trips, treats and such like. All parents and carers have the opportunity to become involved in their child's play and share in their learning experiences and education.

Despite a difficult start to the school year as funds were very low, thanks to the hard work of the parents, carers and staff and the amazing support the group received from local businesses and people in the town, we have managed to overcome these problems. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone and would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the fundraising.

More fundraising events are planned soon so come along and support the Playgroup. For more information please have a look at the Toll Centre website: [www.tollcentre.org.uk](http://www.tollcentre.org.uk) or contact Pat Murphy at the Toll Centre 01592 872854.

## ***Burntisland out of School Service (BOSS)***

The service operates term time and holidays to provide quality care for children from age 5 to 14, The group has been established since 1999, and is an independent service operating in the Toll Centre. Running costs are met by parent fees and the group are also grant aided by Fife Childcare Strategy

The group has a very committed parent committee who are actively involved in the decisions affecting their children and the service. At present there are thirty children attending each session, mostly from Burntisland Primary School. The numbers increase during holiday times when we support referrals from other agencies.

Activities for the children are wide and varied with a huge emphasis on health, well being and outdoor play.

For information regarding the service, contact Jill Ross (Coordinator) any afternoon at the Toll Centre Tel-01592-872854

## ***Burntisland ATC (775 Squadron)***

2009 was a busy year for the squadron with cadets taking part in many activities such as: Flying and Gliding: Cadets have flown in, Grob Tutors at 12 Air Experience Flight based at Royal Air Force Leuchars and Grob Viking Gliders at 662 Volunteer Gliding Squadron which is based at Royal Marine Condor.

Cadets Sergeants McQuade and O'Donnell were awarded flying brevets, Sgt McQuade for the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme and Sgt O'Donnell for the Air Cadet Pilot Navigation Scheme.

Camps: Cadet Corporal Stuart attended an Easter camp which was based at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus. During the summer 3 Cadets attended the Scotland and Northern Ireland Regional camp at RAF Aldergrove, 3 Cadets attended a camp at RAF Odiham and 2 Cadets attended a Radio camp based at RAF Leuchars.

Target Shooting: A team of Cadets from the Squadron were placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Winter League 2 position National Air rifle competition and 13 Squadron, 2 Wing and 7 Regional marksman badges have been awarded.

Sports: The air cadets are actively encouraged to take part in sports and these include athletics, cross country, football, rugby, hockey, netball and swimming. Cadets who are selected to represent their Wing, Region or the Corps are awarded Blue's and last year Cadets from the Squadron gained 5 Wing Blues (2 for swimming, 1 for hockey, 1 for football and 1 for athletics) 1 Regional Blue for athletics and 1 Corps blue in athletics.

Projects: Last year the main project was building 2 robots which were then entered in the Rampaging Chariots competition which is held at Selex Galileo in Edinburgh.

The aims of the air Training are:

- Promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force among young people,
- Provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life and
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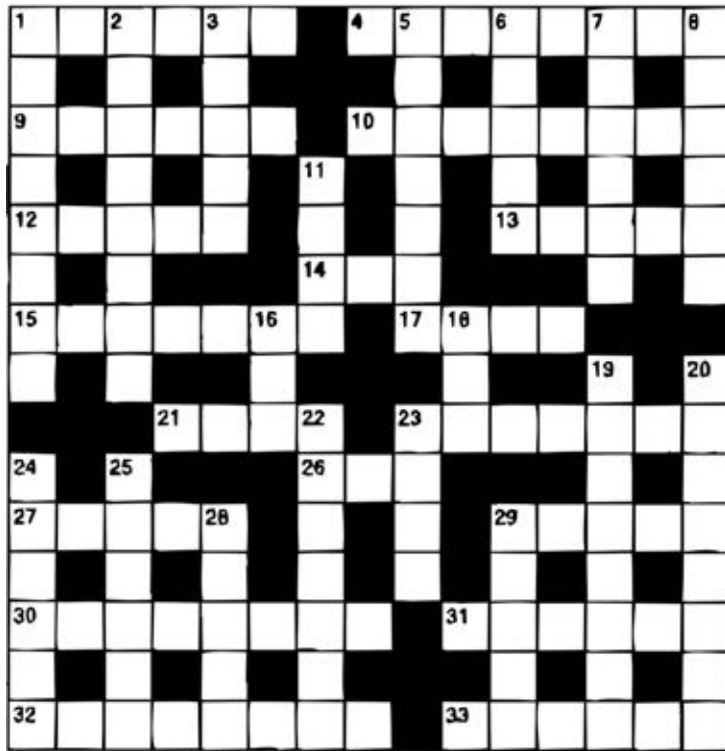
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## Events Diary

