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## Farewell hug to an old and faithful servant!

**O**n Wednesday 25th June, Burntisland Primary School, the grand old lady of Ferguson Place, released her pupils at the end of summer term for the last time, having served the Burntisland community for almost 140 years. During the preceding month, on three designated evenings and at the invitation of head teacher Julie Anderson, hundreds of former pupils made nostalgic return visits to the school which had furnished them with firm foundations for their future development. Visitors met up with old school mates from far and wide, some who had not seen each other for decades. They were greeted and guided through the corridors and classrooms by willing and courteous pupils who



were keen to listen to tales of old when students strived to pass the “Eleven Plus” exam in order to go to High School and discipline was enforced amongst the unruly by the use of the “Lochgelly taws”. For many it was a bittersweet occasion with not all memories being pleasant ones but there was a unanimous feeling of sadness that the school building was finally closing after so many years. Each visitor on leaving, was presented with an individual Rowan sapling. This native Scottish tree, known as the “travellers tree”, is thought to have the powers to protect those on a journey. Thus these trees, planted all round Burntisland and beyond, will safeguard pupils and staff travelling from old to new and will remind all of their educational roots.

The final day was made even more special with music and dancing in the playground in the form of a “flash mob” by staff and the management team prior to pupils holding hands round the perimeter of the old school buildings in a symbolic farewell hug which was captured in a spectacular aerial photograph arranged by BAM Construction through Hawkeyescotland.

## Queen’s Baton Relay Passes Through the Town



Davie Adamson proudly carries the Queen’s message

**S**tarting its journey from Buckingham Palace in early October last year and having visited 70 nations and territories throughout the Commonwealth, the Queen’s Baton passed through one of its most important landmarks on Thursday 26th June - Burntisland! Coinciding with the town’s Civic Week, scores of children, mums, dads and grandparents lined the route through the town in bright summer sunshine and cheered on the worthy baton bearers. They included charity worker Claire McIntyre from Kirkcaldy, John Hood from Culross, a voluntary worker with the disabled, star pupil James Burns from Starleyhall School and Burntisland’s own Davie Adamson, former athlete, Chieftain of the Highland Games, Boys Brigade Leader and Captain of the Golf Club - all most deserving of the honour of the carrying the Queen’s baton through the town.

# BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

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## From the Editor

It has been an exceptionally busy couple of months in the town. The most significant event has been the final closure of the old buildings of Burntisland Primary School in Ferguson Place, having served the community for almost 140 years. Head Teacher Julie Anderson, her staff and pupils combined to mark the occasion with a unique series of events and functions which will ensure that the legacy of the old building will never be forgotten.

Sound foundations have been established for the move to the brand new school. Staff, pupils and parents will require the support of the entire community to ensure a smooth transition. Of particular significance will be the establishment of good practice in relation to the delivery and pick up of children. Pupils should walk to school whenever possible and those parents who must drive should park with due consideration for the safety of all children.

Civic Week proved to be the most successful in recent years, packed with a wide variety of activities and events for all ages and blessed with some decent weather for a change. Thanks must go to the Civic Week Committee, the sponsors and volunteers without whose support and tireless efforts the great series of events would not take place.

The 362nd staging of the Highland Games also basked in warm sunshine and attracted hundreds of visitors to the town. Again the organisers and volunteers must be congratulated.

Finally, the Burntisland & District Pipe Band, often taken for granted as it leads traditional parades and processions through the town has excelled this year in regional, national and international competitions. By the time you read this they will most likely be World Champions in their Grade. Their hard work over the winter months has clearly paid off. Many congratulations.

Bill Kirkhope

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# 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 on the town notice board and in the Library. A summary of issues raised during the last two meetings is set out below.

- ◆ Gordon Langlands has taken over from Isabel Smith as Secretary of the Community Council, following Isabel's decision to stand down both as Secretary and as a member. Since elections for the whole Community Council are expected in the next few months it was decided not to elect a new member for such a short time period.
- ◆ Damien Purcell has taken on the role of joint Minutes Secretary, alternating with Hazel McGraw.
- ◆ The new e-mail address for the Community Council Secretary is [burntislandcc@outlook.com](mailto:burntislandcc@outlook.com).
- ◆ The local elected members of Fife Council are trying to get a new car park between the railway station and the Lammerlaws.
- ◆ The railings of the War Memorial have now been completed. Once all fees and costs have been settled there will be a final attempt to raise funds for landscaping of the adjoining land.
- ◆ The Community Council has set up a working group to review how best to restore the clock tower whilst bringing the Burgh Chambers complex back into fuller use. Although Fife Council are legally required to re-build the tower – at an estimated cost of £280,000 - it may be easier to raise funds for a more comprehensive project.
- ◆ We will be seeking a meeting with Fife Council officials to review the provision of 20mph zones in Burntisland.
- ◆ There is currently a consultation under way to evaluate the desirability of building an initial development of 70 houses on land West of Colinswell Road. No formal planning application has yet been submitted.
- ◆ Alex MacDonald and Tim Hailey met Scott Timber at their current premises in Rosyth, prior to their imminent move to Burntisland. The discussion included working hours and job prospects. However, most of the focus was on noise, which seems to be well-controlled, and also the traffic implications – which we believe will need to be closely monitored for some time to come.
- ◆ John Bradshaw has made excellent progress on the plan to introduce the “Royal Burgh of Burntisland” as the formal name of our community, following similar moves in St Andrews, Kinghorn and elsewhere.
- ◆ It was agreed to support the naming of the new, multi-user games arena after the late Gordon Ritchie, who was a key supporter in the original development of the proposal.

## Your Community Council

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

Chair:	Alex MacDonald
Vice Chair:	Bob Smith
Treasurer:	John Russell
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Christine Dewar	Tim Hailey
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by email or by snail mail.**

## Rededication of War Memorial

Following major refurbishment of the War Memorial, a parade and service of rededication has been tentatively arranged for the early evening of Thursday 25th September. In anticipation of formal approval being granted, Burntisland and District Pipe Band and uniformed youth organisations have agreed to take part and local religious leaders will conduct a short service at the memorial. Precise details will be published in the press, shop windows, town notice board and on social media websites in early September.

In the meantime any queries may be directed to Walter Anderson (872740)



## CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCES

Burntisland & District Pipe Band are enjoying their most successful season for many years. We started the season on Saturday 29th March at the Lothian & Borders mini band competition where we entered two bands. The bands finished 1st and 4th in Grade 4, this grade includes Grades 4B & 4A. The band then went to Dunfermline on the 24th May where again we finished 1st in the Grade 4 contest. The Major contests started with the British Championship in Bathgate on 31st May where the band swept the board in Grade 4B, winning the best drum corps and the band competitions. We only had a two week wait for the new UK Championship held in Belfast where again the band won the best drum corps and band in Grade 4B. Our latest contest was the European Championships held in Forres on the 28th June where the band won the best drum corps and the band contest. Burntisland now sits at the top of the Champion of Champions table for grade 4B. We need only 5 more points from the remaining two major contests to be crowned Champion of Champions. The next will be the Scottish Championships in Dumbarton on the 26th July. The final major contest will be the World Championships on the 16th August.

The progress the band has made this year has been down to lots of hard work over the winter with the help of Pipe Major, Stephen Johnstone assisted by Bryan Spears. The drummers too have been practising hard over the winter having increased the complexity of their drum score. Thanks go to Mark Gibson and the assistance provided by Gordon Lee.

