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World Champions !



Burntisland and District Pipe Band have had one of the best competitive seasons in their long and distinguished history. The band finished the season with 29 out of a possible 30 points for the major championships and the drum corps finished with 30 out of a possible 30. Quite a remarkable season. Best band in seven competitions including World Champions in their Grade.

As a result of the enormous success the band has been promoted to Grade 3B for season 2015. We hope to have a new Grade 4B band ready to go for 2015 with a drum corps already in place. Practise is already under way for 2015 with new MSR and medley tunes selected. The band is looking to recruit new members for both bands, anyone interested should contact any band member or come along to the pipe band hall in East Leven Street on a Monday or Thursday evening between 7 and 9 pm.

For anyone looking to learn to play the pipes or drums we have a learners session on a Tuesday night. Come along and have a go. The band hopes at some point to parade the trophies along Burntisland High Street and hope to see the public come out and recognise the tremendous achievement of the band.

“Guy Fawkes Night”

Burntisland Links is the place to be on 5th November to enjoy the traditional Guy Fawkes Night and spectacular fireworks display, one of the most popular family events in the town which now attracts a huge number of visitors from a wide area.

As in previous years, from 6pm the Radio Lollipop Roadshow will provide entertainment, music and tremendous fun for children of all ages. Additionally there will be fairground rides, refreshments and the very popular glo-sticks stall. World Champions, Burntisland & District Pipe Band will arrive with the Summer Queen at 7pm. followed by the lighting of the bonfire and the professional fireworks display provided by 21cc, a company with a well established reputation in the field.

Car parking is notoriously difficult so we urge local people to leave the car at home and walk to the event. For those coming from further afield, please use public transport whenever possible to reduce congestion on the roads.

Whilst there is no charge for entry to the event, a public collection will be taken on the night to help offset the considerable costs involved. The Events Group is heavily dependent on a good response from the public. It is hoped that everyone will contribute something. Please note that for Health and Safety and Insurance reasons, no personal fireworks and sparklers will be permitted. Please do not take offence if stewards enforce these rules – they are obliged to do so.

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BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

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From the Editor

Following the last issue, my letterbox and email inbox have been positively overflowing. There is insufficient space in this issue to include all the correspondence, which with only one exception concerned the removal of the sycamore tree on Kinghorn Road. Only one letter, that from the owner, supported the removal of the tree and the overwhelming body of opinion considered that the full force of the law should be brought to bear upon the individual who brought about the destruction of a perfectly healthy tree which was the subject of a preservation order. The purpose of the article was to gauge public opinion which I think, we have achieved, but we have been heavily criticized for the manner in which we did so.

Well, back to basics. The Buzz was introduced by Burntisland Community Council in 1997 in an effort to raise public awareness on the local issues of the day. I took over the reins some five years ago and with the assistance of a dedicated committee of volunteers, have attempted to stick to the original objective. Community Council affairs will always receive priority but the Council does not control the content of the remainder of the Buzz. The team is permitted to exercise its own judgement on topics to be included and the manner in which they are presented. The "sycamore tree" was one such topic and two sides of the argument were tabled. Your views on the subject have been made very clear. However, if you feel that you have suggestions which would assist us to improve our presentation or content, you are welcome to join the team. We are always receptive to fresh ideas and I look forward to hearing from you.

On a more positive note, many congratulations to our World Champions, the Burntisland & District Pipe Band, a Burntisland institution which most of us seem to take for granted. Let's give them the fantastic ovation they deserve on Bonfire Night.

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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.

- Fife Council will require a replacement tree to be positioned at 147 Kinghorn Road with a height of 5m when planted, rising to 12m at maturity.
- Proposals are in hand by Fife Council, with the support of Burntisland Heritage Trust, to seek funding for the conservation of the Kirkton Churchyard.
- The High Street will be re-surfaced in mid-November. If the setts at crossing points are removed then we will seek their re-use for decorative purposes within Burntisland, as they were originally funded for that purpose.
- Two environmental clean-ups were carried out with a lot of enthusiasm but by few people.
- The Community Council's online presence was ranked among the top three in Scotland by independent researchers from Edinburgh Napier University.
- There is a proposal to create a new piece of public art commemorating the presence of George Wylie's Paper Boat at Burntisland in 1996. It sailed to Anstruther and back having previously been in New York, London and Antwerp. If the project goes ahead it will be a reminder of shipbuilding and similar industries at Burntisland. Discussions are at a very early stage but the idea was welcomed by the Community Council.
- Thanks to the AV Dept Ltd there will be new audio facilities in the Council Chamber. The integral microphones and speakers will make it easier for everyone to hear what is being said. They will also enable proceedings to be recorded and made available via the Community Council's website.
- Proposals for the development of affordable housing at the old primary school in Ferguson Place raised several concerns. Whilst the principle is welcomed, the current outline proposal shows too many homes, not enough play or amenity space and poor access to Cromwell Road.
- Although planning consent was refused for a wind turbine at Balbie Farm, the developer has appealed. A separate proposal is under consideration for a 45m wind turbine at Dunearn, though it is not yet a formal planning application.
- Fife Historic Buildings Trust have identified example projects which will provide valuable lessons for the development of the Burgh Chambers complex and other Common Good properties. The projects are in Anstruther, Dysart, Ladybank, Kinghorn and Burntisland. Follow-through information will be obtained in each case so that we will be better-placed to develop local ideas for the future.

