

# BURGH BUZZ

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## NEW SCHOOL? - HAVE YOUR SAY!



Burntisland has a proud tradition of providing education for its youngsters which can be traced back as far as the late 16<sup>th</sup> Century. In those early days the magistrates and the Town Council provided rudimentary facilities and performance of pupils and school masters appeared to be monitored by the Church – a latter day political and moral correctness police! The first Burgh School was situated to the west of the Parish Church Hall and in the mid seventeenth century had a roll of 300 pupils out of a population of 2,100. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the Burgh School moved to Mount Pleasant (top of the Palais Steps) and as the demand for education grew, was supplemented by two Church Schools – the break-away Free Church of Scotland School in Leven Street and the Episcopalian School next to the Parsonage (now the Pipe Band Hall). The existing school building opened in 1876 and over the years has existed as a secondary as well as primary school. For a period the infant department was moved to the Dollar Road Annex but moved back to the main complex following the introduction of comprehensive secondary education.

Over the last 137 years, there have been many additions and alterations to the Ferguson Place complex. However, most of the buildings are now over 100 years old and despite substantial upgrades, they are no longer fit for purpose. Some buildings cannot be used; others are damp or difficult to maintain; classroom, social, dining and PE facilities fail to meet acceptable standards. The time is long overdue to rebuild the school in its present location or to provide a new school on an alternative site. Not unlike the situation 400 years ago the Council, in this case Fife Council, is responsible for providing facilities for primary education in Burntisland.

In April 2008 a decision was taken to include a replacement school for Burntisland Primary in Fife Council's school development programme which is due for completion at the end of 2013/14 financial year. As a result, Council officials conducted a preliminary assessment of available sites, **in respect of the New Build options only**, and in October 2009 a report was produced. Some 13 possible sites were initially identified but after examination, 8 were deemed to have failed to offer viable development options. The remaining 5 sites were assessed in greater detail and graded according to suitability.

All of the shortlisted sites are larger than the present school site and could accommodate modern school designs which incorporate only 1 – 2 storey buildings with provision for PE, community use, car parking and other services. Amongst the many factors that were considered were site size and location, site ownership and ease of acquisition, site formation, planning constraints and transport issues. The impact on the community of taking over existing recreational and green space was also an important factor. Additionally, a refurbishment /re-build on the existing site has not been ruled out - it will be considered over the next few months as part of the preparation of a business case.

A consultation exercise has begun with a wide circulation of this report by email to interested parties. Having already discussed the report with the Primary School Parent Council, the Sports Group and the Toll Centre Management Committee, Council representatives briefed the February Meeting of the Burntisland Community Council. This proved to be a lively meeting with attending members of the public forcefully expressing mainly dissenting views and calling for a wider consultation process within the community. The Burgh Buzz is entering this consultation process and you, the Burntisland community, are being asked to give your views. **Fill in the form on page 23** - The results will be published in the next issue of the Buzz and passed to Fife Council through the Community Council.

## Editorial Comment

Judging by verbal feed-back, the first issue of the Buzz, under the new editorial team, has been reasonably well received throughout the community. During the next few issues we will be striving to improve the quality of presentation, content and distribution. The introduction of an element of colour and minor amendments to the overall design is a first step.

However, the structure and appearance of a document count for nothing if the content is shallow and dull. As well as reporting on the many varied activities of local organisations, particularly associated with young people, the team intends to focus on local issues which are likely to impact on the community – the re-provision of Burntisland Primary School is a case in point. The resolution of this issue will impact heavily on virtually every area and social organisation in Burntisland. You therefore, are invited to give your views; whether a parent, prospective parent, grandparent, pupil, former pupil, user of current social amenities that may be lost or merely a resident of an area likely to be affected. Your opinion does matter and the results will be collated and passed to Fife Council through the Community Council. You are invited to fill in the form on the inside of the back page and register your views.

A second issue which raises its head time and again is the request for volunteers and support from many community based organisations. As we approach the summer months and hopefully warmer weather, the requirement for help increases – the many activities organised by the Events Committee during Civic Week, the Highland Games, the Art Exhibition, The Toll Centre Organisations, The Heritage Trust, The Museum of Communications and even the delivery of this community paper are just a few of the groups and activities that you can become involved in. Participation can be fun and you can make new friends and help to build the foundation on which a strong community is based.

The Civic Week Committee has toiled tirelessly on your behalf and has drawn up a very impressive and varied programme, particularly in the marquee. They deserve your full support.

Finally, for those who have the equipment and ability to “surf the web”, a visit to Iain Sommerville’s recently, re-launched web site is a must. It is easy to use and full of information, old and new, about the community that you live in. It also has many useful links to other sites. Access details are on page 5.

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 Burgh Chambers. 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. A summary of issues raised during the last three meetings is set out below.

- Arrangements were made to enable 70 senior citizens to attend a Burns lunch hosted by ExxonMobil at Mossmorran.
- Four members visited the primary school to experience the current conditions first-hand.
- A walkabout on the High Street with members and officials of Fife Council helped to identify areas for remedial work which has now been carried out.
- Proposals are in hand to extend parking restrictions in Rose Street and to review parking restrictions in Kinghorn Road.
- Initial plans to close the A921 between Burntisland and Aberdour for up to 14 weeks have now been revised, with closure expected for up to 9 weeks.
- A sub-group has been established to focus on strategic projects which will impact the economy of the town. Of 30 projects considered, the priorities for action are:
  - (i) War memorial upgrade
  - (ii) Lochies viewpoint
  - (iii) A921 strengthening
  - (iv) Young Square development
  - (v) New school
  - (vi) Formation of Traders Association
  - (vii) Volunteers’ Fair
- Haugh Road drainage improvements
- Remedial work has been completed at Palais Steps, Lammerlaws steps and Broomhill Avenue garages.
- The school crossing officer at the Porte has been relocated to the nearby pedestrian crossing in order to improve overall safety.
- Work is in hand to complete the connection from Kirkton Drive to Kirkton Road, with appropriate traffic calming.
- A recent survey of traffic in Kinghorn Road gave a mean speed of 28mph. However, 30% of vehicles were travelling at over 30mph. Speed surveys will continue to be carried out, but Fife Council have no immediate plans for further traffic calming.
- Consultation has begun on a proposed eco-village, to include houses, walks, an education centre and allotments at the Widows’ Land.
- A proposal for allotments adjoining St Serf’s Church Hall has been welcomed.
- An objection has been lodged to plans for developing 40 houses West of Grange Road.
- Storm and flood damage to the Beacon, Lochies pier and Haugh Road put Fife Council and other agencies to the test. Fuller reports are awaited.
- Plans are in hand for wider public consultation on alternative options for a new school.
- 23 shops in the High Street have agreed to sponsor hanging baskets - a significant increase on the initial 10 from last year.
- Burntisland Heritage Trust reported that a committee room in the Scottish Parliament building has been named after Mary Somerville.
- The Police reported that a person had been promptly arrested and charged following a series of break-ins and much of the property was recovered.

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**YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**The Burgh Polis**



**By  
Sgt Edith Potter**

As explained in the last issue of this publication, Fife Constabulary commenced Community Engagement in February. The first two Community Engagement Meetings have taken place and members of the public attending have identified 3 issues which are of particular concern to them: anti social behaviour, illegal parking and speeding around Burntisland Primary School, and dog fouling.

These have since been tackled in various ways. The mobile CCTV van has been used to identify groups of youths drinking alcohol in more secluded areas and by using Police Officers on pedal cycles we have been able to confiscate alcoholic drinks. Experience has shown that successful operations of this kind have resulted in less anti social behaviour later in the evening.

We have increased patrols by local officers in the area of the school to address the parking problem and the speed gun has been used more frequently. As well as acting as a deterrent, persons caught exceeding the speed limit will be reported. We have regular liaison with Burntisland Primary School and have requested that a reminder is included in the School Spring Newsletter requesting parents who drop off and pick up children to be considerate to all and to park legally.

PC Keith Gibb, the Burntisland Community officer, has had contact with Fife Council Environmental Services to review the number of dog bins in the area. As a result 2 new bins have been placed at the Dock Gates, Harbour Place and Dollar Road, Burntisland.

These issues are very similar to many other areas in Fife but some residents may have different thoughts on the law and order situation in Burntisland. If so, Fife Police would encourage members of the public to attend locally organised meetings where we will listen to their views and ideas.

**We want to hear from you.**

**Next Meetings at the Toll Centre**

**7.30pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**7.30pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**THIS IS YOUR BURGH BUZZ.** Your comments, letters, articles and photographs are welcome. These can be submitted typed, handwritten or by e-mail to [billvida@sealscraig.plus.com](mailto:billvida@sealscraig.plus.com) or to **Bill Kirkhope, 39 The Wynd, Dalgety Bay, KY11 9SJ. (Tel 01383 822023).** Items for the Summer Issue by 21st July at the latest. Advertising enquiries should be addressed to **Morag Douglas, 73 High Street, Burntisland, KY3 9BD (Tel: 01592 871313 )** or e-mail [morag.davidson@btconnect.com](mailto:morag.davidson@btconnect.com). For Community Council matters, please contact **Alex Macdonald, Chairman ( Tel: 01592 873314).**





## Heritage Trust News

by  
**Ian Archibald**  
(Convenor)

Burntisland Heritage is commemorating a double celebration at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual summer exhibition this year. The Trust was invited by the Royal Society of London to participate in their 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2010. Across the UK the Royal Society are celebrating local scientific heroes, the pioneers, mavericks and geniuses, who for centuries have changed the way we live and see the world.

### **Burntisland's local hero is Mary Somerville.**

Coincidentally, and as part of Celebrating Fife the summer exhibition will feature a comprehensive display of over thirty other 'Famous People' with strong local connections confirming and highlighting Burntisland's wealth of 'people heritage'.