The band, whilst leading the Burntisland Civic week parade, proudly displayed some of the trophies won this year. We also took part in the Burntisland Highland Games parade on July 21st when the trophies were again on display. Despite these successes, the band is still looking to recruit new members on to the management committee to help with the running of the band. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Birrell (Chairman) 01592 872077 or Denis Johnstone (Secretary) 01592 872254. Finally, thanks to all of the people of Burntisland for your continued support.



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# The Burgh Polis

By

Sergeant Neil Ewing

**D**uring the summer months local officers have not only been busy in the town but have also been deployed at events such as T in the Park and the Commonwealth Games. Local officers carried out a variety of jobs in Glasgow, as well as assisting at venues in Dundee and Edinburgh.

Since the last edition Burntisland officers have detected a number of serious crimes locally. A 26 year old man was reported to the Procurator Fiscal and is now serving a prison sentence.

The Bi-monthly Community Engagement Meetings at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park continue to take place and we would encourage as many people as possible to attend so we can listen to your concerns and take appropriate action where possible. The last meeting was held in July and the same local priorities, anti – social behaviour, Road Safety and Misuse of Drugs were discussed. .

### Anti-social Behaviour

A local action plan has been formulated to combat anti-social behaviour. Officers will be more visible on the streets and will not hesitate to use stop search powers, if considered necessary. This visible presence should provide



Speedsters Beware!

reassurance to the public and also act as a deterrent to would be offenders.

### Road Safety

Parking and speeding in Burntisland continue to be areas of concern. Working in partnership with Fife Council Parking Attendants we will continue to monitor the areas identified, educate drivers, and where necessary, take enforcement action. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> April over 30 tickets have been issued by parking attendants in the town. Officers will continue to conduct speed surveys in problem areas and not hesitate to issue fixed penalty tickets. If you have any issue's regarding vehicles speeding in your area, please inform us at Burntisland Police Station and local officers will take action.

### Substance Misuse

Substance misuse remains a key priority. Stop and search powers will be used should anyone be suspected of concealing drugs. I also appeal to the public to contact officers at Burntisland Police Station or contact Crimestoppers to pass on any information they may have regarding substance misuse. This information is crucial in successfully combatting the local drug problem.

### Community Engagement Meetings

Your next Community Engagement Meeting is on:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September @ 7pm – Pettycur Bay Caravan Park

### Twitter

Keep up to date with everything going on in your local area. Follow us @

**kirkcaldypolice.**

**Non-emergency contact number : 101**

## Wanton Vandalism or Sympathetic Weeding?

**T**he ring-barking of the sycamore tree in Kinghorn Road which will lead to its inevitable demise, has given rise to considerable controversy. The tree is protected by a preservation order and there is a school of thought that this act of ring barking was a premeditated act of vandalism and that the culprit should be prosecuted and on conviction, should feel the full weight of the law.



There is also the contrary view that the sycamore as a non native species, and considered by many as a weed which constricts views when in full bloom and creates considerable problems when it sheds its leaves in autumn, does not merit official protection. As such, property owners should be allowed to remove sycamores without seeking official authority to do so.

What do you think? Send your views to the editor. Contact details are contained at the foot of page 2.

## Over 70s Christmas Treat

**A**lthough it is still mid-summer, fund raising for this traditional festive highlight continues apace under the very able direction of Citizen of the Year, Frances Allan.

A well supported coffee morning in April helped raise £384, thanks to all who came along and lent their support. This was followed up with a Curry Comedy night held in the Parish Church Hall raising a fantastic £642. It proved to be a great night of light entertainment. Civic week raised another £242. Once again, many thanks to all who have supported these events. Patrons of The Star have again displayed their generosity by donating £330 from a bottle collection.

Forthcoming events -

Quiz night on 26th September 2014 - look out for posters advertising the venue & time.

Coffee Morning on 26th October 2014 and finally -

Calendars for 2015, featuring fantastic views of the town, are now available - points of sale, The Star, the Post Office & the Heritage Centre.

## TOLL CENTRE

The Toll Centre welcomed the arrival of summer with a Community BBQ in

June. The weather held up and great fun was had by all. We are holding another BBQ just before the schools go back on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August. As well as the usual burgers, sausages and veggie options we have a cash bar, and for the kids there is



a disco, bouncy castle, face-painting and temporary tattoos. Tickets are available from the Centre.

While most of our youth clubs are run by the Council, the Tuesday Kids Club is run by the Toll Centre. The Kids Club is mostly staffed by volunteers and as a few of our helpers are moving on to University after the summer, we are now in need of a couple of new faces to help keep the Club going. The Club is for kids aged between P2 and P4, and is on between 6.15 and 7.45 every Tuesday evening in term-time. Volunteering can help build up experience if you are interested in a career in teaching or childcare. If you would like to help out please contact Karen Allen at the Centre on 872854.

Upcoming events include our Autumn indoor car boot sale, the next season of the Community Cinema, and of course our end of holiday BBQ. Please keep an eye on our website/Facebook page, local noticeboards and press for more details.

For more information on our events, facilities or to get involved please call us on 872854

## The Wednesday Social Club

The Wednesday Social Club meets in the Toll Centre every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month between September and May.

The club is run entirely by volunteers. We receive a small grant from Fife Council, however we rely on members subscription of £2.00 per person per week, our home baking table and raffle for any extras. We pay a nominal rent to the Toll Centre, and we are also affiliated to Age Scotland. Currently, we have 38 people who attend regularly. We provide a door to door taxi service if required as through discussion we realised how safe and secure this service makes our members feel, especially in winter time.

The group all contribute suggestions for the programme

which includes - Keep Fit, Quiz Nights, Dominoes, Vocal entertainment, Local Dancers, Antiques and memorabilia discussions. We hope this session to have the ukelele group coming along to entertain us and sometimes we just like to have a blether!

Our Christmas party is already booked at the Sands Hotel and we always have Gary Coupland, "The Music Man", to entertain.

The club is open to anyone who is interested and our age span is from 40 to 100, indeed Mary Thain was recently honoured by a visit and a presentation of flowers from Gordon Brown, who was delighted to come along and even invited Mary and her daughter Anne to his house!

For any further enquiries regarding "The Wednesday Club" contact Mary 01592-874718 or the Toll Centre 01592-872854



By **Scott Sweaton**

Burntisland is now in full bloom and as a group we feel that this year's planting is far superior to previous years. A combination of yellows and pinks have really brightened up the town. The two sponsored tree baskets on the Links add to the overall appeal at the entrance to the High Street.

All our improvement works have been completed and they have made a huge difference to these areas. The beds at the beach car park now have sustainable grasses and decorative stone. This area was enhanced with the help of Burntisland Scout group. The seating area at the Lammerlaws has also been improved with the assistance of Community Payback. The roundabout area at the bottom of the High Street looks great with the trees having been cut back, decorative stone laid and the fencing under the railway bridge having been painted with the help of both Fife Council and Community Payback. We have installed new planters at the railway station including our barrel train. The boat on Cromwell Road has been replaced with sustainable planting and some fruit bushes, which once established will look fantastic. FAB could not survive without the ongoing support and help from local people, businesses and groups and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your input.

By the time this article has been published, Burntisland will have been judged by both Beautiful Fife and Beautiful Scotland. This gives FAB the opportunity to 'show off' Burntisland. We will be aiming to improve on last year's results of Silver in both campaigns and hope that the improvements we have made over the past year are recognised by the judges.

FAB continues to serve the town because although awards are great, making the residents happy is at the forefront of the work we do.