### FEBRUARY

Monday 1	Community Police Officer Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.30 pm
Friday 5	Opportunities for You Starts - Burntisland Public Library (and every Friday thereafter)	10.00 - 12.30 am
Friday 12	Community Council Meeting, Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Wednesday 10	Wednesday Club meeting at Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Wednesday 17	Wednesday Club Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Sunday 21	Sunday Strollers - Grange Hill & Kinghorn Loch – Doo Dells car park, Kinghorn. 2.00 pm	2.00 pm
Monday 22	Fair Trade Fortnight begins.	

### MARCH

Monday 1	Community Police Officer Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.30 pm
Saturday 6	Fair Trade fortnight ends	
Sunday 8	Primary School Concert - Erskine Church (Womens' Group)	7.00 pm
Wednesday 10	Wednesday Club meeting at Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Friday 12	Community Council Meeting, Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Wednesday 17	Wednesday Club Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Sun 28	Sunday Strollers - Burntisland's four Viewpoints – from Sands Hotel.	2.00 pm

### APRIL

Friday 9	Community Council Meeting, Burgh Chambers	7.00pm
Sunday 25	Sunday Strollers - The Bluebell Woods – from Haugh Road, Burntisland.	

The Events Diary is rather sparse in this issue - possibly because there are fewer events taking place during the winter but more likely because organisations and individuals were unaware that the Buzz would again be carrying this column. The next issue will carry a diary covering May, June and July. Please let us have details of your forthcoming events during that three month period by 16th April.



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## For All Family Occasions

### Terrace Bar & Bistro

**Mondays to Saturdays & Open all Day from Thursdays 12noon to Late**

Fine ales and superb cuisine in the refurbished Terrace Bar & Bistro with its open fireplace, wooden beams and soft lighting, creating a friendly, cosy environment in which to relax. Draught from £2.55, Spirits from £2.00/35ml, Wines from £3.50/250ml and Starters from £2.95, Mains from £5.95, Desserts from £4.95

### Seafood Restaurant

**Thursday to Saturday Evenings 7pm to Late, Bookings Only**

Intimate setting overlooking the Bay; where the emphasis is on Scottish dining with a contemporary twist. Seasonally changed, the a la carte menu provides a fresh mix of Scotland's larder with a delicious variety of flavours. Starters from £4.95, Mains from £12.95, Desserts from £5.45.

### Chef's Carvery

**All Day Sunday from 12.30pm to 6pm Drinks to 8pm.**

Complete your Sunday Drive Out to Burntisland for all the family and dine in our carvery where chef will carve your selection from a choice of 4 roast meats, then add roast potatoes, new potatoes, 4 seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, pork crackling, stuffing, gravy and selection of sauces for £19.95 for a family of four [2 adults and 2 primary children]. UNDER FIVE'S EAT FREE.

### Somerville Suite

**Any Evening 7pm to 1am**

FREE use of the venue includes DISCO & PARTY PLATTERS minimum 80 guests guaranteed.

So you can invite all your friends: Anniversaries, Birthdays, Theme Nights, Fundraisers.

Working with local suppliers, we ensure the finest Scottish and seasonal produce is used throughout.

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Class fee £6.20

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## Bo Ho Chic Hair Studio

1a Rose Street, Burntisland

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