Your Community Council

Burntisland Community Council (BCC) is elected every four 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. The following office bearers will continue in office until 12th November at which time they must relinquish office.

Chair: Alex MacDonald
Treasurer: John Russell
Interim Secretary: Gordon Langlands

Office bearers of the new Community Council will be appointed at the first meeting of the new Council provisionally scheduled for Friday 14th November.

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**All contributions to the editor
by email or by snail mail.**

The New Burntisland Community Council

The Burntisland Community Council (BCC) is one of over 1000 Community Councils which have been established as the most local tier of statutory representation in Scotland. They came into existence to bridge the gap between local authorities and communities with a view to making public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent. Their primary purpose is to ascertain and express the views of the community to the local authority and other public bodies. Community Councils are composed of elected volunteers from within the community, with elections taking place at four year intervals. BCC has served the community well since its establishment in 1978 and by the time you read this issue of the Buzz, the process to select 15 members of the new Community Council will have reached an advanced stage.

Fife Council is responsible for organising and supervising the election process and has already complied with statutory requirements - notice of the election has been published, nomination papers have been issued, a returning officer has been appointed and the number of nominations received was announced as 13 on Friday 24th October. As there have been fewer than 15 nominations, a notice of an uncontested election will be posted before the 7th November. The successful nominees as revealed by the Returning Officer are as follows: -

John Bradshaw, John Bruce, Christine Dewar, Morag Douglas, Tim Hailey, Gordon Langlands, Alex MacDonald, George McLauchlan, John Russell, Bruce Stuart, Colin Fraser, William Symington and Benjamin Barron.

All but the last three successful nominees are returning Community Councillors.

So what happens now? - All thirteen nominees will be accepted as Community Councillors for the ensuing four years and will attend the inaugural meeting of the new BCC on Friday 14th November in the Burgh Chambers. By this time all members of the previous BCC will have stood down and the first meeting will be chaired initially by an elected member of Fife Council (yet to be identified) who represents the Burntisland Ward. Office bearers for the new Council will be elected and individual responsibilities allocated amongst the new community councillors. Then, hopefully, it will be back to business as usual.

The two remaining vacancies on the Community Council will be filled over time by inviting nominations in the same manner as casual vacancies have been filled in the past.

As well as councillors returning we have four who have decided to stand down.

Hazel McGraw was latterly our joint Minutes Secretary and also took a keen interest in the Strategic Projects Group. In both roles she helped to ensure we were able to respond flexibly when the need arose.

Damian Purcell. Like Hazel, was joint Minutes Secretary and supported a range of initiatives, including the Strategic Projects Group. He played an active role very soon after joining the Community Council and helped to ensure continuity in our various initiatives.

Ian McKenzie took a keen interest in environmental topics and invariably helped to keep a strong focus on green, public spaces as being key attributes in our community.

Finally, **Bob Smith** who served as the Council's Vice Chairman for many years, was a key example of how the Community Council seeks to be inclusive. He was working overseas during much of his time as Vice Chair but still managed to attend most Council meetings on a Friday evening when he returned and also contributed by e-mail whenever possible. He was primarily responsible for renovating the distressed furniture in the Burgh Chambers and played an active role in other projects, varying from Bonfire Night to the War Memorial and the planned multi-user games area near to the Beacon. On behalf of the community we offer our sincere thanks to outgoing councillors for their past contributions and wish our new appointees every success in their endeavours over the coming four years.

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The Burgh Polis

By

Sergeant Neil Ewing

With a new edition of the Burgh Buzz comes news regarding changes at Burntisland Police Station. On 6th October two officers left Burntisland Police Station to take up new roles within Kirkcaldy Police Station. However, they have been replaced by four officers coming from the opposite direction. PCs Tony Kinsell and David Snowdon have both worked at Burntisland Police Station for the past couple of years and in that time built up good working relationships with various groups and individuals. Replacing them, we welcome PCs Michelle Murray, Daniel Gibson, Ross Masterton and Ross Paterson.

With the station now manned by 6 officers, this has allowed us to change the day - to - day policing style, thus providing better coverage throughout the day. Previously we operated with four officers working the same shift. We are now able to deploy three teams of two officers, resulting in 2 officers working a dayshift, 2 officers on a backshift, whilst two are on their days off. This now allows community cover from as early as 8am through to late evening. 24 hour response policing will also continue by way of a vehicle patrolling the area.

During October local officers were involved in the planning of

the annual Burntisland Fireworks display. Many issues were discussed, including staffing, health and safety, parking and the logistics of assisting people to travel home safely.

Officers have also been involved in dealing with road safety in the community having deployed the speed detection camera at a number of local black spots.

The Bi-monthly Community Engagement Meetings continue to take place at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park. The 3 main concerns relate to anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and road safety. If you have any other issues to discuss we encourage as many people to attend so we can take note of their concerns and help resolve their problems.

Community Engagement Meetings

The next Community Engagement Meeting should have been held on Bonfire night, however, to stop it clashing with a local policing event we have moved it forward to the Tuesday night instead.

Tuesday 4th November at 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

Remembrance Day Service

The special parade arranged for Thursday 25 September was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. However the rededication of the War Memorial will now be incorporated into the Remembrance Sunday Service, to be held on 9th November at 12 noon.

This year’s commemoration will be of special significance in that it marks the centenary of the outbreak of WW1 in 1914. It is the intention to read aloud every name inscribed on the memorial from both World Wars. These names will be read poignantly, by members of our uniformed youth organisations as the wreaths are being laid.