FAB volunteers continue to have one thing in common, we all love our wee town and we want it to look fabulous. For more information visit our website at [www.burntislandfab.org](http://www.burntislandfab.org)



The Barrel Train

### **Not to be missed!**

**B**urntisland Heritage Trust exhibition is well under way and attracting more visitors than ever. An amazing amount of information under the heading - "Burntisland and the Forth at War" - is causing some casual callers to return again and again. So much to absorb, beginning with James IV (1488-1533) and the birth of the Scottish Navy; on to Forth defences in 1500 and later; Burntisland and Cromwell; Dutch Wars etc leading up to the WW1 and WW11 which includes

- Burntisland Shipyard's amazing productivity. In all 62 ships, including two aircraft carriers, sailed away from the Burntisland yard during the war years. There's the chance to see 'Steel Goes to Sea', the film made about the building of ship No. 242 in 1941.
- a comprehensive archive documenting the Home Guard
- a first-hand account of the Falkland's conflict from a serving officer on HMS Plymouth.
- near forgotten facts of submarine research at Hawkraig, Aberdour.

- a collection of 'everyday' artefacts from WW1 – WW2 and much, much more.....



**You cannot miss this exhibition!!**

(Opening hours until end of August)

(Wed. 1.00 - 4.00 pm)

(Thur., Fri., Sat. 11.00 am - 4.00 pm)



### **Museum of Communications**

By **Dorothy Brankin**

If the old saying "*Time flies when you're enjoying yourself!*" is true, then we at the

Museum of Communication in Burntisland, must be among the happiest people in the land!

It seems only a few days since I told the last edition of the 'Buzz' that we were feverishly working towards an opening deadline in early May for our WW1 exhibition 'From Flags to Flanders Fields'....and I am now happy to report that everything went smoothly to plan – we opened as scheduled, and amazingly, everything was in place. Just the previous week, the exhibition area had looked like a cross between a WW1 battlefield and a mammoth jumble sale!

This year, funding from the National Lottery has meant that we have been able to purchase manikins and army uniforms; produce life-size photographs and a full-colour exhibition brochure. We have also been able to establish a very important link with the Imperial War Museum, whose input has been invaluable.

The Great War is a huge topic to cover and for simplicity, we decided to divide the exhibition into several sections: Lead-up to war; War on Land (we've even built a Trench!!!!), War at Sea, War in the Air (Dave's built a huge Zeppelin!), the Home Front and Later Technology, emanating from WW1.

So far, feedback has been very good.

We are offering free admission this year, and in the lounge upstairs, (in addition to the artwork, browsing literature, TV documentaries etc) we have tea, coffee, cold drinks and delicious home-baking – all available at a very modest cost! Do come and visit us! We are proud and happy to be counted as part of the great Fife community – but we are dependent on your support to "Keep the Home Fires Burning"...

The exhibition is open every Wednesday and Saturday until the end of September (11 am to 4 pm) and the first Sunday of the month (noon to 4 pm). We are happy to welcome groups outside these hours, by previous arrangement.

Phone 01592 874 836 or 01506 823 424 for further details.



The 'Classroom Scene' forms part of the Home Front section

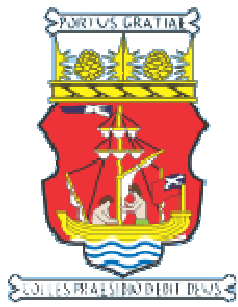
### **Burntisland's Newest Centenarian.**

**T**here must be something in the Burntisland air that contributes towards longevity. For the second issue running the Buzz is proud to offer congratulations to a resident who has reached his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Alex Douglas was born on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1914 in Thistle Street, the fourth youngest of a family of ten siblings. He has lived and worked in the town all his life, was married to Millie for over 50 years and has an extended family which includes two great grand-daughters. Alex still lives independently, enjoys a walk round the block and a chat with the neighbours and has been a member of the local Masonic Lodge for 76 years.

**Alex was recently presented with a card and gift from John Bruce on behalf of the Community Council.**





## School News

By Carolyn Bell

Over the last term Burntisland pupils have taken part in many sporting and outdoors events. Primary 5 Pupils had an adventurous time exploring Burntisland as part of the Rotary Rambles programme. The four walks culminated in a special celebration of 10 years of the Rotary Rambles on the 18<sup>th</sup> June when pupils, staff, Rotarians and friends shared memories and highlights. It was very clear that this was an incredibly enjoyable and educational experience for adults and children alike!

Many P6 pupils attended a Science day at St. Colmes in Aberdour where their interest in the outdoors was developed by taking part in many different experiments.

Budding rock stars in Primary 6 shared their musical passion with pupils from many other schools by taking part in the 'Ukefest' and the 'Big Strum'. Practicing their Ukulele skills can often be heard around the Cromwell building!

This term our Primary 7's took part in a series of rugby taster sessions developing their ball skills and sense of sportsmanship. Both P7 classes attended a transition sports festival at Balwearie. Organised by Active Schools it introduced pupils to different sports and offered the chance to meet many of the pupils who will join them in the 1<sup>st</sup> year at Balwearie after the summer holidays.

All of our pupils really enjoyed taking part in our annual sports days and our thanks go to Andrew and his team from the Shipyard Committee for their assistance in allowing us to hold them at their field. Their support is greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, our Relay team competed in a relay race at Balwearie High School as part of their annual sports day. Our more talented swimmers took part in the Scottish

Schools Championships at the Royal Commonwealth Pool on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Teams also represented Burntisland in hockey, swimming, football and netball with particular success in winning cluster leagues for football and cluster relay races. We are very proud of our budding young athletes!

Primary 7's pupils bid a fond farewell to Primary School during their traditional end of term service at the Erskine Church. We were all delighted to share in this and to wish them well in the next stage of their educational journey at Balwearie High School. Three trophies were presented during the service. Aedan Cooper received the John Allan Special Award in recognition of his excellent citizenship in school and within the wider community. Steven Hall received the Anna Cameron Award for Sportsmanship while Ruaridh Buchan was given the Allan Cameron Award for Outstanding Achievement.

We are delighted with the achievements of our P7 pupils who took part in a Maths Challenge on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Balwearie High School. Bronze awards were awarded to Joe Buchan, Ruaridh Buchan and James Pennycook and silver awards to Logan Christie, Cameron Lewis and Andre Schaal.

The premiere of 'GO FORTH 4 NEWS' was held at the Adam Smith Theatre on June 23rd. This series of films showcased the amazing animations created by three Primary 4 classes. The news programme centres on "Space", "Inventions" and of course, "Moving To The New School". A docu-film was produced to show how these films were made and a new school song composed. Class Teachers involved were Emma Pullar, Laura McCormack, Andrea Stark and Liz Whatmore. This was an amazing project, which involved the children not only learning new skills such as animating, building sets with fantastic characters but best of all working together as a team and having fun!

We would like to wish all our friends a lovely summer break and we all look forward with excitement to starting the new term in our new school.

## .....and from the Head **Julie Anderson**

It has been another incredibly busy term for us and saying goodbye to the old school held mixed emotions for us all. We were very sad to say goodbye to the historical part of being in the old Burntisland Primary School, the way these buildings echo our memories, hold stories and give us a daily reminder of generations of schooling. However, we are incredibly excited about the new opportunities which lie before us in the new school building.

We have tried to mark the end of an era by holding many events bringing us together as a school community whilst connecting to the wider community at the same time.

The open nights during the month of May were extremely popular and most successful, offering opportunities to reminisce and recount stories and for many to meet up with long lost school mates. Just as memorable was the gifting of a Rowan sapling to each visitor as a reminder of their educational roots in BPS. Our thanks go to one of our parents, Kirsty McDonald who helped to source and purchase the saplings.