The main theme of the exhibition 'Reach for the Stars' focuses on the life of Mary Somerville. Mary spent her childhood in Burntisland and went on to become one of the most gifted scientists of the nineteenth century. In her life she was at the forefront of knowledge on philosophy, mathematics and astronomy. All of this at a time when education for women was discouraged. Despite this she went on to become a well respected figure within the "scientific" community. Her interests in simple hobbies, in her early years in Burntisland, exercised considerable influence on her life and pursuits. As such Mary Somerville has been used as an inspiration to young people and the heritage project has directly involved Burntisland pupils from Primary Six and Seven.

Members of the heritage group have been working with talks and science workshops at the school in partnership with Edinburgh University and the Museum of Communication. The classroom activity has led to the pupils making their own contribution to the exhibition. By way of a thank you for their involvement and contribution the Trust will be inviting the pupils to visit the Royal Observatory 'Skylab'. The mobile planetarium will be brought to the town in May and housed in the Young Community Hall for the day.

The exhibition will run from 19th June to 28th August 2010 at Burntisland Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate, Burntisland (just round the corner from the main door of the Burgh Chambers in the High Street). It will be open on Wednesdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Also available for viewing and browsing are videos and large collections of other types of historical material relating to the town's fascinating history. Admission is free.

### **Guided Heritage Trail Walks**

With the approach of the warmer weather, guided walks of the Burntisland Outer Heritage Trail have already started. These take place on the last Friday of the each month until September. They leave from the Heritage Trust office at 1.30 pm. and basically follow the perimeter of Burntisland, including the Binn. During the 3 hour hike, participants will learn much about Burntisland's rich historical and industrial past. Walkers should be reasonably fit, wear sturdy shoes/boots and clothes commensurate with the prevailing weather conditions.

Inner Heritage Trail guided walks commence on Wednesday 7th July and each Wednesday thereafter until the end of August. They leave from the Heritage Trust office at 2.00 pm and visit the Town Chambers, 16th Century Parish Church, Rossend Castle and historic landmarks in the centre of the town.

Participation in these walks is free.



## **CIVIC WEEK 2010 UPDATE**

by  
**Carol Kirk**

This year we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday – it's ten years since Fife Council devolved responsibility for the organisation of Civic Week to the community. Civic Week is also part of "Celebrating Fife 2010" which gives us a great opportunity to further promote all the good things in Fife and in our town.

In response to many requests from local people, we will have a Marquee on the Links this year. We feel it is a focal point for community celebrations, an attractive venue, and it encourages and attracts visitors. This year, from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June, it will host a new addition to Civic Week in the form of a "Burntisland Sounds Great" celebration of music (see page 17 ). This has only been possible due to a grant from "Celebrating Fife 2010" to support some of the event costs. This year, delivering the week's events will cost in the region of £8500 and so our focus in the past few weeks has been applying for help from a variety of funding sources. So far, Fife Charities Trust is sponsoring Radio Lollipop, and Briggs Marine, David Sands and the local Rotary Club have given generous donations. Pettycur Bay and the Kingswood Hotel have donated substantial raffle prizes. Hopefully other applications will be successful.

Music will be a common theme throughout the week, beginning with the Crowning of the Summer Queen, Fancy Dress Parade and the Party in the Park on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> June. The theme this year is "Music and Musicals" so all those aspiring pop stars, Cats, Oliver's, Marias etc. will have a chance to shine!!! Although all times are provisional, we plan to have the crowning ceremony at the Bandstand on the Links at 1pm. Then the Summer Queen will lead the Fancy Dress Parade along Kinghorn Road to the High Street and then back to the Links car park for a huge community party with Radio Lollipop, Burntisland Pipe Band, street performers and entertainers, the MAC bus and stalls manned by local groups – this should finish at about 3.30pm.

A full week's programme of varied events will follow, including a special performance by East Fife Male Voice Choir at the Erskine Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, a variety concert at the Toll Centre hosted by the Wednesday group on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a special evensong with the ABI singers at St Serfs, a family ceilidh at the Parish Church Halls and Burntisland's own Des and the Dingos will be playing live at the Star on the afternoon of Sunday 20th..

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**We want this to be a real community event so please support our efforts - the group is made up entirely of volunteers. Everyone can play a part – by volunteering to help out with stewarding or collecting, by encouraging children to dress up for Parade, by attending as many events as possible, by putting some money in the collection buckets, by buying raffle tickets, by keeping your fingers crossed for good weather!!! In addition, if anyone has a small caravan/campervan which they would be willing to lend us for security/box office purposes, please get in touch with any group member.**

**If you have any enquiries please contact the Secretary on 01592 872164 or email [carolkirk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolkirk@yahoo.co.uk).**



By  
**Alex. MacDonald.**  
Chairman

Local first aiders kicked off 2010 by delivering first aid training in Haddington. It seems a long way from Burntisland but it stemmed from a personal recommendation so we were keen to oblige. Such courses also help our charitable funds, which support our practical work throughout the year.

Nearer to home, we recently completed an evening course in Burntisland which saw 9 people gaining the "First Person On Scene" qualification at the Intermediate level. It means that their skills are among the highest in the voluntary sector.



The qualification could also form the basis of a Community First Responder Scheme, run by the Scottish Ambulance Service. Such a scheme could see our volunteers responding to some 999 calls at the same time as an ambulance is sent in the normal way. The benefit would be a potentially life-saving reduction in the overall response time. However, it will only work if there are enough volunteers to set up an on-call rota. We're looking actively at such a possibility right now, but it will depend on the number of volunteers who live in Burntisland, Aberdour or Kinghorn.

However, not everyone wants or needs to be trained to that level. We've delivered one-day courses in Burntisland and Kinghorn over the past few months. We've also received enquiries about tailoring courses for different organisations.

Everything depends on the kind of accident for which people want to be prepared. So what's the difference?

In a one-day course, people learn what to do in cases of cardiac arrest, unconsciousness or severe bleeding. In FPOS Basic, they learn how to deliver an electric shock to re-start the heart. They also learn much more about fractures and similar injuries. In FPOS Intermediate, they learn how to deliver oxygen



The team responds to a quad bike roll

or pain-relieving gas; how to remove a crash helmet safely and how to stabilise someone with a spinal injury.

All of those skills are applied in real life by our

voluntary members. Virtually every weekend between March and October will see us covering off-road motocross, quad-racing, equestrian or spectator events somewhere in Fife, Edinburgh or the Borders. If we're lucky, we might find ourselves returning to Mull for a lovely weekend supporting a 30-mile cross-country event. If the weather is kind, we might once again spend 17 beautiful hours covering the Edinburgh Moonwalk.

Whether it's training or practical service, everything we do depends on volunteers. Enquiries are very welcome about training, membership or first aid / ambulance cover for events. More information is available at [www.bfast.org.uk](http://www.bfast.org.uk).

Re-launch of Burntisland website:



By  
**Iain Sommerville**

[www.burntisland.net](http://www.burntisland.net)

I started my Burntisland website (Burntisland.Net at [www.burntisland.net](http://www.burntisland.net)) early in the year 2000. At that time there wasn't a great deal of online information available about Burntisland. The website has grown considerably since then, to nearly 500 pages. Much of the recent material has come from visitors to the site, and I'm very grateful to everyone who has contributed. The website currently has about 100,000 visitors a year.

By 2010 the website was 10 years old and showing its age, so I decided to make some improvements. The colour scheme was freshened up. The contents were reorganised and the menus improved. A guestbook and a more powerful search engine were added, both in-house. The new format website is now in place at [www.burntisland.net](http://www.burntisland.net).

Phase two of the overhaul will include improvements to the display of some of the photo collections, to make them more user friendly; and the provision of higher resolution copies of many of the images.

The website remains a personal hobby. However it has become - by accident, not design - Burntisland's main website. I've therefore been happy to include series of unofficial pages for Community Council and Heritage Trust activities. I also try to keep the local links page comprehensive and up to date. There is of course plenty of scope for new Burntisland websites. For the time being, I'll try to be as responsive to community needs as I can!

I should add that I am a Trustee of Burntisland Heritage Trust and the Burntisland Correspondent for the Fife Free Press.



**Opportunities Fife**  
connecting learning, skills and jobs

In its first two months, the 'Drop In' Service has had 27 visits from local people looking for advice on job vacancies, courses and funding.

'I was really pleased that the article in the last Burgh Buzz generated quite a few enquiries', reported Development Worker, Alison Hamilton. It is anticipated that numbers will gradually build up through word of mouth and wider marketing over the next few months. Every Friday from 10am to 12.30pm in a section of the Children's Library, Alison, or



one of her colleagues, is available to offer practical support in CV writing and application forms as well as up to date information. Visitors to the Library can, of course, use the computers for on line job search at any time.





By

Alex MacDonald.  
Chairman

Burntisland Development Trust has used its remaining resources to support a significant enhancement to one of the gateways to the town. Work on restoring the Station Building and converting it for use as business incubator units is nearing completion, thanks in part to funding from the Trust.

The project will enhance the approach to the railway station at Forth Place and also provide a base in which new and growing businesses can be located, helping to generate and protect local jobs.

However, the Trust has now approved an additional grant, subject to match funding. Phase 2 of the work will see the former Railway Social Club building also restored and converted to business incubator units. That grant was made possible because an earlier project – for business units at the Roundhouse car park – did not attract match funding in time.

Nothing is certain at this stage, but Fife Historic Buildings Trust has a strong track record of bringing buildings such as this back into use. The grant is time-limited and is intended to support a project which can be completed by July 2011.

Most importantly, there is a possibility that this development work will help to focus attention on the potential of the site for enhanced transportation and business purposes. Although the resources of Burntisland Development Trust will by then be exhausted, it is possible that other agencies will be stimulated to regenerate the station itself and bring parts of the East Dock back into productive use.