After the Remembrance service held this year in Erskine Church at 10.45 am, the parade and local community will gather at the refurbished War Memorial for 12 noon at which time the service will be led by ministers from all denominations of Burntisland churches.



DITCH the KNIFE & CHERISH LIFE

“JUSTICE FOR BARRY” UPDATE

Alan McLean’s Anti Knife Crime Campaign, in memory of his son Barry who was stabbed to death some three years ago, continues apace. Alan’s daughter Lisa, is visiting local schools emphasising the devastation that knives can cause. She backed up a visit to Burntisland Primary School with a poster competition and continues to spread the message in Secondary Schools with a recent visit to senior modern studies pupils at Kirkcaldy High. She plans to address Balwearie High pupils along similar lines in the near future.

Audrey Diamond, depute rector at KHS said: “The visit gave pupils the chance to find out more about issues surrounding knife carrying, knife crime and the impact of knife crime on individuals and families”.



Lisa and PC Mark McCulloch at KHS

Museum of Communications

By **Dorothy Brankin**



The museum of Communications has had a very busy year. Our very popular lecture programme has continued throughout. We took part in the National Science and Engineering Week, visiting schools all over the country and covering over 700 miles in the process. Fife Science Festival came next, then a Family Fun Day in Glenrothes. In September we again travelled to Orkney where we took part in the Science Festival and delivered a lecture in collaboration with the Orkney Wireless Museum.

Our Exhibition opened in May and throughout the summer months attracted over 1,000 visitors, including troupes of Scouts and Brownies. World War I is such a huge topic that we have decided to retain and adapt the theme for at least one more year.

Feedback from visitors has been very positive, particularly with regard to our 13ft long model Zeppelin suspended over the stairwell. This followed the design of the original aircraft which were over 200 metres in length and consisted of a gasbag filled with one million cubic feet of hydrogen and just below the (usually leaking) gas bag were suspended two gondolas that housed the crew. Signals

Officers relayed the findings of the Observers back to base via a spark transmitter. It did not appear to be considered important that sparks and hydrogen do not make the best bed-fellows.”

The other exhibition feature which attracted much attention was our trench, built according to the Officer’s Manual for the Western Front (1914-18) which sadly contained some ludicrous instructions.....

Daftest of all - How to “Entrench in Frozen Ground”

Firstly, spread a layer of straw, 20 inches thick, over “rather more of the area to be excavated”. Under cover of darkness, SET FIRE to the straw at intervals of about 5 yards and let it burn for about 12 hours by which time the ground will be soggy enough to commence digging. The directive seems to assume that the enemy will not have observed the cutting, collection and laying of such vast amounts of straw or have noticed the flames or smelt the smoke during the thawing period.

However, a cautionary note adds that digging in frozen ground can be heard half a mile away and sparks caused by picks striking stones can be seen from 600 yards.

With such daft instructions in addition to scavenging rats and typhoid-carrying lice, it makes one wonder how the war was won!



by **Scott Swaton**

Burrtisland has been fabulous this summer. We had blooming good weather which ensured our floral displays were an asset to the town. This year FAB worked more closely with the Fife Council in coordinating our planting efforts to create beautiful displays of colour.

The volunteers have worked relentlessly to maintain and water the hanging baskets on the High Street, the troughs and planters throughout the town, and the railway station - a huge undertaking!

For the second year running, FAB entered the Beautiful Scotland and Beautiful Fife campaigns. We were pleased to retain our silver award from Beautiful Scotland and achieve a silver gilt award from Beautiful Fife, a level up from last year. These campaigns allow FAB to showcase Burntisland and for the town to receive the recognition it deserves.

Our third annual coffee morning at the beginning of October was undoubtedly the best so far. A total of £862 was raised which will go towards FAB’s continued efforts. A special thanks to all those who supported us on the day, in particular local shop traders who graced us with an array of prizes for our raffle.

As we move into Autumn, the hanging baskets and floral displays are being removed and composted in Broomhill allotments to be used by the allotment owners. Winter planting will start shortly, beginning with the troughs and planters throughout the town.

Our plans for next year are already underway and our volunteers will be busy throughout the winter months, meeting with Fife Council personnel to arrange further enhancements and developments for next year. In addition we will be applying for grants and progressing fundraising ideas.

Our community involvement is as strong as ever and we are currently working with the staff and children at Starley Hall School and continue to work closely with Burntisland Primary School.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the positivity and comments we receive from local residents which undoubtedly encourages us to continue our efforts to make Burntisland Fabulous.



Beautiful Scotland



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Silver Award



The Sting
(*Letters to the Editor*)

Dear Ed,

The removal of the tree between 147 and 149 Kinghorn Road Burntisland on 8 August was a sad and frustrating event. I have lived in this road for 17 years and the tree was always a welcome sign of arriving home whether travelling from Kirkcaldy or Aberdour. On a more technical note it provided a significant landmark on the tangent of the curve visible from the bowling green to the west and the cemetery to the east. Such points are rare in the urban context and even rarer when provided by a tree perfectly proportioned between the houses. It was a beautiful specimen, mature, deciduous and full, which always heralded the change of the seasons with unflinching and exquisite quality.

The individual who allegedly caused the removal of this beautiful specimen, which was under a Tree Preservation Order, should be subject to the severest penalty that current legislation allows. In addition, the local authority should compel the planting of at least one, if not more, semi-mature trees on the same spot to ensure that coming generations are able to benefit from the quality of a natural landmark at that location.