The last day was a memorable celebration with a lunch party for over 700 catered for by our lovely dinner ladies. The children were just marvellous and danced all afternoon and later they were rewarded by a surprise Flash Mob by the staff and management team. Remarkably, we have had thousands of hits on YouTube. Every child received a BPS wristband as a leaving gift and all staff wore "End of an Era" t-shirts.

The afternoon culminated in our "Goodbye Hug", suggested by Mrs Fox and Primary 2 pupils, and captured so beautifully from the air, courtesy of BAM Construction. Finally, as pupils left the buildings for the last time, they were piped out by Walter Anderson and Blair Petrie (P6) to the strains of "Rowan Tree".



With the arrival of the summer holidays we are very much looking forward to the move to the new school. A very detailed transition booklet was created to assist children and parents to settle into the new premises. Pupils have already spent two days with their new teachers looking at plans and going over new systems so that they will be fully prepared for the move. Our first full day will be Friday 22nd August when all should be fully prepared for an exciting year ahead.

We will never lose the heritage and stories from the old school as many of the artefacts from the old buildings are in temporary storage with the Heritage Centre and others are on display at the Museum of Communications. We will ensure that Burntisland children learn about the history of the town and the development of education throughout the decades. We also look forward to welcoming visitors into the new school in a series of open nights to be arranged for October.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in the community who has supported me during my first few terms as Head Teacher. It has meant a great deal to me and I look forward to many happy years as the local "heidy".



**TEN YEARS OF ROTARY RAMBLING**

It was a real pleasure to join Burntisland Primary pupils, teachers and helpers in their celebration of ten years of Rotary Rambles. The school is so proud of the scheme, which gives the youngsters the opportunity to get out and about to enjoy and learn about their local countryside.

It all started in summer 2004, when teacher Lynne Bennett asked Binnend Wanderers Bill Davidson, Ian Archibald and Bill Kirkhope if anything could be done to set up walks for schoolchildren, and the team put the scheme together, using laminated cards with routes, maps and photos. The scheme involves the town's four classic walks – The Binn; Kinghorn Loch; The Monks Walk and The Bluebell Woods. For the past ten years every Primary 5 pupil has thereby had the benefit of outdoor exercise, smatterings of local history, geography and geology, and map-reading, compass and navigation. Burntisland and Kinghorn Rotary Club funds the exercise, and renowned walker and writer Hamish Brown is delighted to be Patron of the scheme, which he applauds as an

excellent way to encourage responsible access to the countryside.

The celebrations started with a warm welcome and appreciation of the scheme by Headteacher Julie Anderson, then presentation of Rotary Rambles Achievement Certificates to 61 pupils who'd completed their programme of walks in spring 2014. The presentations were made by Hamish Brown and by Rotary Club President Simon Payne. In a hall beautifully decorated with many stirring photographs of the walks, pupils gave excellent personal accounts of their involvement in and memories and enjoyment of Rotary Rambles.

Rotary International of Britain and Ireland has presented the project with its Centennial Community Award and later its Innovative Project award, and the trophies were on display.

Designed and developed in Burntisland (and taken to Kinghorn, Aberdour, Markinch and Inverness), the scheme continues to encourage pupils and all other residents to get out to enjoy their local countryside. Long may this continue.

ANNE M. DAVIDSON



**A New School Badge**

The traditional Primary 7 leaving service at the Erskine Church was very moving and well supported by parents and friends of the school. We are sad to see our P7s leave for High School but they will always be welcome to visit.

This year we gave them the opportunity to decide whether or not to change the school badge - they decided that we should and considered many options before deciding on the one above. The new badge is circular and split into four sections which reflects the shape of our feature windows. The sections contain the ship and castle from the old badge, a Rowan tree and squares from the front of the new school building.

We will not be moving to the new design immediately as we do believe in recycling so we are happy to have the old badge on this years uniform. It will be a few years before we finally move to the new badge.

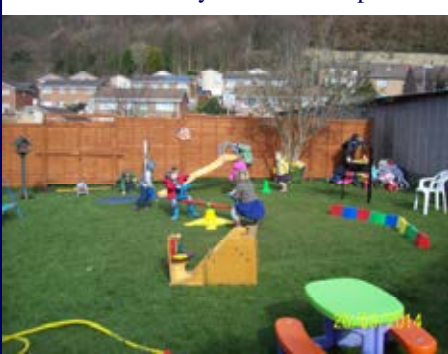
As for the P7s who must have spent many years dreaming of moving to the new school, but will leave before the move - in allowing them to decide on the design of the new badge, they will be able to leave their permanent mark and a continued sense of belonging.



Over the past year our children have developed into happy and confident learners but will all move on to Nursery

after the holidays. Having built up strong friendships with the children and families, the Playgroup staff are sorry to see them go but wish them every success in their future development. There will be a couple of staff changes in the Playgroup at the Toll Centre with Fiona Butler, who has been with us for many years, moving to pastures new. We will miss her and wish her every success in her new appointment. On the plus side Morag Johnston who manages the Burntisland Out of School Service (BOSS) will continue to be employed one day a week to oversee the running of the Playgroup.

We are looking forward to welcoming new children and families who will be joining after the summer holidays. The Playgroup still have a few spaces available for the coming term for children born between March 2011 and February 2012. Our experienced staff will work with you to



ensure that your child settles happily into the Playgroup. We work in partnership with Fife Council so are able to offer funded places for eligible children as well as fee paying places before funding begins. Please pop into the Toll Centre any morning for an application form or if you require any information about Playgroup.

## Starley Hall School Open Day

On the afternoon of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Starley Hall School hosted scores of staff, pupils, families, friends and visitors to its annual open day. Following a sumptuous BBQ lunch, Phil Barton Director of the School, addressed the gathering and outlined improvements that had been made to the buildings over the past year and emphasised how the quality of the teamwork of the staff had contributed towards the significant progress made by the pupils. He then congratulated those pupils who had performed exceptionally well, including James Burns who had carried the Queen's Baton through a section of Burntisland earlier in the day. Phil then presented Pupil of the Year award to Jordon Russell who had been selected after a vote amongst all the young people and staff of the school.

Jordon then accompanied David Torrence MSP to jointly cut the ribbon and officially open the new, all-weather sports pitch. After David experienced mixed fortunes in the "Beat the Goalie" competition, visitors took the opportunity to inspect the various impressive displays of students' work and watched the younger section test their skills on the Bucking Bronco/Rodeo Bull, the Bouncy Castle and wearing "Sumo

Suits". Ice cream and soft drinks were freely available and a great time was had by all. A very fitting end to another successful year of which all should be truly proud.



Jordon and David Open the Sports Pitch



## 775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

The past 3 months has been a busy time for the Squadron with cadets and staff taking part in camp activities and gaining awards.

At the end of April seven members of the corps took part in the inter squadron Athletics meeting in Grangemouth. Cdt K McMillan and Cpl C

Hobbett excelled and later represented South East Scotland Wing at the Inter-Wing championships in June. Cdt McMillan won the 1500 m and the High Jump and was a member of the relay team which placed second. He was later selected to represent Scotland and Northern Ireland in the 1500m. All cadets who took part in the athletics should be congratulated for their splendid efforts.

At the beginning of July four corps members attended the summer camp at RAF Spadeadam. They took part in a night exercise and visited RAF Boulmer for marksmanship and shooting training. Members of the squadron continue to work hard towards qualifying for Duke of Edinburgh Awards and at the end of May assisted in supporting the Edinburgh Marathon.

The Squadron is currently recruiting cadets and staff, so if you are interested in finding out what the Air Cadets have to offer, come in to the Squadron HQ at the Unity Hall which is at the Junction of Links place and East Leven street. The Squadron parades on Monday & Thursday evenings between 19:00 and 21:30 hrs.