In the meantime, a modest amount of grant funding may be available for small projects and local groups are encouraged to discuss their proposals with the Trust's staff. At minimum, advice will be given on how and where to seek alternative sources of funding. Information is available from Ashley Birrell of Burntisland Development Trust on 01592 583260.



### Burntisland Blooms

By  
Sheila McGregor



Following the community council's successful project to introduce hanging baskets into Burntisland High Street last year, 24 shops and businesses in the High Street have agreed to sponsor the planting of a total of 28 hanging baskets. Funding applications to purchase the baskets and brackets for this project are ongoing but thanks go to "Celebrating Fife 2010" which has agreed to provide a very generous contribution towards this project to celebrate the year 2010.

A promise has been made to provide a further 6 larger baskets which will be located at the Burgh Chambers, Local Office and Police Station. These baskets will become part of the Community Council's Floral Enhancement (FE) containers and funded from the FE Grant.

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The Community Council's FE containers now total 22. Due to constant thefts and vandalism, the Linwell container has been moved to outside the Library. The hanging baskets at the Kinghorn, Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath Roads will be moved to provide a focal point at the railings in front of the Erskine Church.

I reported at the last Community Council meeting that, of the 160 spring bedding and bulbs that the Blooms Team had planted, only 1 had vanished. However, on leaving the Burgh Chambers that evening, we discovered that the shrubs planted to give balance to the displays had all been stolen; a cordyline from the Local Office container and 3 lavenders from the Library container. These thefts have been reported to the police. This is particularly galling to the Blooms Team as our aim is to enhance the environment but it appears that certain residents think our containers are 'free for all' to enhance their back gardens. Everyone in Burntisland who pays Council Tax contributes to the cost of these plants because they are funded by a grant from Fife Council.

Contact the local police if you see plants being stolen. Following a dire winter, Spring has started well with milder weather encouraging spring bulbs and plants to flourish. Wonderful displays of daffodils are in evidence throughout the town and lift the spirit as harbingers of what we all hope will be a marvellous summer. Here's hoping that this year continues in the same vein and that Burntisland continues to bloom.



### A New Dental Service in Burntisland "International Smiles"

If you are looking for a new smile then the professionals at International Smiles have the makeover you're looking for. They offer a complete range of high quality removable dentures, which include conventional, immediate, implant-retained, vanity (spare) and partial dentures at their newly opened state-of-the-art facilities at Burntisland, Livingston and Edinburgh.

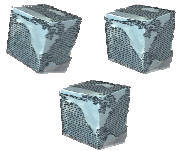
Alan Petrie and Robert Leggett are two of only four fully UK-trained and qualified clinical technicians in the United Kingdom and registered with the General Dental Council, receiving their professional qualifications from the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

International Smiles are the exclusive providers of Same-Day Smiles technology, a combination of patented and proprietary denture devices, materials and techniques developed by leading denture specialists in the United States and the UK. The technology helps cut down the number of visits and allows dentures to be delivered economically and quickly – sometimes in the same day.

International Smiles' goal is to be recognized as the number one provider of removable dentures in the UK. To this end International Smiles assures quality by using only Registered Professionals, their own in-house laboratories and materials, including branded acrylics and denture teeth.

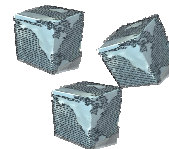
In addition they also offer implant consultations and treatments, a referral service for general practice practitioners, a complete range of orthodontic services and anti-snoring devices, bite splints and denture repairs.

Contact information is contained in the advert on page 9.



## **‘Silver Darlings’**

(A short story by Hamish Brown)



Ralph (he pronounced it ‘Raef’) Templeton, on one of his visits to Scotland on business, found himself heading to Burntisland to see Andrew Young’s amazing painting ‘The Bridge of Life’ in the one time courtroom of the old Burntisland council offices. Templeton was a well known sculptor in his own right but was really best known for running the two Beaufort Galleries, one off Piccadilly and the other in the Cotswolds where he lived, with ‘the finest outdoor sculpture collection in England’ (*The Connoisseur*). Not long back from China, he’d come to Scotland to meet Alexander Stoddart and visit the Kirkcaldy Museum and Art Gallery – he had been a fellow student of Martin Rayner. And the curator had mentioned the Andrew Young.

A few months earlier, Ralph’s wife had accused him of being ‘narrow minded and broad bottomed’ and offended, he had started a regime of running each day wherever he happened to be, which he did with his usual dedication. Having parked his Range Rover at the Links car park he set off that summer evening across the grass, under the railway and along the shore. Seeing the Black Rock he couldn’t resist making for it. (He got his feet thoroughly wet) Back, he kept round by the Beacon Swimming Pool (some Martin Rayner touches in that he didn’t know about) and on by the Lammerlaws to reach the harbour and, there he stopped amazed.

Through the wire he could see Wullie Johnston at work at a machine which was stripping off the outer sheath from scrap cable. That intrigued, but what really fascinated was a pile of silvery cubes, aluminium he supposed, but a weird mix of shapes and textures, often from tubing so the blocks looked like compressed collections of snakes. He saw their potential at once so went in to the scrap yard and approached Wullie Johnston. Wullie pushed the muffs up from his ears and switched off the noisy *Stenhouse Stripper*. “Aye?” he grunted.

Templeton was no fool and took his time and first got Wullie enthusing about his machines and what they did, like one Wullie quoted. ‘the Knowles cutter cuts through like butter’. Eventually they got round to the cubes. “Aye, yon’s the work o’ the *Sonheimer Press*.’ Templeton then expressed his interest in the cubes. “A curiosity you know. I don’t suppose you’ll sell me a few?”

Recession or not the answer would have been “Aye”. Wullie always needed money: he’d over invested in machinery. He thought of the price he sold them for. Worked out at about £10 a cube. But they’d not be lifted for a month yet and payment would be a month after that. If he said, say £8 and shifted one or two just now, no harm in that. But then this toff with his accent sounded as if a few quid would not harm him. Throwing caution to the wind and trying to sound casual he said, “£20 each”. Ralph was tempted to yell “Done!” at once, but hesitated. You should never appear enthusiastic. Wullie moved from foot to foot. Had he done himself out of a sale? Ralph gave an audible sigh. “OK.” It wasn’t worth bargaining; not at that price.

So he trotted off back along the High Street to fetch his Range Rover. He took three cubes and handed over £60 cash. Once he’d gone, Wullie closed the shop and headed for the Silver Tassie, thoroughly chuffed at his bargain. It wis aye guid tae pit wan ower the English.

Templeton was equally pleased and chortled as he headed off for the bridge and the long haul down the vile M6 for home. He actually did very little work on the cubes. They reminded him of bits of ice, the wreckage from a glacier snout, so he called the first piece he modified – ‘created’ – *Seracs I* and set it up in his own personal sculpture park. The other two went to London. He’d created a colourful brochure with the usual sort of artistic spin. Anyway *Seracs II* was soon snapped up by the Tate Modern no less, and a month later he had crated up *Seracs III* for its flight to the Pitsburg Museum of Fine Art. *Seracs II* he had sold for £10,000 and, because it was always good to put one over the Americans, *Glacier III* had gone for £15,000. The day it set off for Heathrow the business of William Johnston in Burntisland was taken into administration. Wullie Johnston was bankrupt.

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*Hamish Brown is a Burntisland writer, lecturer, photographer and hill walker particularly well known for his outdoor and mountain topics. Indeed, his 1978 “Hamish’s Mountain Walk” was recently reissued by Sandstone Press. Hamish’s interests and writing cover a plethora of topics ranging from the Atlas Mountains to the graveyards of Fife. Short stories trip off his pen.*

*Helen Mabon, a personal view, with some extracted information from a recent interview with Des, for The Burntisland Heritage Trust archive.*

## “Des and the Dingoes”

If you have never been to a night with Des and the Dingoes, I urge you to try it. They make every performance a party, their evident enjoyment embracing their audience. Des, is Des Linsley, founder and front man for more than half a century.

Their fan base spans 3 generations. Musicians have come and gone over the years but the essence of the band stays the same; its music, Des’s unchanging appearance....Jimmy on drums.....make it rock solid. It’s no surprise they’re still in demand for private functions as well as filling venues in Kirkcaldy, Burntisland and elsewhere.

In the late 1950’s Des and six other lads banded together, practising in a garden shed in Kilmundy Drive, playing skiffle, the teen music of the day. Their first performance was in the Parish Church hall, the location at that time for a plethora of youth activities. They called themselves ‘The Lonesome Hobos’ and with only six songs and the audience calling for ‘more’ they had to increase their repertoire fast. The line-up was, Des and John Seivwright (vocals), John Beavers (guitar), Walter Stenton (banjo), Ian Workman (*Worky*)/ Kenny McKerral (drums), Jimmy Kerr (T.chest). Another player – George Rough on the washboard, practised in the shed but never performed publicly. The Star (now the Cedar Inn), in Aberdour became their 1<sup>st</sup> residency but as Chuck Berry, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly, followed by the Beatles, Stones etc sent teenagers wild, the band became ‘The Dingoes’, an irresistible, raw, rock, reinvention.



### 1<sup>st</sup> band/Star Aberdour

Jimmy Kerr, Des, Ian Workman (Drums)  
John Beavers

### Crown Burntisland,

Danny Keenan, Andy Dobbin, Harry  
Carmichael (Drums), Jackie Alison  
Norrie Pender

### Present Line Up at the Star/Burntisland

Buddy Heaps, Jimmy Robertson, Des,  
Jimmy Glen

On the advice of Des’s cousin the band’s name was changed to ‘Des and the Dingoes’ in the early 1960’s, copying the format of many singer/band groups of the day.