I have known the alleged perpetrator for a long time. He has always been an impetuous and self-assured individual. However, I never considered that he might be so cynical or naïve to carry out vandalism of this nature. Unfortunately, he is only mimicking the attitude of many developers who treat the planning process as an impediment to their selfish aims instead of a democratic process set up to protect the environment and the rights of the majority.

Leslie Forsyth

I write to as a newcomer to Burntisland. I live near the destroyed sycamore tree.

I am flabbergasted that you could even pose such a question, it being particularly ironically placed beneath an officer of the law. This tree was protected by a preservation order, the culprit is well known and was photographed doing the ring barking. It is obvious that the full force of the law should be used to punish the individual concerned who only carried out this act to enable the development of the building site.

The law is the law! The question you pose suggests otherwise! As you will know the tree has now been removed and a planning application submitted.

Peter Kampman.

Dear editor

I wish to question the inclusion of this article in the most recent edition August 2014. Perhaps the source of information for the article should be made clear as I feel it had a biased tone which suggested to me the publication was sympathetic to the felling of the tree.

The vandal in question was witnessed openly deliberately vandalising the tree as it was interfering with his wishes to build on the site. This is not a 'school of thought' as your article suggests, but a fact, and I believe a report has been sent to the PF as a result. Which is also an issue as I consider commenting on this case in a public paper to surely be at risk of interfering with judicial process?

I wonder where this 'contrary view' to which you refer has originated? I have investigated the origins of the sycamore and even Kew Gardens are not willing to state outright any fact about the sycamore and dates of introduction to mainland Britain. But the tree is considered naturalised in the UK.

Was the source of this information about the sycamore being 'considered by many to be a weed' taken from a poll of our local community or some expert who holds an opposing view to the many woodland experts in the UK? Many of the botanic gardens throughout the UK have significant sycamore specimens on display.

The said tree was subject to a TPO as it was considered an asset to the visual appearance of the local area and was used as a landmark for local people. It's age, at well over 100 years, I would suggest rendered it of significant local value.

The tone of this article would almost lead one to believe that the

perpetrator himself had penned it in an effort to muster support. I believe the matter is still to be dealt with.

I am extremely concerned that this article and the tone of supporting the killing of the beautiful sycamore tree is included in a paper published by Burntisland Community Council and am horrified that this may reflect Community Council opinion. I am also concerned that this be published when the situation is not legally resolved.

Kathleen Cooper

Sirs

Your balanced article in the August issue of the Burgh Buzz was appreciated.

It appears this "controversial" tree/ground has given rise to local interest, however the owner of the tree has not been included in any communications with concerned residents apart from one, he personally offered to tend my grounds at no charge; to him I apologise for my actions. With regards to the unilateral and unreasoned dictums via Councillors from Fife Council, I have no remorse.

I've owned 147 Kinghorn Road, the neighbouring ground and tree for some 7 years. During extensive renovations to the house I sought planning approval to develop the neighbouring land, including saving the tree with specialist membranes placed at foundation level. The application was recommended for approval by the professional planners at Fife Council and their recommendations were overturned by the elected Councillors.

To abbreviate the saga, soon after in April 2012 a Tree Protection Order was placed on the tree, with no notice, communication or negotiation with the owner. In March the following year I applied for permission to excavate beside the house to establish what damage my tree was causing to my building, this was also refused.

There were always compromises available, however this was not the route chosen by the local Councillor and the detractors, the big picture was ignored, with it seems only the tree considered and the thought that I would make some money. If it makes some people happy; there is no money to be made, however I might get the money I've spent to-date returned.

In addition, the Council's tree experts have stated a mature tree should not be located any closer than 10m from any building; the gap between 147 and 149 Kinghorn Road including my right-of-way is 16m in total.

Communication is good, and you have witnessed what happens when you don't. Also, I don't accept you can vandalise your own property, I have paid for the removal of a weed which was damaging my home!

Bob Wilkie B.Sc B.Id Surveying

Dear Editor

Well done for drawing everyone's attention to this.

This was sheer wanton vandalism, and not only should the vandal be prosecuted, but he should be required to replace the tree with a mature replacement.

Norman Smith.

I consider the chainsaw cuts to the tree as wanton vandalism. This tree had a protection order on it and it is well known that a certain person wanted it removed.

There are many trees in the UK and indeed plants that are not native, but if we decided to destroy them, the country would be rather empty and have a knock on effect on wildlife.

This tree had a Protection Order on it and to damage it is vandalism and if nothing is done about it, then it makes a mockery of the system of Protection Orders.

In my opinion you cannot choose whether you want to uphold the law in this case or not. A crime has been committed. A new tree should be planted to replace the one that has been removed. If this does not happen it sends out the message that the law can be broken and you will get away with it.

Burntisland has been criticised for lack of green space and here is another example of turning the town into a concrete jungle.

Moiria Gardner



School News

By Carolyn Bell

It wouldn't be possible to share our news this term without mentioning our lovely new school building and all of the marvellous modern features we are now becoming accustomed to. After all the excitement of packing and planning for the big move, it is wonderful to be comfortably settled in. Pupils, staff and the wider community are all truly combining to bring our new building to life.

One of the most impressive features is our gigantic assembly space in the 'hub' of the school. This is composed of two gym halls and an assembly hall that can be opened up into a space, large enough to bring the whole school together. On the 7th October, we were fortunate to be entertained by Jed and Jo from Fischy Music who led a whole school concert in this space as the culmination of two days of music workshops for P1-7. We now look forward to singing and performing many of these songs at our Monday morning assemblies. Travelling Tuba, organised through the Youth Music initiative, were a dynamic duo of musicians who introduced us to many world instruments on Thursday 18th September and inspired us to find out more about sounds and music making.