Cadets at RAF Spadeadam

### BPS Parent Council

The final Spring Fayre organised by the Parent Council in the old school building was a great success, raising some £1,100, a record amount. It was a fun filled afternoon with old fashioned photos taken of children dressed in period costumes, resembling schooldays gone by. It was very encouraging to see so many people lending their support.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The current chairman, Benjamin Barron who will be stepping down after serving for two years would like to thank everyone for their support and wish the Council every success now that the new school building has become a reality.

### A New Local Business

Sarah's Kitchen is a brand new, small catering business in Burntisland designed to provide wholesome home cooking to those who love to be cooked for. Sarah will cook your week's menu, the same homely meals that she makes for her family, and deliver them to your door.

Sarah is a mum to two hungry children and it is her pleasure to extend her passion for cooking tasty, wholesome meals to you! Sarah's Kitchen takes away the stress and time required to make a balanced home cooked meal. There's no complicated ordering process to worry about either. Following a chat about your needs, likes and dislikes, Sarah will provide you with a varied menu each week, oven or microwave ready. These are NOT mass produced ready meals, your food is made in Sarah's Kitchen from scratch using fresh, seasonal ingredients. Please visit [www.sarahskitchenburntisland.com](http://www.sarahskitchenburntisland.com) for example menus and more information or contact Sarah on 07964526478 to discuss your needs and take advantage of your 25% discount for your first order. Also you can search for Sarah's Kitchen Buntisland on Facebook.



### **The People's Postcode Trust Funding**

Thanks to the fantastic funding provided by The People's Postcode Trust, The Ecology Centre in Kinghorn has managed to successfully run a Nature Therapy Project. It has allowed groups from some of the most deprived areas of Fife to participate in workshops, team building activities and experience inspiring environmental education – all for free. Pupils from Pathhead Primary School enjoyed a 7 week programme of therapeutic sessions.

### **The Tool Shed**

The Men's Shed network, founded in Australia, has made it all the way to the UK with The Tool Shed project at The Ecology Centre having been established since early 2011. A year later we were awarded funding which has enabled us to employ a part-time Tool Shed Officer who manages the workshops and collect tools from the community which are then refurbished back to an almost new condition. Workshops are held three times a week and we have a core of 12 volunteers who individually, attend at least one of these weekly sessions. Most are older men but often young people join the group to learn new skills. A small spin off group meets once a week to refurbish Singer Sewing machines which, along with some of the refurbished tools, are then sent to Tools For Self Reliance and thence, out to Africa. Other tools, particularly gardening tools, are used on site or donated to local community groups and schools. We are always looking for more volunteers to join our small, friendly team of tool refurbishers. We welcome men of any age, women and young people. Whatever activities are



pursued, the essence of a Shed is the network of relationships between the members.

For more details contact Mark or Jo on [mark@theecologycentre.org](mailto:mark@theecologycentre.org) or Tel. 01592 891567.

### **The Fife Challenge**

The Fife Challenge is an exciting project that challenges young people and their families to get out; get active; and get creative with the best Fife has to offer. The project was launched in March 2014 and will run for a year! You can help capture your child's imagination and explore what is on your doorstep in creative ways by encouraging your child to sign up free to The Fife Challenge [www.thefifechallenge.co.uk](http://www.thefifechallenge.co.uk). Your child will choose and plan their adventures participating in workshops, trails and challenges that might be on the beach, in the woods, in parks or in unusual and unique venues throughout Fife. Participants will be able to record and share their achievements on the website and will receive certificates as they work towards becoming a 'Fife Challenge Champion'. See for yourself the great range of workshops and activities on offer by visiting the website!



### **Celebration and Open day**

A fun interactive event will take place at The Ecology Centre, Kinghorn Loch on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. The celebration and open day will give locals a chance to explore and celebrate the newly owned site at the east side of the Loch. All ages are welcome - bring a picnic, a blanket to sit on and enjoy the afternoon with various children's activities and games. The exciting plans for the new site will be available with more informative tours on offer. Limited parking space is available so please consider alternative means of transport. Funding from the Scottish Land Fund has helped The Ecology Centre purchase the land for the community.

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# The Carnival



**M**orna Beuzeval, Chairman, described the parade “as the best ever” highlighting the “fantastic fancy dress costumes and the additional entertainment which, made it a day to remember”.

This year, the Civic Week took the opportunity, to bring back childrens’ classics including pony riding and the Sand Castle competition, both proving to be clear winners. These closely followed by ‘The Toll comes to Town’, the young band event, which was well attended, thanks mainly to the help given by Fife Council’s Ronnie Byrne, Community Youth Education Worker, and his team of helpers.

The Sand Castle Competition, after 7 year absence, had over 60 participating children, including Burntisland out of School Service (BOSS). *Moirá Fitzpatrick*, Active Schools Coordinator, Fife Council, had the unenviable task of judging the Sandcastle Competition stated afterwards “ how do you choose? They are all winners, I’m just glad the Civic Week Committee had goodies bags for all the children that took part, it was great and the imagination that went into the castles was terrific”. It is hoped that this event can be part of Civic Week from now on.

All the events held over the week, were well attended, with the most popular adult vote once again going to Des and the Dingos, who this year did not have to ‘sing in the rain’, as the sun shone, there was not a seat to be had in The Star. My favourite part of the whole week was ‘Billy Kirkwood and friends’ doing a rendition of ‘YMCA’ at the Music Hall on the Saturday, at the Civic Week Comedy and Dance Evening. It was hilarious with Billy Kirkwood pleading with the audience not to tell anybody as it would affect his ‘street cred’, so we just tweeted it. The best attended children’s’ event was ‘Messy Church’ reporting over 100 children joining in on the fun.

And of course, let us not forget the ‘Royal Party’, Finn Wallace and Joana Barron, our new King and Queen, the setting in the Burntisland Parish Church was once again spectacular, with Citizen of the Year Frances Allan, crowning the youngsters.

Morna gave a personal thank you to all the people who held events this year “I hope next year we will have more events and we are already talking about bringing something different to the Burntisland Civic week next year”. Also adding “Burntisland Civic week Facebook page has become a real community page so all updates will be in this”.

And finally, Civic Week cannot happen without our sponsors, community events now rely on their generosity, therefore we would like to thank Fife College – Celebrating Fife – Briggs Marine – Arnold Clark – Bett Homes – Myrtle Coffee – BH Plumbing & Heating – BiFab – Smart Electrics – Cooperative Food – Exxon Mobil – Hurd Rolland – Masonic lodge – Rotary –Rosies’s Disco About and Fife Print Centre for their programme design. Special thanks should also go to our Civic Week photographer Michael Booth.

I personally would like to thank the local community groups, local traders participating in this year’s events and to the people reading this column that attended. Just Simply! Civic Week could not happen without you. See you next year!



Pictures by Michael Booth





Picture by Michael Booth

### ***My Civic Week & Crowning Ceremony*** by Jo Hadoke

Civic Week and the Crowning of the Queen and King are the culmination of months of planning which bring together lots of individuals from all walks of life. The aim is to ensure a memorable day for all the children and families involved and many thanks once more to all those who continue to help bring this about. Those involved now are so numerous that I would fill the page. I'm stepping back from organising the Royal Party, as will Cristina Davies after next year's event, due to work commitments and we very much hope that by the next edition of the Burgh Buzz the next co-ordinator will be in place. There are lots of willing helpers and their ongoing assistance is gratefully appreciated, and I hope that they, and others, can step forward to continue with this.