National Service, marriage, family commitments, emigration, have all contributed to the constant flow of players. Andy Dobbin (Lead guitar), Norrie Pender (Rythum), Danny Keenan (Bass), Archie Henzell (drums), Jacki Allison (Sax and drums), Jimmy White (Bass), Allen Eadie (Drums) Ian Hynd (Bass), Jimmy Gregory (Bass), Jimmy Bryce (lead guitar), Les Main (Bass), Murray (*Bunn*) Cooke ( Lead guitar), J. Rob, Les Main (Bass), D. Clark, Wattie Robertson, all played at one time at a list of venues throughout Fife.

And who there, could forget the seductive sound from Jackie Hunter’s sax at a function in the Half Circle in 1978? Jimmy Robertson has been the drummer for nigh on 50 years (except for 2 years in the Merchant Navy). His pony tail and distinctive heart pumping drumming beat, are integral to the band.

There have been many ‘guest’ musicians, including Charlie Kilgour on piano, but most famous are Darrel Sweet and Dan Macafferty of Nazereth – Darrel famously covering a night’s performance when Jimmy was unwell. And then there was Mike Drummond - no one present whenever he did his wonderful, unforgettable, ‘Elvis’ take, can recall the scene without smiling.

Jiving too was a great participative and spectator sport in the late 1950’s early 60’s. Des was part of a jive team, rehearsing in the Parish Church Hall. They would hire a bus to different dance halls, the men in white square-cut jackets; the floor clearing for their performance. Edith Davies, who can still show how it’s done, was part of that team.

A list of managers and drivers have all played their part. Tam Given used a car and trailer to transport the band and its gear, with memorable results. One night they returned home from a booking in Dunfermline to discover some missing kit. Nothing was tied down and Jimmy’s drums had bounced out during the journey to be retrieved, thankfully, scattered along the side of the road.

Des had a near miss in the early ‘gung ho’ days, when he was electrocuted in Rosyth Dockyard club, the result of bad wiring. He had to be cut from the guitar strings and had badly burnt hands. Apparently, the audience thought it the best ‘live’ show they’d ever seen! As for female singers; there’s only ever been one. Marlene.... ? She came from a folk singing background and stayed for a couple of months before returning to her roots.

It’s a four man line up now – Des and Jimmy maintaining the band’s personality, with Buddy Heaps (Bass) and Jimmy Glen (Lead guitar). They are at such a professional level that there is no need to rehearse. New songs are added effortlessly from exposure to CD’s. Des insists it is simple stuff they do, but they’re pros and it shows.

I desperately wanted to ask if I could possibly, please, perform one number with the band, but on reflection, why jeopardise perfection.

Rock on Des! You’ve made so many people happy for over 50 years.





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## The Sting!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our first issue resulted in only one letter—an anonymous letter of complaint.

Editorial policy dictates that anonymous correspondence will not be published. However, should a letter writer who identifies him/herself request that his/her name be withheld, the letter will be published, provided the content is not considered offensive.

The editorial team value your views on anything associated with the town or this publication. Let's have them.



**Museum of Communication  
takes to the road !**

Although the latest exhibition will not be open until early May, the Burntisland based Museum of Communication (MoC) has been having a busy time!

In co-operation with Burntisland Heritage Trust (BHT), the MoC is celebrating the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of 'Local Hero' Mary Somerville. BHT's exhibition will concentrate on Mary's biographical details, whilst the MoC is adding Mary to the list of 'Great Scots who Changed the World'

Thanks to funding from the British Science Association, the MoC has been able to introduce Mary Somerville to schools with 'Stargazing' a young person's guide to the solar system and astronomy. As part of National Science and Engineering Week - an annual event which aims to encourage young people to consider careers in science and engineering - the 'Stargazing' Roadshow visited schools in St Andrews, Dunblane, Cupar, Oakley, Lochgelly and Auchtertool as well as the local school in Burntisland.

The Roadshow is an exciting new venture for the MoC and is proving to be very popular and rewarding. Others are planned, including 'Put That Light Out' which describes life on the Home Front during WW2. The Roadshows are designed to appeal to pupils in the P5 – S1 range and to be compatible with the experiences and outcomes of the *Curriculum for Excellence* (Sciences)



**Stargazing Burntisland Pupils**

Also hugely popular are the MoC's Goudie Lectures – a series of talks, which are held at roughly monthly intervals from February until October, usually on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Museum.

The talks commemorate the late Dr George Goudie, who was a founder-member of the MoC Foundation and its greatest benefactor. Without George's generosity, the Museum would not have been able to buy its permanent home at 131 High Street, Burntisland. Lecture topics vary considerably to appeal to as many tastes as possible!

The following are in the pipeline:-

- May 18: History of the Linoleum Industry (David Muncey)
- June 15: Mary Somerville (Dorothy MacMillan) (joint event with BHT during Civic Week):
- July: TBC
- August 17: History of Astronomy (William Taylor)

The admission charge of £3 includes light refreshments and a look round the exhibition and stores. As numbers are restricted to about 50, it is advisable to book your seat early. For further information, please contact either [mocenquiries@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mocenquiries@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01506 823 424.



**Rotary Club of  
Burntisland & Kinghorn**

The Club continues to meet at The Sands Hotel every Tuesday night where members continue to develop local and international projects under the motto "Service above Self". Recently, members have been involved in the Thanks for Life, Purple Pinkie campaign, an integral segment of the Rotary International Polio Plus campaign to rid the planet completely of that debilitating disease. Members worked closely with the three local primary schools to increase awareness of the need to eradicate Polio and raised over £1000.00 towards the international cause.

Continuing with local primary schools, the Club recently held the annual primary school quiz with Kinghorn PS emerging as winners. However due to a clash of dates, the runners-up, Burntisland PS team, will represent the Club in the district finals.

Fund raising and fun events coming up are:

- (i) The annual Plant Sale/Coffee morning held in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall on the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Very reasonably priced plants raised with the TLC that major retailers lack!
- (ii) Charity Golf Day at Burntisland Golf Club on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Entry £130 per team of 4. Includes golf, pre-round snack, post-game meal. Great prizes. Enter a team with Kevin Mitchell (01592 891442).
- (iii) A rare appearance in Fife of the Glasgow Phoenix Choir. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm at the Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy. Tickets (£10) can be purchased from the Club at 01592 267557 or from the Adam Smith Box Office. Money raised will be used to support local and international charities, including the Shelter Box project, so essential in natural disasters such as the recent earth quake in Haiti.

Meanwhile, the ever popular Rotary Rambles season is about to burst into bloom. Why not Spring into Summer and get right into the Burntisland Walking season? Burntisland has loads of excellent walks –get out and enjoy them.

Over the next three months the **School Walks** will take 70 eager-beaver youngsters from Burntisland Primary out to Kinghorn Loch and Craigenalt Ecology Centre; up The Binn; round the Monks Walk; and through the Bluebell Woods. And 25 keen-as-mustard kids from Aberdour Primary will take on the trek to St Bridget's Kirk; the high woodland walk along The Heughs; and Historic walk by castle, harbour and Hawkraig Point.

But you can do it yourself. Call in at the Library or at Jason's Newsagents for the laminated Rotary Rambles route cards – they give directions and maps for 6 of our classic local walks – or for the Medal Walks Leaflets – shorter walks in town. The cards and leaflets are free. Or join the Sunday Strollers, on the last Sunday of every month (see events diary page 22), or the Wednesday Walkabout, every Wednesday (meet 10.30 am at Links car park).

For further information call Bill Davidson on 01592 872555.

If you think that you like the sound of the club and what it does in the community why not get in touch, check out our website for further info: [www.b-k.rotaryweb.org](http://www.b-k.rotaryweb.org)

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# Summer Queen Backdrop Competition



1st Prize: Dylan Couper, age 10 of P6K



2nd Prize: Alexandra Briggs, age 7 of P2N



3rd Prize: Rhiannon Moore, age 11 of P7B

## The Competition

Following last year's successful competition to design the backdrop for Burntisland's Summer Queen Crowning, the organisers of the Summer Queen with the assistance of the Primary School Parent Council, were pleased to repeat the event.

There were many entries which made judging very interesting and after much deliberation the winning design was selected, drawn by Dylan Couper, age 10; 2nd place was awarded to Alexandra Briggs, age 7; with 3rd place going to Rhiannon Moore, age 11.

The organisers would like to thank all those who submitted entries for all their efforts. Many thanks also to Potter About, the Library and the Toll Centre for helping to collect the entries and the Burgh Buzz team for providing the prizes.

We look forward to seeing the full size design on 19th June at the Crowning of the Summer Queen on the Links.

### BURNTISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council last met on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April - a newsletter of our discussions will be published via the school. Parents are all aware that the school is being inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education in the week of 19<sup>th</sup> April - we look forward to being involved in this and to hearing the results. Parents Evenings were held late in March, were well attended, and the crèche provided by the school staff was very popular. Work is planned with Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve the wildlife garden - volunteers may be required, so hope many will come forward!

Unfortunately some of the work done to improve the school last year is already failing - damp has returned in Dallas building, the roof in Cromwell building continues to leak and the extra accommodation in the hut in the back playground will be fully occupied when 90 P1 pupils due to start in August (on average the intake is 60 each year). On going discussions continue about the New School - finding a suitable site remains a big issue.



Girlguiding Scotland

girls in the lead.



## *A Day to Remember*

On the 21 February 2010 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Burntisland and Kinghorn took part in a very special 'Thinking Day' celebration to mark the Girlguiding UK Centenary year. Those of you who have been involved with Girlguiding will remember that World Thinking Day is celebrated each year on the 22 February, as well as remembering our guiding friends around the world, we celebrate the birthdays of Robert and Olive Baden-Powell.