Our school book fair ran for two weeks from the 5th September in our new library. Many thanks to all of the parents and friends who supported the organisation of this annual event. All profits raised will be used to purchase new books for the library, which is already used very frequently and is a wonderful space to get lost in a book!

Our Nursery children have enjoyed playing inside and out with all of their lovely new toys. In our garden the tunnel, climbing frame, sand box and story chair are very popular. Whilst inside, the interactive smart boards are well used. The children now enjoy having snacks with their friends from the other rooms now that our snack area is shared.

P2 and P2/3 classes have enjoyed learning lots about Pirates this term and have discovered how to use directions and co-ordinates to create treasure maps as well to act out pirate

stories in literacy and drama. They particularly enjoyed sharing their learning experience with parents and friends on Thursday 9th October.

This term, P7 classes have begun learning about WW1 with their knowledge greatly enhanced by visits to the Heritage Centre in Burntisland on Wednesday 1st October. They are looking forward to a school trip to the Lochgelly Centre next term to see the film 'War Horse' and a play based on WW1.

Budding young artists in P5 have been trialling abstract art techniques and creating Kandinsky art with pastels. P5H particularly enjoyed reading 'Matilda' and describing characters from the novel.



Our fabulous new school facilities can now host numerous after-school clubs including badminton, football, hockey, netball, dance and singing. Our football team visited Torbain Primary on Wednesday 8th October to play some friendly matches, and we look forward to competing in many sporting events over the upcoming year.

Finally, the school collected a large amount of food for local food-banks. There was in excess of twenty boxes full of dried, tinned and packeted food. This is being delivered in stages to Pat Hanson in Potter About who has very kindly agreed to organise it's distribution. Many thanks to all the families who donated.

.....and from the Head Julie Anderson

It's been a very busy and quick first term in our new building. Children and staff have all settled in well and as children's work begins to appear on all the walls, it's beginning to feel more like an incredible learning environment and less like just a fabulous building!



The Head with her Staff

We have worked hard to ensure that we are forming a clear vision for our new school based on shared, common values.

Over the last few weeks, this has involved much discussion with children (from the nursery – Primary 7), staff and parents. It has been really interesting to hear their various views and how the children envisage their school should develop as a learning community. We would hope to have a new school 'motto' as a result with a key message for us all to aspire to.

We have also undertaken a recent evaluation from all primary school parents seeking their views on successful aspects of school activities and also on those areas which require improvement. The feedback has been incredibly valuable and has demonstrated that our communication with parents has vastly improved, particularly with our text messaging system. The extended frequency and accessibility of "Shared Starts and Busy Ends" sessions, during which parents are welcomed into their child's class for an informal sharing of learning activity, have proved useful and will be adjusted based on feedback from parents. We are also reviewing our system for packed lunches and hope to enhance the playground experience over the lunch period.

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(continued) The school building is beautiful inside and the views spectacular. We see the ever changing face of the Binn framed by our large windows and no matter the weather, it always feels uplifting and special. The children's learning has been transformed with the use of Smartboards in every room, laptop trolleys allowing whole classes at a time to access IT learning and with a brand new library, two sports halls, a fully equipped drama/assembly space as well as a music room, the whole educational experience for our children has improved immeasurably.

We have also welcomed the first of our two year olds to our early entrants provision in what was the old nursery building which has been transformed inside.

Next term will hold the first of our parents nights and later in the session we hope to welcome the community as a whole to a series of staged visits. We have decided to hold these later on in the year to ensure that the new building is ready for viewing. Having unpacked over two and a half thousand boxes we feel sure people will understand it's been a bit busy! Our priority has always been to settle in the children before opening the doors to the community.

Burntisland Primary School Parent Council

By Lorna Wallace

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 3rd September and there was a record turn out with many new faces. A new committee was elected and the retiring chairperson Ben Barron was thanked for his input over the last 2 years, by the newly installed incumbent, Lorna Wallace..

We are looking forward to an exciting year in our new school and working with Julie Anderson and her team. We are already planning our Christmas Fayre which will be on Sunday 30th November at 1-3pm. We hope that the community will support us in raising funds for our pupils. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th November at 7 pm in the meeting room at the school entrance.

It would be great to see parents or carers of nursery or school children. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be available!



By Fiona Hill

A new term has begun at Burntisland Playgroup with lots of new children eager to start their education in a fun way. This first term is always a bit stressful for some children (and their parents) as this may be the first time they have been away from their home environment. It takes a little time for them to settle in and to become confident in their new surrounds. However most of the children appear to have achieved this already.

We have been making the most of the good weather and spending a lot of time outdoors in our garden area. We have a new "mud kitchen", which the children have been using in some very imaginative ways. Making a pie out of mud and leaves is so much fun! We have been learning about the farmers harvesting their crops and the changes that happen to our environment in the Autumn. "Hospitals" was a theme that the children have been interested to know more about too.

The Rotary Club of Burntisland and Kinghorn very kindly donated £100 for us to purchase new books to use in the group with the children. This is part of their initiative to improve literacy and language for children. We are really appreciative of this donation as we are with any donations to the group. Without the generosity and help of everyone in the community we would not have been able to survive for so long.