What will I remember from the last 7 years? The pleasure on the children's faces at knowing they were the lucky individuals to carry out the tradition of the Summer Queen and King, the angst when they realise they have to stand up in front of a crowd and then to have the confidence to carry out the ceremony. Special mention must go to Adele Shaw and Caine Yeardeley who completed their year as the first Queen and King as the able and mature individuals that they are. I know Joana Barron and Finn Wallace will do the same, and I wish them, and Rhiannan Cartmel, Sophie Paterson, Ana Doherty, Francesca Sharp, Chloe Ryan, Finn Doherty, Lewis Watson, Lucas Brown and Gregor Bruce all the best for their year in office.

### ***Honour for the Burntisland Corps of the Salvation Army***

Priscilla Davidson, the Envoy, and Caralyne Paylor the Treasurer of the local Corps of the Salvation Army were privileged to receive invitations to attend the Queen's Garden Party in the grounds of Holyrood Palace which took place at the beginning of July.

Arriving in uniform on a sunny summer's afternoon, the officers were afforded VIP treatment as they were given a police escort directly into the Palace gardens, avoiding the queues of guests waiting to clear security. Having been selected to meet the Queen, the couple were escorted to the front but narrowly missed out because the Queen was running behind time.

Nevertheless, the couple appreciated being allowed within touching distance of the Queen and Prince Philip in the unique atmosphere of a garden party with military bands playing in the background and amongst a gathering of distinguished guests - not to mention the divine cucumber and mint sandwiches!



Caralyne and Priscilla outside the Palace

# Burntisland Highland Games



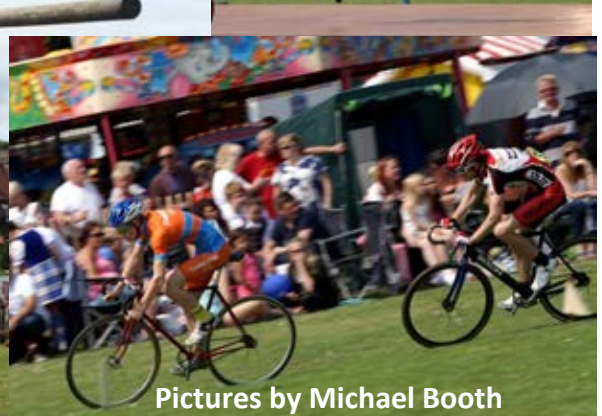
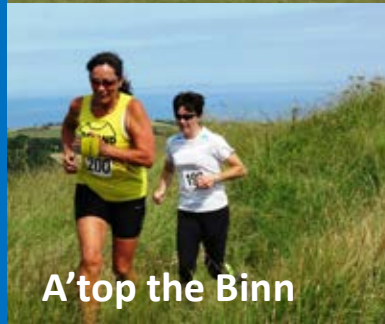
**T**he 362nd Burntisland Highland Games were preceded by the traditional civic reception for returning Burntisland exiles in the Burgh Chambers, hosted by the Community Council and sponsored by the Burntisland Fair Showmen. Amongst the returnees were Dave and Arlene (nee Costello) Leuchars from Durban in South Africa, Stuart Booth from Germany and the perennial visitor Ray Keane from County Durham.

Amongst the dignitaries attending were the Summer Queen and King, Joana Barron and Finn Wallace, Citizen of the Year, Frances Allan, Chieftain of the Games, David Jeffrey, Local MP Gordon Brown, Fife Provost Jim Leishman and Fife Councillors, Peter George and George Kay. All were welcomed by Community Councillor , Christine Dewar and following a finger buffer and light refreshments all took part in the traditional parade along the High Street, led by the award winning Burntisland & District Pipe Band, to the games arena on the Links where the games were officially opened at 12 noon.

Taking advantage of the glorious summer weather, hundreds flocked to the Links to watch the athletics, cycling , heavy events and highland dancing and afterwards, to enjoy all the all the fun of the fair.

The main feature of the afternoon was again the Binn race which attracted a commendable 17 runners. On a punishingly hot afternoon, Ben Potrycus was a clear winner for the second year in a row, in a time of under 25 minutes.

It was a great afternoon enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike. Thanks and congratulations must go to the organising committee and the many local volunteers involved.



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**Focus on Junior Golf at Burntisland Golf House Club** by Alistair Maxwell

It is a busy time of the year for the junior golfers at Burntisland. Our premier competition, the club championship has just been completed and this year's champion is Ally Beattie who won a hard fought final with Greg Lewis on the last hole to claim the title. With the school holidays upon us, there are several junior competitions arranged over this period and many of our younger members have enjoyed a week of coaching and golf fun at the Club golf camp at Thornton. We have also had a few of our junior members playing in national competitions with Calum Giffen competing in the Scottish Boys Strokeplay Championship at The Glen in North

Berwick. Calum, Joe Meldrum & Porscha Wilson are also playing in the Clubgolf Masters Team Championship Qualifier at Auchterarder so good luck to them all in these events. Junior golfers are well looked after by our Junior Convenor Mark Lewis and we are grateful to the many parents who also take an interest in the success of the junior section. If any aspiring junior golfers are inspired watching the Scottish Open & British Open during the month of July and want to try the game out, the team of professionals in the golf shop are happy to give lessons or taster sessions to golfers young and old of any ability, so feel free to give them a call on 01592 872116 to arrange a session.



**Burntisland Sailing Club is 60 years old this year!**

The Town's Sailing Club was founded on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1954 and wants you to help make it a birthday to remember!

There will be a weekend of celebrations commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with an Open Day starting at 2pm at the club which is located on the East Breakwater at the Harbour. The club will open its doors and has all manner of plans from possible 'Trips Round the Bay' to a Fishing Competition and perhaps a BBQ. A full programme will be confirmed shortly.

The next day there will be Yacht Racing off the Breakwater and a 'Best dressed Yacht' competition.

Before this, the Club is keen to get your help - **if you can!** We hope to chart our history over the decades and want to hear from anyone who has stories to share about the club, old photos of members, boats and, of course, their exploits and showcase them at our Open Day.

Are you a founder member or are related to one? If so - please get in touch as we would love to invite you along as Special Guests..

Please mark 13<sup>th</sup>/14 September in your diary and come and



*The Launch of a New Club—1954*

help make this a **'Super Sixtieth.'** Who knows - you might like to join the Club and take to the water yourself - come and have a chat! Please contact us through our website at [www.burntislandsailing.org.uk](http://www.burntislandsailing.org.uk)

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## **BASC Celebrate the Commonwealth Games!**

In September Burntisland Amateur Swimming Club will be celebrating the Games with a 'Come and Try' session for swimmers and new volunteers, an art competition for primary school children, and a swimming event in the Beacon Leisure Centre on Sunday 21 September – put the date in your diary! Local primary schools will be invited to send swimmers to four "Come and Try" sessions on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September (4pm and 4.45pm on both days). Parents, grandparents, friends and family will be invited to come and try being a poolside volunteer on these days too. Meanwhile, for children who do not swim there will be an art competition – drawing the national dress of a commonwealth country – which will be judged by the older people of Burntisland and Life Members of the club. Winners will be announced at the BASC Commonwealth Bash on 21 September where there will be a display of the artwork in the GP room of the Beacon. Winners in the two age categories will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal presented by the people of Burntisland.

The BASC Commonwealth Bash will be a swimming event with a difference! Children will be in teams representing differing Commonwealth Countries and take part in a parade around the pool with their country flag. There will be racing in the traditional style with individual gold, silver and bronze medals to be won but also some unusual water races with sponges and noodles (like a baton relay) which will be great fun for each team to try and win points for their country. Children will receive a commemorative t-shirt and a water bottle. We hope all our volunteers, old and new, will help out on the poolside. We are very grateful to have received a grant from Celebrate to fund this event. Celebrate is funded by the Big Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund and SportsScotland.