Our theme for the afternoon was 'One World, One Beat', an opportunity to explore the music and dance from countries around the world. A full programme gave girls the chance to learn Hawaiian, Salsa (thanks to teacher Jinti Wight Boycott for her support), Belly dancing and a Maori stick game. They also showcased their creative talents through craft work to complement these dances. Girls and leaders were then challenged to learn Line Dancing, our thanks to Rita Ferguson for teaching us this new skill.

The formal part of the afternoon started with representatives from each unit reading our Promise Prayer, the girls and leaders renewed their Rainbow, Brownie or Guide Promise and then relaxed to enjoy a very thought provoking presentation by guest speaker Gillian Paterson.

To mark this special Centenary event we were joined by parents and guests many of whom have, in the past, been involved with Guiding in Burntisland and Kinghorn. The girls made a special effort and the displays of memorabilia, and old photographs encouraged some recounting of old stories and reaffirming of old friendships over a cuppa and some delicious home baking.



Invited guests were treated to a demonstration of the newly acquired dancing skills and, if you were passing the Burntisland Parish Church Halls, you may have heard the music and laughter as everyone joined in the line dancing!

We would like to say 'thank you' to all who came along on the day and supported this event, and a very special thank you to all our dance and craft instructors.



## Burntisland ATC (775) Squadron

Since the last issue of the Burgh Buzz the Air cadets have been involved in many activities including the ones noted below.

**Gliding:** On the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 4 Cadets attended Gliding at 662 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RM Condor near Arbroath. The weather conditions were excellent with brilliant sunshine, no wind and snow on the ground. Each Cadet had 3 launches in a Grob Viking glider with an experienced pilot and gained their GIC1 certificate.

**Climbing:** 8 Cadets attended the climbing wall at 1370 (Leven) Squadron on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. The cadets were taught the safe use of climbing equipment and techniques by qualified staff from Leven Squadron, the cadets spent 4 hours climbing on the wall.

**Flying:** 5 Cadets attended 12 Air Experience Flight at RAF Leuchars on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Each of the cadets spent 25 minutes flying in a Grob Tutor T1 with an experienced pilot.

**Parents Evening:** On the 18<sup>th</sup> March the squadron held a parents evening at the Parish Church halls. The purpose of the evening was to allow cadets to give talks on the activities they have taken part in and to display some of the project work they have completed; also for the Squadron padre Alan Sharpe, to carry out an enrolment service for new cadets and for the commanding officer to present awards, certificates and make promotions. During the evening ex Adult warrant Officer Norrie Sneddon, his son Andrew and daughter in law Michelle along with their two children, presented the Squadron with the Ross James memorial shield in memory of Ross James Sneddon who tragically lost his life on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2004. The shield is to be presented to the best new cadet of the year.

The Air training Corps is open to both male and female cadets, so if you are between 13 and 17 you can join and take part in many activities including flying and gliding, adventure training, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sports and attending camps. The Squadron meets on a Monday and Thursday from 7pm to 9.30pm at the Unity Hall which is at the junction of Links Place and East Leven Street.

## Burntisland Out of School Service (BOSS)

BOSS is firmly established as a first class after school service for families in Burntisland. The committee are very proud of the standard set by Jill the coordinator and her staff, knowing their children are safe, happy and secure. One of the highlights at the end of last year was a visit from Sarah Brown and her boys to our coffee morning. It made the day particularly special for BOSS children, and it was a very well kept secret!

The April play scheme was very successful and although the children missed swimming at the Beacon, Jill managed to fill the gaps with equally energetic activities and a busy programme. Some of the activities included a visit to the lifeboat station at Kinghorn, a visit to Ravenscraig Park and beachcombing at Burntisland. There were also lots of indoor activities on offer, top of the list being the Pedal Buggies - great fun!

The group are hoping for a successful bid for funding to "Celebrating Fife 2020". This would support craft tutors for the summer play scheme. The committee are very excited about this project so - fingers crossed! The Summer play scheme operates for most of the school holidays and leaflets will be distributed nearer the time.

The group is fully constituted and all staff are registered with Care Commission. For more information regarding BOSS contact Jill Ross coordinator. Toll Centre 01592-872854 between 2-00pm and 6-00pm



By

Dave Mitchell

The Burntisland Scout Group continue to provide unique opportunities to local boys and girls from the age of 6 to 14 and are now starting an Explorer Unit, for youngsters aged 14-18 years old. The activities of the different sections are many and varied including a Cub Camp held at Crook of Devon during the Easter Holidays, a Scout Camp at Wemyss Firs where many of the scouts slept overnight in very flimsy emergency shelters and a visit by the Scout Troop to Fordell Firs where the youngsters were able to attempt the climbing wall as well as showing off their archery skills.

Plans for the next session are well under way with the Beaver Colony planning a visit to an Island, the older Cubs and younger Scouts joining together for an exciting joint camp together with other Scottish Units at Fordell Firs and the Scouts preparing to take part in Norjam 2010 International Jamboree in Norwich.

But that's not all - these activities are also complemented by a packed weekly programme. If you're aged 14 - 18 and are keen to have fun, make friends, learn new skills and explore new challenges, then let us know - for more information about Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers - contact Dave Mitchell on

Tel: 01592 873714 or

Email: [dave@kdyscouts.com](mailto:dave@kdyscouts.com)



## Project Trust South Africa 2010: Update

A big thank you for all the support & encouragement Mary Stuart has received so far for her gap year with Project Trust - living and working within the local community as an assistant outward bound instructor.

Thank you for everyone who came to her coffee morning and to those who have given generously despite the difficult economic times.

By the time you read this Mary will have completed her sponsored walk which is expected to raise approx £500 towards the £5000 required by July.

She is still collecting old mobile phones which will be recycled or reconditioned for use/re-use in developing countries. For each phone she will receive a donation. Freepost envelopes are available from Fair Shares, 128 High Street, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10-4pm.





## **Burntisland Golf House Club**

By  
Dugald Carstairs

Golf at Burntisland is now well into its fourth century, but the Burgh Buzzers of yesteryear just wouldn't recognise the place now. There is no doubt that modern equipment has improved the ability of the players generally; it has also made a great improvement to the upkeep of the course itself, which is just coming into its fine early spring condition. A new "iron" acquired last year is making the greens a treat to putt on. Membership places are available in all categories – if you've been inspired by the Masters, why don't you come along and try the local alternative? Under 12s are free and we've got a range of payment options to suit most people. The course at Dodhead has an impressive pedigree:

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In 1894, 4-time Open Championship winner Old Tom Morris reported: "I went over the ground at High Bents on Saturday and my opinion is that it would make a first class golf course. The reason I say this is because the nature of the ground is nice and wavy, which makes it all the more suitable for golf."

Laid out by the equally famous Willie Park Jnr. (who was also responsible for Sunningdale, used for the Senior Open last year and Olympia Fields – used for the US Open in 2003)

The Burntisland Golf Company Ltd was formed to raise the £4,000 necessary to acquire the land, 2-time Open Championship winner Willie Park Jnr. of Musselburgh was engaged as designer (on the recommendation of Old Tom Morris) and in 1897, the first nine holes opened for play. On 1<sup>st</sup> May 1898, the year Burntisland Golf House Club was formed, the full 18 holes opened for play. The Burntisland Golf Club – the Old Club, 10<sup>th</sup> oldest in the world – continues to play over the Dodhead links.

Redesigned by James Braid (Gleneagles Kings and Queens amongst many others)

James Braid, 5-times Open Championship winner, did some redesign work in 1922. Minor alterations have been made since that time.

All of which helped a local team to win the McIntosh Winter League, played against other local clubs. The winning team will shortly represent the local area against a St Andrews team to determine who will be champions of the whole of Fife. We're proud of them all here at Dodhead.



"Well, they did say that the new school was going to be close to the docks"



## **The Swimming Club**

By  
Kathy Turner

Next year, 2011 will be the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Burntisland Swimming Club. The Club was founded in August of 1886, when the Lorne Club, a flourishing Edinburgh swimming club of the day, chartered a steamer and sailed up from Trinity with 150 members to put on a demonstration of competitive swimming, diving and life-saving, held in the harbour at the West Breakwater. This was so well received, that a local club was formed and within a week B.A.S.C held their first competition at the West Breakwater for the Captaincy of the Club. The full title of the Club was, as it still remains today :- *BURNTISLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY*, the 'Humane Society' reflecting the great interest in life-saving.

Although the Club has seen many changes within these years, now enjoying the luxury of training in an indoor pool! It is still a competitive club with a strong teaching element and a warm and welcoming social atmosphere. In October last year, 30 people ventured to Lignano in Italy for a training camp. It was a wonderful opportunity for the youngsters to improve their swimming and enjoy time sightseeing in Venice. Presently swimmers from the Club are competing in the Novice and Fife Leagues and achieving some great results. In June, the Club holds the annual Civic Week Championships, with all members competing in backstroke and freestyle sprints.

BASC welcomes new members from age 5 upwards. Anyone interested in joining the Club can get further details from [www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk) or by coming to the Beacon Leisure Centre on a Tuesday evening.

**Post article note:** As the Beacon Pool will be closed until May as a result of the flooding, alternative training has been arranged for Club members at other local pools.

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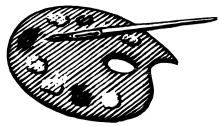
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**The Erskine** by  
**Art Group** Gordon R

The **Erskine Arts Group** came into existence some ten years ago when Caryl Candlish, a well known local artist, started up an Arts & Crafts group at the Toll Centre. The group thrived at the Toll but in 2004 it moved to the Erskine Church hall which offered better light and improved facilities.