Next term we look forward to beginning our foreshore experiences. We will be visiting the beach on a regular basis to explore and observe the changes that occur. We will also be starting some football coaching sessions. These are the first part of a range of fitness/dance/drama sessions we will have over the year, which have been funded by the 'Big Lottery'. We will also be learning about topics such as bonfire night, St Andrew's Day, Santa Lucia and Christmas as well as any other topics which arise from the children's own interests.

The committee is also very busy planning a variety of fundraising activities to provide much needed funds for the group. Our first event will be a Family Halloween Disco on the 1st November from 2.30 to 4.30pm, with lots of fun activities including face painting, lucky dip and a cauldron of gold. On Saturday 29th November the legendary Joe's Band will be playing from 8pm to midnight; this is always a popular event so get your tickets early, and remember to bring your own bottle! In December we will be hosting a coffee morning with some seasonal stalls – date to be announced – so keep a look out for posters around the town. All events will be held at the Toll Centre, which is where you can buy your tickets. You can also find us on Facebook where we will keep you up to date on all our events and other activities.



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Giustino studied health and safety as well as hygiene at College and is hoping in the future to introduce healthier choices to their menu. In 2013, the family installed a new range that uses less oil. Ivana studied business management and accounting and hopes her knowledge will help the business run more smoothly.

Romanos have a long history of helping local charities and organisations through prizes, sponsorship and other methods. Indeed, Romano's advert appeared in the very first edition of the 'Buzz' in 1997 and has appeared in every edition since. Ivana is very involved with charity work and has achieved her Caritas Award for her efforts.

As the younger Romanos are taking a more proactive role, Sergio and Concetta would like to thank their many local customers and visitors for their loyal support over the past 21 years.

The elder Romanos would like to stress, that they're not retiring, but gradually letting the younger generation continue the fine traditions of Romano's on the High Street.



First Aid update by Alex MacDonald

After a couple of false starts, the Community First Responder scheme has now gone live in Burntisland, Aberdour and Kinghorn. It means that for selected

999 calls, one or two local volunteers will be sent to the scene at the same time as an ambulance is despatched, giving a few precious minutes of early care. It depends entirely on the availability of volunteers, so is not yet round-the-clock. However, our local members are typically on-call for 20-30 hours each week.



Even better news is that we will receive support of at least £500 from the Bank of Scotland Community Fund, which will be put towards the purchase of a new defibrillator for local use. The actual grant will depend on a public vote and could be as high as £3,000. If we are successful in receiving a lot of public support, then the larger grant will enable us to place a public access defibrillator in Burntisland and possibly also Kinghorn. We'll learn the outcome in November.

In the meantime, we continue to be very active elsewhere. This year we will attend over 100 events, varying from the British Superbikes at Knockhill, and the Black Rock race in Kinghorn, to the Grampian Motorcycle Convention in Aberdeenshire. For the first time, we will cover the Scottish Horse Show in Renfrewshire and also Farming Yesteryear at Scone Palace. The ice hockey season has started again, with our volunteers attending to spectators and players alike.

In the background, we remain in heavy demand for training, with one-day courses being particularly popular. Our public evening class in Burntisland started on 15th October and remains a leader in its field.

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BFAST volunteers prepare to remove an injured player from the ice



775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

Cadets and Staff of the Squadron have been involved in a variety of activities over the summer and will be equally busy over the coming months.

At the beginning of September Cdt K McMillan represented the Squadron at the South East Scotland Wing swimming championships at Deans High School, Livingstone. Cdt O Sharp and Cpl L Walker have attended various radio training courses at RAF Leuchars and are currently taking part in a week long course which includes setting up a radio at Barry Buddon Defence Training Area (DTA).

In mid September one member of staff and 6 cadets took part in the Last Battle of Britain Memorial Parade in St Andrews. Several cadets will be attending the Autumn camp at RAF Halton and an activity based camp, code named Blue Eagle at Barry Buddon DTA. Other activities will include the SE Scotland Wing X Country Race, local Poppy collection, the Burntisland Remembrance Day Parade, Bag packing and planting trees with the Woodland Trust.

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.



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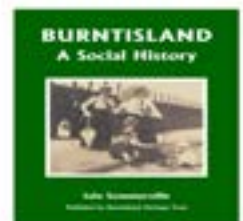
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“When people are the most desperate and need the most help – the place I send people to is CAP, because it works.”

What do CAP offer that isn't available through other agencies? CAP partners with local churches to provide a service which is holistic and can be life changing. We visit clients in their own homes and fill out an income and expenditure form, take away copies of all their paperwork and return two weeks later with a repayment schedule and a budget. All the client needs to do is stick to the budget and CAP takes care of the negotiations with creditors etc. Clients pay one weekly or monthly sum to CAP and CAP then pays this out to their creditors, and also puts some aside for saving.

The idea is that by the time someone is debt free, they will have learned to budget successfully. CAP also runs CAP Money Courses, teaching people how to live within their means, and there is a CAP Job Club opening in Kirkcaldy soon, where people can get help with CV's etc.

CAP works because we look after the whole person, not just the debt. We have a befriending team who support clients practically and emotionally, as debt is often a symptom of wider issues. If you're in debt, pick up the phone. Or if you know someone in debt, tell them about CAP. Don't suffer in silence any longer – let us lift the burden of debt off your shoulders so you can begin the journey to becoming debt free.

The team at head office each have a harmonica in their desk drawer. When the news comes that a client is debt free, everyone blows their harmonicas, as this news means that for one family, life just got a whole lot better, and that's worth celebrating.