The club has also been entered in the Mars Milk Play Fund 2014. This fund provides cash for sports people and clubs. The entry with the highest number of votes at the end of the month will win a £1,000 cash award and a further 10 applicants will receive a £300. To vote for BASC please see the following link :

<http://www.marismilk.com/fund2014/clubs/burntisland-amateur-swimming-club>



As some readers may have noticed our new covered enclosure is now in place. It seems an age since the project began but thankfully, it is now finished and I would like to thank those who helped in getting the job done. In particular, The

Scottish Football Partnership, Beamhouse Engineering, Fife Council, Darrin Wilson and the nearby residents for their patience during the construction phase.

Last season was most satisfying on the playing front as the team secured a much higher finish in the league table than the previous campaign. This season we will again look to progress, our principal aim being promotion to the premier league. The club is hoping to arrange a friendly with a top SPFL at Recreation Park. The date will be finalised as soon as the match receives official approval.

Once again our U/15 youth team won their league and everyone at the club is delighted for Costy and his squad. The last match at Townhill where a point was needed to secure the title almost ended disastrously; when leading 2-0 with only a few minutes remaining, Townhill scored two

goals and only a dubious penalty decision, saved the boys from possible defeat. However, it's over the whole season that counts and the league table never lies as the best team always wins it.

The club again hosted the primary school sports days at the end of May and beginning of June and to the Civic Week Football competition. It was great to see all the children and their parents enjoying some fine weather and our excellent facilities.



Civic Week Goal Mouth Action

### **OUTDOOR PITCH FACILITIES AT THE BEACON SITE – PROGRESS UPDATE**

**By Gillian Lowe**

Burntisland Sports Group would like to thank everyone who responded to the recent appeal for donations towards the development of an outdoor sports pitch facility next to the Beacon Leisure Centre.

The £3000 fundraising target amount has been achieved and the Sports Group are working with Fife Council, Sport Scotland and Fife Environment Trust to progress the project.

It is planned that building work will commence in September and will be completed by December 2014.

The facility will comprise :

- A 60m x 40m synthetic Astroturf (3G) pitch with fencing and floodlighting which can be used as 2 x 7-a-side pitches or opened up to a single pitch. These pitches will be suitable for football and rugby use and will operate through a booking system managed by the Beacon Leisure Centre.
- A "free - to - use" multi-sports court also known as a MUGA is similar to the one at the Beveridge Park. The court will be suitable for many informal uses such as tennis, basketball, 5-a-side, dance and other group activities.

This facility will be a great asset to the town and would not have been possible without your help.



With better weather the beavers have been out and about a lot this term. In April we celebrated the patron saint of scouting St George and attended a district wide parade and service in Kirkcaldy. We joined over 120 beavers from across Kirkcaldy in a District Fun Day at Cluny Clays. Raith Rovers captain and mascot made a surprise visit and joined in a photoshoot with the kids and the Ramsden Challenge Cup which they brought along. We have worked on Healthy Eating Badge and Fitness Challenge trying some healthy foods and learning about keeping fit. A team from Hearing Dogs for Deaf visited us and demonstrated how dogs can assist deaf people and beavers also learned about railway safety from the British Transport Police. Finally, we joined the beaver colony from the 115th Fife (Chapel) at the beach and had a sandcastle building evening.



Bronze Chief Awards on the Forth Bridge



The children have worked on Scouting history and visited RSPB Vane Farm as part of their Naturalist Badge. In working towards their Fitness Challenge Badge they did keep fit for 4 weeks and tried a Zumba session. They also monitored their eating, sleeping and exercise habits. 22 of our 35 Cubs attended the Kirkcaldy District Camp at Nineacres at Crook of Devon at the beginning of May where the theme was the Commonwealth Games. In June, 20 Cubs tried canoeing at Kinghorn Loch and 6 Cubs took part in the Kirkcaldy District Sports Competition coming a creditable 3rd overall.



Cubs at District Camp



The Scouts as part of their Creative Challenge Area 5, they have been out and about hiking with a sausage sizzle to Aberdour, working with FAB at the Beacon, attending Camp Wemyss, having a Games Night on Links, knots, hiking over the Binn, participating in the Civic Week Parade and having an End Of Term Fun day. A number of scouts will attend the Blair Atholl Jamboree in July.



Scout Flag Party at St Georges Day Parade



Because of the children's commitment to school exams, the Explorers have followed a very basic programme this term which has included navigation, first aid and cooking. They camped at Wemyss in April and attended three District meetings where they mixed with Explorers from across the District and took part in a variety of activities, including a games night at Lochgelly, paintballing and participation in a "Drugs Aware Intervention" evening brought to them by "Clued Up".



Working with FAB

### As A Troop

On Wednesday April 23rd the group attended the St Georges Day Parade Service at Link town Church in Kirkcaldy. Our honorary Akela Joyce Higginson was presented with her 30 Years service to Scouting. At this time also were asked to collect food for the Kirkcaldy Food Bank and the response from



30 years of Scouting

our families has been fantastic as we were able to hand

over 3 large crates of food to the Food Bank on the 9th of June.

In May we worked with local group FAB to lay new stones and plant plants down by the Beacon Leisure Centre and in June the Group did a sponsored walk across the Forth Bridge. As we crossed the middle on the East side we invested two Beavers, Five Cubs and two Scouts. The District Commissioner was there to present Certificates and the Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers presented three Beavers with their Bronze Chief Beaver Awards.

We had our customary end of term BBQ at the end of June when the children had a fun night with team games, food and lots of fun.

We will be holding our AGM in the very near future watch out for the date. Please come along everyone is welcome.



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## Erskine News by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

It's that time of year again when the Links and beach are buzzing as lots of visitors come to the town. There's also been a summer of sport in the background, first the World Cup in Brazil followed by the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Did you go out to watch the Queen's baton relay passing through Burntisland en route around Scotland at the end of June? That was a good day with a special atmosphere, it brought people together and somehow included everyone in the great sporting festival. One of the goals of any big event should be to leave a lasting impression on local communities, hence the importance of any legacy which continues long after teams and competitors have gone home.

The final summer term at our old primary school alongside completion of our new school building reminded me of this as a vivid picture of life itself. We stand on the principles of the past, we live in the moment of the present, we seek to build for a better future drawing upon all that we have learnt from both past and present.

Games Day 2014 in Burntisland will be over by the time you read this. Races run and won, competitions held and judged, people will have come and gone. One of the legacies it leaves behind, every year I think, is the scope it continues to offer for different people and groups in our community to work together for the greater good of the town.

Being sports fans is nothing new. The Bible speaks the language of sport - races, courses, working together as a team.

It is well documented that games were a much-loved feature of life in the ancient world, and sometimes the Bible authors compare life itself to a race, one in which we are involved as we seek to work out God's plan for our lives.

Think about the Binn or Black Rock races. Different conditions, some parts of the course are more gentle, others present a really gruelling physical and mental challenge. Here's what the Bible advises, "let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12.1-2, NIV).

What's been happening in Erskine? Looking back, it was significant for us to host the final P7 leavers' service on Thursday 19 June. A huge amount of work had obviously gone into their own version of *Britain's Got Talent*, with some very emotional video diaries from some of those moving to Balwearie. The school violin and viola groups did a short concert in Erskine on Friday 20 June, under Mr. Clarke's expert guidance. Well done, guys! It is also hoped that gifted local musician, Connor Wilcox, will be performing a piano recital in the church on Saturday 19 July at 7pm.