Caryl continues to mentor the group (ages between 40 and 80 plus) in Monday morning workshops commencing at 10 o'clock. Every four weeks or so a local Artist is invited to give a Painting Demonstration and members are offered the chance to exercise their skills in a variety of artistic media – watercolours, oils, acrylic, pastel and charcoal.

Occasionally, the group sketches and paints at outside locations such as Aberdour Castle but such outings are very much weather dependant. Visits have also been made to the East Neuk where the group has enjoyed garden workshops and visited the homes of local artists to view their work.

Between 24<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August the Group will organize the Annual Arts and Craft Exhibition in the Upper Library Hall. This exhibition offers local artists and craftspeople the opportunity to display and sell the fruits of their labours.

Application forms to participate in the exhibition are available in the Burntisland Library and should be returned by 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Over the years the exhibition helped to bring many people in the town together and show that 'Burntisland has Talent' Let's hope we can build on this success and maintain their high standing in the community.

**The Toll Centre**

**Burntisland's Big Day Out**

The Toll Centre Management Committee are planning a Big Day Out at the end of August in which local organizations will be able to promote and showcase their activities.

It is envisaged that all areas of the Toll Centre (inside and out) will be used and several organizations have already expressed an interest in taking part. Suggested activities are

- First Aid Demonstration
- Wednesday Club Choir
- Martial arts display
- Local bands performing
- Local businesses promoting local goods.
- Bar B Q

If you are part of an organisation that would like to get involved please contact [Jane.Hoggins@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Hoggins@fife.gov.uk) or phone Toll Centre on 01592 872854.

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In the meantime the Toll Centre remains the hub of a tremendous variety of activities involving the very young to the most senior members of the Burntisland community: A daily morning Playgroup for Toddlers, a valuable Out of School Service for children of working parents (page 14), a Children's Club, a Youth Club, Gymnastics and Taekwon-Do classes, computer classes for "mature students", and musical jam sessions for the "less mature" students are but a few of these activities.

Forthcoming activity highlights are contained in the Events Diary but attention of readers is drawn to the Annual General Meeting of the Centre on the evening of Wednesday 30th June. All are welcome to attend and volunteers to serve on the Management Committee will be made most welcome.

**"The Wednesday Club"**

A reminder that the group meets on the second and third Wednesday of the month between 7-00 pm and 9-00 pm in the Toll Centre. The club is reaching the end of its sessions for this year however, there are still lot's of exciting things in the pipeline until we resume in September. On Wednesday 12th May we have Joy Aitken with her Highland Dancers entertaining us, then on Saturday 15th of May the group are looking forward to an outing to North Berwick then back to Burntisland for tea at The Sands. June sees the launch of the "Wednesday Club Cook Book" with recipes and anecdotes contributed by the members, this is supported by funding, in part from "Celebrating Fife 2010" with a huge commitment from Donald at the Toll Centre who has helped put it together.

Although the group officially finishes in May we do have one or two other dates for our diary. As part of the Civic Week celebrations we are holding a summer concert on Wednesday 23rd June "Wednesday sounds Good" a night of laughter, music and song, the concert was a huge success last year. We are hoping for the same this year, tickets will be available from group members and at the Toll Centre.

For information regarding the "Wednesday Club" contact the Toll Centre - 872854.

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**Over 70s Christmas Treat**

Following the success of last year's Christmas treat, fundraising is already well under way for this year which we hope to make better than ever.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April we held a coffee morning in the Young Hall which was a great success and raised £290. The committee would once more like to thank everyone who attended and contributed for their continued support.

Preparations for the 2011 calendar are now well underway. The theme for this year's calendar will be celebrating Burntisland and will showcase a selection of the activities and events that take place in the town. The calendar will as always be launched at the Civic Week parade day and will also be on sale at a variety of outlets throughout the town at the usual price of £5.00.

Finally the committee has put in an application to "Celebrating Fife 2010" for some extra funding which will allow us to enhance the entertainment on offer at the treat so watch this space for more information.



## **"BURNTISLAND SOUNDS GREAT"**

To round off Civic Week, a musical feast to appeal to all age groups and musical tastes will be held in the Marquee from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.June.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

### **FIFE FOLK & FUN**

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**Scalded Cats:** Jim Hyndman and Bob Aimer, two of Fife's foremost musicians, present a mix of Blues, Scottish, Irish, Cajun, Bluegrass music with tremendous skills on a range of instruments.

**7.30 - 11pm Admission (£8 )**

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

**10am. – 11am** Maisie and Burntisland born, children's author Aileen Paterson will meet youngsters for a magical storytelling event.

**Admission £1**

**11am** A skateboarding competition will be held at the skate park to celebrate the recent opening of the new facility.

**Admission Free**

**12-4pm "Midday Metal"** To promote and encourage talented, young local musicians, the Marquee will host a young bands event which we hope will be supported by lots of local youngsters.

**Admission £1**

**8pm - midnight. The Civic Week Dance with Joe's Band,** which is legendary and needs no introduction. Our only word of advice would be to snap up tickets as soon as these are announced.

**Tickets £10 - Licensed.**

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

**1-4pm "Eco-friendly Fifers"** a celebration of all the worthwhile initiatives in the town with lots of advice and inspiration, activities, workshops and entertainment, local produce and crafts on sale. Free event

**6-7pm "Praise on the Links"** Christian band, powerful songs, worship and drama.

**7.30-9pm Scout Group Sing-along** Participate and have fun. Refreshments, tombola, cake and candy.

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## **The Shipyard AFC**

By  
Andrew Beveridge

After the turn of the year very little football was played due to the inclement weather, with only one match being played in January and two in February. The club has suffered mixed fortunes in recent matches but, feel we are heading in the right direction. Indeed, Billy Whitehead has been given the manager's position on a permanent basis after impressing the committee with his attributes.

The club is delighted to announce entering into a partnership with the **Samaritans** organisation. It is a great honour for Burntisland Shipyard AFC to be associated with such a well known national and crucial public service. It is hoped that promoting the Samaritans through football can create more awareness, particularly among young men, about the help they can receive by contacting the organisation. The club will be displaying banners at home matches and having a link on the club website, providing contact details for anyone who feels the need to speak to someone, in confidence, regarding issue's in their life that may be troubling them.

Once again the club have invested in Youth Development, spending a considerable sum in registration fees for the kid's participation in the Fife Soccer Sevens Development Association at Pitreavie, assisting coaches in attaining their coaching badges and also the purchase of equipment for training purposes. The 99's group have started well at Pitreavie winning their first four matches 18-1, 11-1, 7-1, and 4-0, the coaching staff are delighted with the progress made. The 00s and 01s group played a friendly match against Raith Rovers and recorded a fine 6-2 victory. The 02's group in their first season at Pitreavie, who have been sponsored by **Myrtle Coffee Services**, have also started well, winning three games, losing two and drawing one. Coach Alan Cooper has commented on how much the kid's are enjoying participating in this venture.

### Forthcoming Events

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of May the club will be holding the annual player of the year awards night at the **Inchview Hotel**, Burntisland. On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June the club are again delighted to host the town's annual Civic Week 5 a-side competitions for the youngsters.



## **Blood Donations 12 New Donors**

At the donor session on 15th March, Keith Jamieson and Richard McAuliffe received their **SILVER GILT** award for their 50<sup>th</sup> donation. Susanne Sharp received a **BRONZE** badge for 10 donations. Out of 92 attendees a total of 76 donated of which 12 were new donors.

The next donation session will take place in the Parish Church Hall on Monday 12th July (2pm - 4 pm) and (5pm - 7.30 pm).





**By  
Rev. Jim Neil**

Easter Day in Erskine was a very happy time with a good turnout of visitors to add further joy to the occasion. At Easter the Young people of the United Free Churches throughout Scotland join together to fund-raise for a chosen project which last year provided a travelling dentists bus to serve remote and poor communities in northern Brazil. An amazing £13,000 was raised. This year's effort is to bring aid to North Korea's most vulnerable citizens. With that in mind the Sunday School is arranging a home-spun concert evening on Friday 7th May at 7pm. It is meant to be fun-raising as well as fund-raising. It would be great if the community could drop in and help the young people realise as much as possible for this year's project.

The Erskine Association has arranged a bus outing on Thursday 27th May to Perthshire taking in an informative stop at a distillery (and more!).

It has been good to see some new faces (parents and toddlers) at the Light-Bite (Wednesdays 9.15am – 10.15am for tea and toast and friendship.

The Christianity explored course started in February with 10 attending. Discussions generated are lively and interesting. The Healing Rooms too have got off to a smooth start on Thursdays (7.30pm-9pm). Each week requests for prayer are received and news of people feeling genuinely better in themselves does filter back to the group of volunteers giving them cause for much joy.

### **Burrtisland Churches Together**

Whilst each church had its own Easter celebrations those that were shared were happy and blessed

occasions. The Easter procession through the town, on Palm Sunday 21st March, linking the churches and places of religious significance was attended by around 50 dedicated walkers – they had to be to take on the blustery elements and occasional outbreaks of rain. The sounds of the pipes kept heads high and spirits up. The occasion was rounded off with hot drinks and hot-cross buns. Services on the Binn and on the Beach on Easter morning were attended by more dedicated walkers and worshippers on a not so brilliant morning weather-wise. But these were meaningful services as the events of Jesus resurrection were remembered and celebrated. A cooked breakfast at Erskine brought both groups together to round off a well spent morning.

As the churches look to the summer they will be playing their part in Civic Week – indeed the local churches see it as their duty to be more engaged with community events and not simply their own activities. Some of the events that the churches will be hosting in June around the Civic Week are:-

- (a) A concert in Erskine featuring the East Fife Male voice choir.
  - (b) A Ceilidh in the Parish Church Hall
  - (c) A 'Praise on the Links' Service
- Plans are now gathering

momentum for another Summer Mission led by Scripture Union with the local churches supporting. Those interested in helping in the Summer Mission led by Gavin Thomson and Christ Beattie (a new local Youth Worker engaging with schools and churches), are encouraged to attend the Team Meeting on Monday 10th May at 7.3pm in the Erskine Church. The Summer Mission Programme will run from 9th-13th August in Erskine Church with full programmes running morning and afternoon for children and events planned in evenings for teenagers at Solid Rock in the High Street.