Telephone: **0800 328 0006**

Or go to www.capuk.org for more information.

Andrea McDonald School of Highland Dance

Andrea was a pupil of the legendary Isa Duncanson's dance classes until she retired in 2008 and Andrea took over the teaching of her classes. The school has a great group of dancers, ranging from nursery age to adults and beginners to very experienced dancers.

The school is going from strength to strength and a record number of dancers took part in many Highland Games and other competitions across Scotland over the summer. There was a particularly good turnout for the Burntisland Highland Games, with the dancers bringing home a good collection of medals and a section trophy. Isa herself was of course there to watch!

All members of the dance school have been training hard over the past year preparing for exams, performances and competitions. I'm sure there will be lots more medals to look forward to next year however the next big event is a trip to the International Gathering of Highland Dance at Disneyland Paris in November. Fifteen girls will be attending and taking part in the parade through Disneyland, choreographed routines and a competition. The dancers have put in many extra hours of practise to prepare and are looking forward to showcasing their efforts at a display for family and friends in the town before the big event in Paris.

The girls have also been working hard fundraising towards the cost of rehearsal space and costumes and are grateful for the support of the community and local businesses.



Paris Bound ! - Picture by Michael Booth

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My New Home – First Impressions

By Leo du Feu (Artist and Art Tutor)



In January 2014 Burntisland became my home. Previously I was in Linlithgow, where I grew up. I studied at Edinburgh College of Art and am now a full time painter, inspired by landscape and nature. I volunteer for the British Trust for Ornithology and the RSPB and birds appear often in my work.

Six days after moving I made my first full walk, taking binoculars, sketchbook, watercolours, pencils, waterproofs, thermals, thermos, lunch and snacks. I was excited to start exploring. It was a rambling route but roughly I made a large loop around the Binn, curving out into the countryside beyond. A great walk for day visitors - start and end at the railway station.

Walking east from the station I crossed

the grassy Links and headed for the path starting opposite the Golf Club and leading up the Binn. A mild winter meant snowdrops and aconites were already blooming white and yellow as I climbed through trees to sandstone remains of the Binn Village. A great spot for wildlife, ruins covered in ivy and surrounded by dried hogweeds and grasses.

Now I was on a stone walled track, in farmland. The panorama of the Forth sweeping the eye through Edinburgh, North Berwick Law, the Bass Rock,



even the Isle of May bird sanctuary on the eastern horizon. I stopped to paint - a finished watercolour with Edinburgh and Arthur's Seat in the background, nine miles away. Finches bounced past in flight, settling occasionally on a ploughed field. Pheasants and sheep were in the fields below and buzzards and ravens in the sky above - only half an hour from my home!

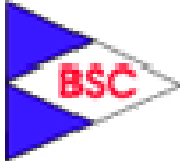
Detouring inland, yellowhammers and a reed bunting pair were in the hawthorns and a kestrel hung flutter-winged but still-bodied above the land, scanning for voles. I continued south to a peaceful spot overlooking the Binn pond, the Forth stretching beyond. I ate lunch listening to a hundred or more fieldfares and redwings high in the beech trees. From the pond tinkling calls of teal ducks contrasted with the rasping of mallards. Also on the water was a moorhen, a little grebe, a tufted duck, probably more.

I sat and painted a quick study, light going fast now. A hare bounced away in the dusk as I climbed steeply to the brow of the Binn to scan town and Forth with binoculars before making for home, feeling elated to have chosen to live here. Nine months on the feeling remains.



Follow Leo's explorations of Scotland at www.landscapeartnaturebirds.blogspot.co.uk and www.leodufeu.co.uk and on Facebook and Twitter.

Order Leo's *Birds of Britain 2015* calendar for £8 per copy using the contact section of Leo's website.



Burntisland Sailing Club

In 1954, food rationing finally came to an end in post War Britain. Old crooners like Doris Day and Bing Crosby would soon be facing a challenge from the new musical trend on the blocks - rock and roll. If Bill Haley and his Comets were aiming for the stars, the people of Burntisland had rather more watery ambitions as 1954 was the year of the founding of Burntisland Sailing Club (BSC).

2014, therefore, sees 60 good reasons to celebrate the birthday of the club. In 1954, members used a modest, second hand dockers' recreation hut for a clubhouse. Today, the palatial (by comparison) replacement clubhouse sits at the far end of the harbour wall in Burntisland, enjoying the finest open views of the Forth, the Lothians and the bridges.

Though the faces have changed, the enthusiasm of club members is identical to the early days: to enjoy the sailing and to share the fun with like-minded others in the community. To this end, BSC flung open its doors on 14th September and welcomed visitors from such faraway places as Aberdour, Ratho, Buckhaven, Glenrothes, Dunfermline and.....of course, Burntisland. Colourful bunting decorated the clubhouse and the galley had been stocked with welcoming fare. However, the big draw of the event was the opportunity to have an authentic sail on a yacht on the Forth. Several local boats took part in a mini-race, each taking one or more visitors. The RNLI rib was also in attendance so those who prefer the roar of a powerful outboard motor to the silent swish of the sails could also enjoy an excursion.



Neil Tunnah, Commodore of BSC, said: "It was great to see so many new faces on our Open Day. Some people think you have to be rich and travel to work in a helicopter to have a yacht. I hope everyone knows now that we're just ordinary folk and that sailing is a great outdoors activity that can be enjoyed by all".