Looking forward, evening services will be held in the church halls on the last Sundays of September, October and November (all at 6.30 pm after the summer break). There's also another coffee morning on Saturday 23 August from 10 am, at which there will be a distinct aroma of delicious pancakes. Please consider coming along to these events, as well as our weekly morning worship at 11am with Sunday School. All are very, very welcome. Have a great summer!

Keep up to date at [www.facebook.com/Erskine-Church-Burntisland](http://www.facebook.com/Erskine-Church-Burntisland).

## Obituary – Bessie Dewar

**B**essie Dewar died peacefully in Linksvie Care Home on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Rev Alan Sharp led a well attended commemorative service in the Parish Church, followed by a committal at Dunfermline Crematorium on 21<sup>st</sup> June. This was a particularly poignant date since it would have been her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Bessie would have been the town's third centenarian in as many months.

Bessie was born in Somerville Street, the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 6 children of railwayman John Angles and his wife Janet. She attended Burntisland School and on leaving at fifteen had several jobs as a nanny, before getting a much sought after job as a clerk at the Co-op.

She married Dick in Rossend Castle in 1938 and lived at the Burnside for 15 years before moving to Grange Road in 1953. Bessie was widowed in 1967 but carried on with characteristic determination; looking after her house and garden, taking a job in the Co-op Bakery and then at Pops Stores before retiring.

Playing whist was her passion and she could remember every card played. She ran a whist club locally and even went to Scarborough on whist holidays, playing morning noon and night.

A loving grandmother, full of fun, she taught her grandchildren to cook, bake, knit and of course, play whist.

In later life she had a number of overseas holidays visiting family and friends in Rhodesia, South Africa and the USA. At the age of 84 she travelled independently to Vancouver on the first flight out of Glasgow after 9/11.

She was an enthusiastic member of the WRI, a very faithful member of the Parish Church and a stalwart of the Womans Guild, regularly baking for sales until her eyesight failed. She used to hold coffee mornings for Rachel House, the Children's Hospice, and raised thousands of pounds.

Bessie lived on her own until she was 98 years old, when she moved into Linksvie Care Home. She had a full and worthwhile life and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.





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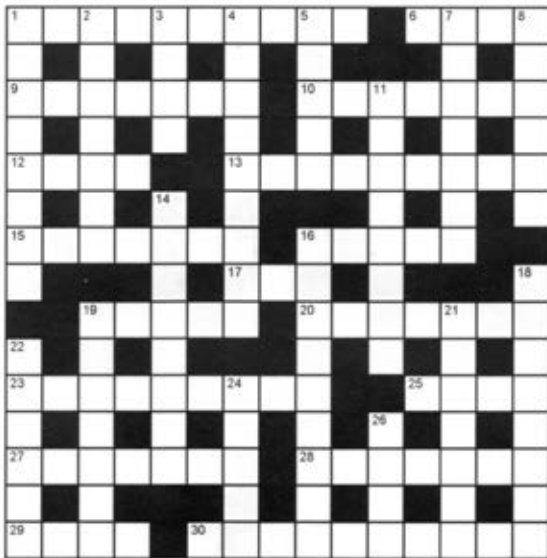
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Can be done (10)
- 6. Part of ship's rigging (4)
- 9. Before now (7)
- 10. Diabetic medication (7)
- 12. Appointment (4)
- 13. P.G.———Author (9)
- 15. Cost (7)
- 16. Stop (5)
- 17. Tree type (3)
- 19. ....Mary (song) (5)
- 20. Painted by palette knife (7)
- 23. A violent disaster (9)
- 25. Goldfish variety 4)
- 27. White linen (7)
- 28. Napalm ingredient (7)
- 29. Per (4)
- 30. Capital of St. Kitts (10)

**DOWN**

- 1. Oil city of Scotland (8)
- 2. Not a convertible (7)
- 3. Bad (4)
- 4. Sharp projectile point (9)
- 5. Scottish land owner (5)
- 7. To spoil or poison (7)
- 8. Washed (6)
- 11. Dutch liquor (8)
- 14. One who imposes obedience (8)
- 16. Small American rodents (9)
- 18. A heating ring - cooker (8)
- 19. Washington DC River (7)
- 21. Break violently (7)
- 22. Frozen water drip (6)
- 24. Succulent houseplant (5)
- 26. Expectorate (4)

**Solution to Spring Crossword**

**Across** 1. Disconcert,6. Abel,9. Frantic,10.Backlog, 12. Odin, 13. Insolvent,15. Ignoble,16. Cease, 17. À la 19. Quell, 20. Broaden, 23. Identical, 25. Taxi, 27. Chimera,28. En Route,29. Sage, 30. Bloody Mary

**Down** 1.Daffodil,2.SeaLion,3.Oath,4.Conchineal, 5.Robes,7. Believe,8.Lights,11.Calvados,14.Absentee, 16. Caballero,18.Entirely,19.Queueing,21.Dracula, 22. Discus,24. Crawl, 26. Dray

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## Events Diary

**AUGUST**

Friday 8th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 16th	Community Barbeque at the Toll Centre	Afternoon
Saturday 23rd	Coffee morning with pancakes in Erskine Church Hall	10.00 am
Saturday 23rd	Open Day at the Ecology Centre, Kinghorn Loch	12 noon til 3.00 pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Guided Outer Heritage Trail Walk from Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate	1.30pm
Sunday 31st	Sunday Strollers The Black Rock from Pettycur Bay Car Park (Start time dependant on tides—watch the FFP)	

**SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday 3rd	Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park	7.00pm
Wednesday 3rd	BPS Parent Council AGM	pm
Saturday 6th	BASC "Come & Try" Session at the Beacon Leisure Centre	4.00pm - 4.45 pm
<b>Monday 8th</b>	<b>Blood Transfusion Service - Donations at the Parish Church Hall 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm &amp; 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm</b>	
Friday 12th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00pm
Saturday 13th	BASC "Come & Try" Session at the Beacon Leisure Centre	4.00pm - 4.45 pm
Saturday 13th	BSC Open day at East Harbour Breakwater Clubhouse	TBA
Sunday 14th	Yacht Races and Best Dressed Yacht Competition BSC Clubhouse	All Day
Sunday 21st	BASC Commonwealth Bash at the Beacon Leisure Centre	All Afternoon
Thursday 25th	Parade and Rededication of the War Memorial	pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Guided Outer Heritage Trail Walk 1.30pm from Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate (last of the season)	2.30pm
Friday 26th	Over 70s Quiz Night - Details to be arranged	
Sunday 28th	Sunday Strollers - Ravenscraig & Dysart - from Ravenscraig Car Park	2.00 pm

**OCTOBER**

Friday 11th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 25th	Over 70s Christmas Treat Coffee Morning in Music Hall	am
Saturday 25th	Erskine Church Hall Autumn Fayre with hot pancakes	10.00 am to 12.00 noon
Sunday 26th	Sunday Strollers "Four Burntisland Viewpoints" - from the Sands Hotel Car Park	2.00 pm

**NOVEMBER**

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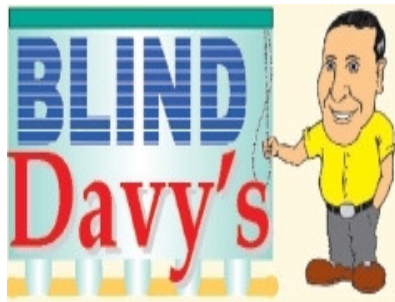
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