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**By  
Canon Val Nellist  
Rector**

St Serf's, along with the wider Church joined in the solemnity of commemorating the events of Holy Week. Christ's entry into Jerusalem to great acclamation through to confrontation with the Temple authorities, the Last Supper with his disciples, betrayal, arrest, abandonment, trial, execution by crucifixion and burial. Then came the joyous Easter celebrations recounting the empty tomb and the appearance of the risen Lord to his frightened disciples. This is the most important season of the Church's year because if, as we believe, these things truly happened then huge possibilities for change have been opened up. The new life the disciples saw and touched in Jesus is made available to all and that was demonstrated in the lives of those formerly fearful disciples, in their new ability to share the joy of what had happened to them. It is still demonstrated today among the ordinary members of our churches here in Scotland, in lives changed, in joyful Easter celebration and in lives given to service in various ways for the greater good of the community.

Our next major celebration at St Serf's will be for the Feast of the Ascension with a sung Eucharist at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, then on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the Feast of Pentecost and the remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit on those first disciples. Because music is part of our tradition, our contribution to the Civic Week festivities will be a special Sung Evensong at 5pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. There is always a welcome awaiting newcomers at St Serf's and we don't mind whether you sit or stand or kneel to join in worship. Children are welcome too and the older ones already in our midst participate as readers, choir

members and servers. Check out our website for news and information

[www.stserfs.org.uk](http://www.stserfs.org.uk)

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**By  
Father Paul Capaldi**

It's been wonderful to be celebrating our second Easter in our recently refurbished church. Our celebrations from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday have really been extra special with our extra accommodation, piazza and car parking. We had a wonderful outside celebration on Palm Sunday, walking with joy through the grounds, re-enacting the journey of Jesus into Jerusalem. The high point of our Mass of the Last Supper, on Thursday of Holy Week, was Father Paul washing the feet of 12 parishioners to remember the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus. At the end of Mass we walked in procession to the hall, remembering the journey to the Garden of Gethsemane. Our Easter Vigil started in our piazza before our huge bare cross, draped in purple. We lit our candles on the new fire, as Father Paul led us into the darkened church singing songs of joy.

There are many ways of stating the meaning of Easter. The way I prefer is this; Easter means that the best things in life will never be lost. Those first followers of Jesus had found in Him their highest hope and their deepest faith. God knows that most of them... left everything at once and followed him. To them Jesus represented everything that life ought to be.

He was Love.. He was courage.. He was Kindness. He was integrity. He was truth. He was the best of everything

On a fateful Friday afternoon the followers of Jesus, saw their highest hope and their deepest faith wrapped in a winding sheet and placed

in a tomb. But early in the morning on the first day of the week, they went to that tomb... and found it empty. He was alive again, and so were their hopes and dreams

Easter means that the best things in life will never be lost. All the things that Jesus represents are here to stay for ever.

This is a very practical matter. We have a great need for this kind of faith in this increasing secular society, with a British government which is increasingly anti human life in all its forms This is the society we live in as Catholic Christians. We need this faith in our work and ministry. In all our effort to be better people and build a better world, we need to know that our investments of time and energy will not be lost.

*St Paul said... let your thoughts be on heavenly things, and not on things that are on earth.... When Christ is revealed... and he is your life you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.*

We are reminded of the practical implication of Easter.... That every investment we make in the cause of Christ is permanent. It will still be here when we are gone, reaping benefits and paying dividends when the sun and moon and stars have passed away. We need to know that it will encourage us and sustain us in our daily work

Easter means that the best will never be lost.

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**By  
Rev. Alan Sharp**

Easter is the biggest event in the church calendar. You may have noticed the 30 or so wooden crosses in people's gardens around the town during Holy Week and wondered why we do this.

With all the fun of chocolate eggs and fluffy chicks and bunnies, it's easy to lose sight of the enormity of what God did for us that very first Easter, and so the crosses

are a reminder to us of the extent of God's love for us, and for the world He has put us in.

Apathy, hopelessness and despair are all too common in people's lives these days, but Christianity offers a different perspective, one that brings new hope, and that changes lives for the better. And so, leading up to Easter Sunday, we remembered and celebrated in different ways.

On Palm Sunday we remembered how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem, by crowds shouting 'Hosanna – blessed is the Son of David', and the churches joined together for our Palm Sunday walk around the town. On the Thursday we celebrated communion in a joint service at the Erskine church, re-enacting the last supper of Jesus with his disciples. On Good Friday we recalled how Jesus was arrested, and nailed to the cross to die, even though no charge could be found against Him. And on Easter Sunday, with early morning services on top of the Binn and on the beach, and in morning worship in the town's churches, we celebrated the fact that Jesus is raised up alive from the dead, and offers us forgiveness and new life..

These events are not just at the centre of the Christian faith, they are important for everyone. In a world that can sometimes seem cold and loveless, we are assured of God's love for us. In a world where death is feared and much time and effort is put into trying to cheat it, we are assured of eternal life because God's son died for us and came back to life. In a world where many are lost and lonely, we are assured that God goes to infinite lengths to find us, and promises to stay with us. And in a world where anger, hatred and bitterness sometimes seem to have the upper hand we are offered a different way, the way of love, forgiveness and healing. Surely this is worth remembering and celebrating!

During Civic week – look out for our Praise on the Links service in the marquee and Ceilidh in the Church Hall.

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By  
**Donna**

**Cool Burntisland** community project (run by SCI at the Earthship) started April 2009 and will run until March 2011. The project has been raising awareness, supporting the local community and teaching practical skills to assist people to make positive lifestyle changes, both individually and collectively to reduce carbon emissions. During the first year we have attended community events and visited local groups to gain an insight into people's understanding of climate change, what they value most within their communities and what support they feel SCI could provide.

We found that people are concerned about the lack of local amenities and the need for regeneration in the town. They also requested advice on grants for insulating their homes and money saving tips. In response, the SCI organised a number of activities and events which included: a very well attended "Buy Local Christmas Fare", an evening to teach people how to become more energy efficient, recruiting energy-efficiency aware "Carbon Busters", and liaising with the primary school in spreading the energy efficiency message amongst all of the pupils.

We hope that many more can come along and enjoy the FREE events & activities we have planned for Spring 2010. Full details on our website [www.coolburntisland.org.uk](http://www.coolburntisland.org.uk), look out for our posters & flyers.

(e) eco-housing . and  
(f) Community Land Trust to manage the land for future generations.

It is envisaged that the education centre and land-based activities will be used by local nurseries, schools, after-school groups, community groups, family groups, as work places and in adult education.

A community consultation meeting was held on February 6th in the Toll Centre, and attendees were mainly residents of the two estates adjacent to the proposed development. As a result of concerns expressed regarding landslide history and the dangers of building on a steep slope, an initial structural survey of the site has been arranged. A further presentation was given to a recent meeting of the Community Council at which further reservations were expressed by members of the public. Workshops have been carried out over a 3 week period at the Burntisland Primary School where the children of P4K designed and built models for the eco education centre. Their models are being displayed at the town Library from March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>. For further information please contact Paula Cowie [paula@sci-scotland.org.uk](mailto:paula@sci-scotland.org.uk)



**BURNTISLAND FAIR TRADE GROUP**

By  
**Bruce Stuart**

What did you do for Fairtrade Fortnight in Burntisland? Well the honest answer is not a great deal! Not quite the answer I like giving but....**We could do with a little help!**

We are currently looking for new members for our Fair Trade Steering Group. The time commitment is small (or Large – it's up to you) – a few meetings per year & a couple of fundraising events to promote Burntisland & Fair Trade. If you can offer a little time to help please let Bruce or Sarah in Fair Shares know. Having said that, we have been pretty busy "behind the scenes". We have been involved in a Palestinian Olive (Oil) Producer visit to Fife with the Scottish Fair Trade Forum. Burntisland was not visited this year however Dunfermline & Glenrothes were lucky enough to receive a visit. We are assisting Dalgety Bay set up a steering group to move forward towards Fair Trade Town status.

We are working with the Scottish Fair Trade Forum to help make the final push towards Scotland becoming a Fair Trade Nation.!



**Ecology Centre Granted Planning Permission**

By  
**Rhona**

The future of community and environmental education based at Kinghorn Loch looks to be assured with the granting of planning permission for a new building to house The Ecology Centre.

Chairman Tony Payne was delighted with the news and thanked the many groups and individuals who supported the application.

'We are very pleased with this outcome and the support that we have had, and we will continue to talk to local people about this development as it progresses. It is very important that we make this a place for people to be proud of and that we do this while improving the biodiversity of the area.'

The Ecology Centre works with thousands of young people and volunteers every year as well as encouraging public access. It will be a key part of the development to ensure that this continues.

**Ecology Centre Walking Group**

The Ecology Centre is looking to start a walking group based at Craigencait. Initially the walks will utilise the footpaths around the site and in time expand out onto the many and varied paths in the surrounding area, including Kinghorn village Further information can be found at

[www.theecologycentre.org](http://www.theecologycentre.org)  
If you are interested in joining us please telephone: 01592 891567 or email: [admin@theecologycentre.org](mailto:admin@theecologycentre.org)

**TO ALL LOCAL FISHERMEN**

By  
**Paul Briscoe**

A recent article (April 15th ) in the Fife Free Press concerned a Burntisland pet owner, Kate Both, whose dog, Rory, had swallowed a discarded fish hook while she was walking on Burntisland breakwater. This incident highlights the dangers that the inconsiderate disposal of fishing tackle, including hooks and nylon line pose, both to local pet owners and indeed wildlife and birds.

The pain and suffering, not to mention the expense of veterinary care, that this thoughtless practice incurs could be remedied by fishermen taking a little bit of thought and care in disposing of these potentially harmful items. I'm an angler myself and would appeal to fellow anglers to think about the pain and suffering that can be caused by careless disposal of their tackle. The breakwater is a local amenity, enjoyed by all. Let's all be a bit more thoughtful and dispose of tackle safely.

**Widows Land Proposal**

*Sustainable Living Model in Burntisland?*

By **Paula Cowie**

A possible site has been found for a proposed ecovillage in Burntisland. It is a south-facing, sloping site within walking distance of the train station. The site is known as the Widows Land and sits on the east boundary of the existing settlement, behind Livingstone Drive. The Ecovillage proposal includes:

- (a) An environmental educational centre for indoor & outdoor learning.
- (b) Allotments & community food growing projects
- © Local employment
- (d) Woodland walks.



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# Events Diary

<b>MAY</b>		
Monday 3	Police Community Engagement Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.30 pm
Friday 14	Community Council Meeting, Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 15	Rotary Club Plant Sale/Coffee Morning— Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 am
Tuesday 18	Lecture at MoC—History of the Linoleum Industry	7.30 pm
Friday 28	Outer Heritage Trail Walk - from the Heritage Trust Office	1.30 pm
Sunday 21	Sunday Strollers - Grange Hill & Kinghorn Loch – Doo Dells car park, Kinghorn. 2.00 pm	2.00 pm
Saturday 29	Coffee Morning at St Serf's Church Hall	10.00 am—Noon
Sunday 30	Sunday Strollers - Ravenscraig & Dysart – from Ravenscraig Park car park, Kirkcaldy.	2.00 pm

<b>JUNE</b>		
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Friday 11	Rotary Club Charity Golf Day at Burntisland Golf Club	12.30 pm
Friday 11	Community Council Meeting, Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 12	Rotary Club Concert – Glasgow Phoenix Choir—Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy	7.30 pm
Tuesday 15	Lecture at MoC - Mary Somerville	7.30 pm

### Civic Week

Friday 18	East Fife Male Voice Choir at the Erskine Church	
Saturday 19	Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition opens	11.00 am
Saturday 19	Crowning of the Summer Queen at the Links	1.00 pm
Saturday 19	Fancy Dress Parade - afternoon following the Crowning Ceremony	
Sunday 20	Five a s Side Football for Youngsters at Shipyard Park	
Sunday 20	Des and the Dingoes at The Star Beer Garden	3.00 pm
Sunday 20	Evensong at St Serf's featuring the ABI singers	5.00 pm
Tuesday 22	BASC Civic Week Sprints at the Beacon Pool	6.15 pm
Wednesday 23	Variety Concert at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Friday 25	Outer Heritage Trail Walk - from the Heritage Trust Office	1.30 pm
Friday 25 }	<b>Burntisland Sounds Great</b> in the Marquee (See page 12.)	All day and evening
Saturday 26 }	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	All day and evening
Sunday 27	Piping the Marches - from the Links Car Park	2.00 pm
Wednesday 30	Toll Centre AGM	7.30 pm

<b>JULY</b>		
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Monday 3	Police Community Engagement Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Wednesday 5	Start of weekly Inner Heritage Trail walks - from Heritage Trust Office	2.00 pm
Friday 9	Community Council Meeting, Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Monday 12	Blood Donation at the Parish Church Hall	2.00 pm—4.00 pm and 5.00 pm—7.30 pm
<b>Burntisland Highland Games</b>		
Monday 19		
Sunday 25	Sunday Strollers - Seafield and Drink between - from Nethergate Car Park, Kinghorn	2.00 pm
Friday 30	Outer Heritage Trail Walk - from the Heritage Trust Office	1.30 pm
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## Local Data!!!

Information on local community organisations and related contacts is held at the Public Library and is available on request.

To keep this data up to date, local organisations should report any changes to

**billvida@sealscraig.plus.com**

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or emailing  
billvida@sealscraig.plus.com

## Photography Competition



The Buzz is looking for the best summer photographs taken in and around Burntisland. It can be from Civic Week, the Highland Games, a trip to the beach or the Black Rock, views from the Binn, a fun day at the Beacon or even a quiet day's fishing along the breakwater. They all make great subjects for summer photos.

Everyone these days seems to have a digital camera or a phone that takes snaps. Send your entries by 21st July in jpeg format to:

[paulbriscoe1@googlemail.com](mailto:paulbriscoe1@googlemail.com)

The three winning entries will be published in the next issue of the Buzz and will receive attractive prizes.

What sort of new school do you want? – rebuild or new build? Where do you think it should be? – located centrally or on the outskirts of town? Are you willing to sacrifice your community centre and green space for a new school? If relocated, what would happen to the old site? – a crumbling eyesore for decades like the Palace Cinema? Please select your options below and place in boxes to be sited in the Toll Centre, The Post Office and the Public Library or by post to The Editor, 39 The Wynd, Dalgety Bay KY11 9SJ by 31st May 2010 - **Please indicate 3 choices in order of priority (i.e. 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided).**

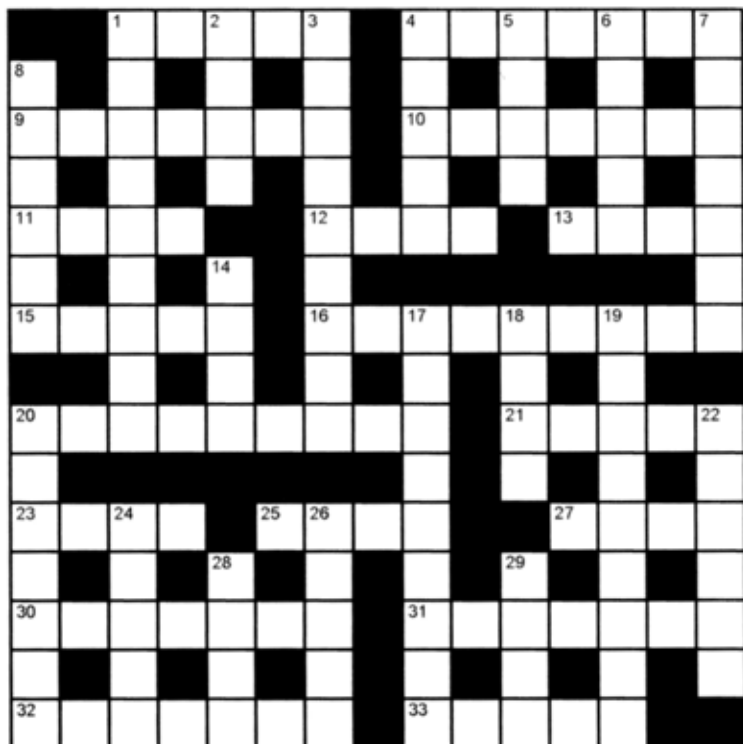
Name.....

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- Rebuild on present site
- Rebuild of present site with Annex on East Toll Park
- Relocate to South of Haugh Road (The Coo Hill)
- Relocate to East Toll Park
- Relocate to land west of Seamill (Red Pond)
- Relocate to Newbigging Farm (Bendameer)
- Relocate to the Open Land surrounding the Beacon Centre

Comments:

## THE PRIZE CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Nearby entrance (5)
- 4 Spring flower (7)
- 9 Famous Escapologist (7)
- 10 Nelson's Flagship (7)
- 11 Rugby Union formation (4)
- 12 Local landmark (4)
- 13 ....castle Jam Tarts' ground (4)
- 15 Changes (5)
- 16 One seeking change (9)
- 20 Greedily (9)
- 21 Lively pickle (5)
- 23 Unwell (4)
- 25 Local festival (4)
- 27 Bans pubs (4)
- 30 Dutch humanist (7)
- 31 Elvis was "Kid....." (7)
- 32 Stone of ..... (7)
- 33 Pulled (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Barriers in Orkney (9)
- 2 Roman Poet (4)
- 3 Auld Reekie (9)
- 4 Group of witches (5)
- 5 North Scottish town (4)
- 6 Monster, raving.....(5)
- 7 Cash transaction (7)
- 8 Another transaction (6)
- 14 Italian plonk (4)
- 17 A wee boxer (9)
- 18 Haystack (4)
- 19 Removed from office (9)
- 20 Hang (7)
- 22 Dwell (6)
- 24 Also a form (5)
- 26 English assignment (5)
- 28 Zulu group (4)
- 29 A type of hammer (4)

### ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BUZZ

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

First correct entry drawn will win a £25 voucher donated by Shell U.K. Limited. Send completed entries by 31st May to:

**The Editor  
39 The Wynd,  
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### THE SOLUTION TO THE PRIZE CROSSWORD IN THE WINTER 2010 EDITION.

**Across:** 1 Repeal, 4 Kinghorn, 9 Crouch, 10 Accident, 12 Crown, 13 Solar, 14 Foe, 15 Educate, 17 Raft, 21 Arab, 23 Toddler, 26 Rue, 27 Ether, 29 Besom, 30 Aberdour, 31 Marine, 32 Literate, 33 Bengal.  
**Down:** 1 Ricochet 2 Prologue, 3 Alcan, 5 Incomer, 6 Grits, 7 Openly, 8 Notary, 11 Fife, 16 Tea, 18 Ado 19.Blessing, 20 Cromwell, 22 Briquet, 23 Tess, 24 Derail, 25 Threat 28 Radar, 29 Brave.

The winner of the £20 book token was **Mr Colin Bett, 56 Somerville Street, Burntisland.**





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