To find out more about sailing from Burntisland, visit www.burntislandsailing.org.uk



BASC Celebrate the Commonwealth Games!



In September BASC held a number of events at the Beacon Leisure Centre to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. These included 'Come and Try' sessions for swimmers and opportunities for adults to try being a poolside volunteer. There was also an art competition for primary school children to draw someone in the national dress of a commonwealth country.

On Sunday 21st September the club held its Commonwealth Bash which was a swimming event with a difference! Children took part in a parade around the pool to various national anthems in teams representing differing commonwealth countries. There were

a mixture of traditional style races as well as some unusual water relay races with balloons and footballs which were great fun. Each child received a commemorative t-shirt, country sash and water bottle.

These events, funded by the National Lottery brought all ages together and a brilliant time was had by all. On 8th November BASC will hold the annual Club Championships. For more details of all club events please visit the website at <http://www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk/>



Burntisland Golf House Club

By Alastair Maxwell

As another season draws to an end, we can reflect on another successful year at BGHC.

The weather was on its best behaviour and allowed the members plenty of opportunities to play on a course that was in excellent condition throughout the season. Congratulations to Head Greenkeeper Stevie McAughey and his team for their hard work which has been greatly appreciated.

This year we were able to support our professional Paul Wytrazek and his team by creating a new, modern professional shop. Paul now has ample space in which to display a great selection of golf equipment and clothing, so why not pop along and have a look. After all, Christmas is fast approaching!

Our catering partnership with Jules Weir is now well established and along with the efforts of our bar team, led by Shirley Grahame, we have seen a huge increase in the number of members using our bar and catering facilities. Indeed, we are experiencing a complete culture change as we see sell out weekends. Long may it continue!

Junior golfers are the future of any golf club, and here at BGHC we are very fortunate to have members and parents who support and encourage our current crop. We are also pleased to have two excellent local professionals who coach and motivate our juniors, so thanks to Craig Armstrong and Scott Gillespie for their tremendous work with the youngsters. Progress is noticeable and indeed, our team has qualified for the final of the Scottish Club Golf championship at Rosemount later this month.

We are a hardy bunch here at BGHC and many of our members play throughout the year. Our winter golf programme will commence at the end of October and we are hopeful of a mild winter, similar to last year!

We always have room for more members, so if you fancy joining our golf club why not give us a call on 01592 874093 (office option) or drop us an e-mail to info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk

Full membership is just £375 and you can join now with membership period through to 31st December 2015. There are lower price options for Under 30s, Under 21s and Juniors (£15 up to £115). Social memberships are just £20 and allow full use of our bar and catering facilities.



By **Bridget Fraser**

The Toll Centre committee hosted their Annual General Meeting on 22nd September, where the annual reports and accounts were presented. It has been another challenging year financially but the hard working staff and committee were able to report a slightly bigger surplus compared to last year. The Toll Centre is a Community Centre that is held in trust for the people of Burntisland. Although we receive some grant funding from Fife Council we rely on private lets and fund raising to keep the Centre open, so many thanks go to all those members of the community that have supported us this year. If you would like to

support the Centre why not consider joining our 50/50 club? For £5 a month your name goes in to a prize draw, half the money goes to Centre funds and the other half is used to pay out 3 cash prizes. Now is a great time to join as the prize pot is bigger in December for the special Christmas draw! See our website www.tollcentre.org.uk for more details.

Unfortunately over last few months there have been some incidents of vandalism at the Centre - the frequency seems to be increasing especially now the darker nights are here, so if anyone sees any unusual activity outside the Centre please contact the police on 101.

We have continued to work on improvements within the Centre, most recently we have had a hearing loop fitted in the main hall. We are looking forward to offering a winter lunch club and continuing to welcome the over 50's to our Wednesday social club on the second and third Wednesday of each month - come along and enjoy a range of activities including bingo and live music.

We are continuing to support people that are looking for work by offering a Computer Club in conjunction with Adam Smith College and Fife Council. The Club takes place Tuesday and Friday between 9.30 and 11.30am. It's free and offers informal help and advice on using a PC, universal job search, preparing a CV, using email, and literacy and numeracy support.

Our youth clubs are on every week during school term time, Tuesday evenings are for age P2-P4 and Thursday P5-P7. On Fridays, high school students are welcome to join our Music Project. For more details please see our website.

Both the main hall and our light, bright meeting room are available for hire at very reasonable rates. If you are thinking of starting a club or having a party, pop in and find out more about the facilities we can offer.

The start of Autumn sees the return of our Community Cinema. We launched the Autumn/Winter season with a showing of Postman Pat the Movie in September. The season will continue with 'How to Train Your Dragon 2' on Sunday 23rd November and our Christmas special this year will be on Sunday 14th December when we will show 'The Muppets Christmas Carol' - there will be a cash bar and mulled wine/mince pies at this event. The Community Cinema is run by members of the Toll Centre Management Committee and a small group of volunteers. We have a giant screen and other equipment on loan from the British Federation of Film Societies. We are always looking for new volunteers with new ideas, so if you'd like to get involved please contact us on 872854 or drop an email to tollcinema@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

Finally, this year our kids Christmas Party will be on Saturday 6th December between 2.30 and 4.30pm. There'll be music, games, party food and a very special guest, so put the date in your diary and keep an eye on our facebook page for more information!

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

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SCI at the Earthship – 10 years old this summer!

The Earthship was very busy in June celebrating its 10th year of opening, and has enjoyed staging a variety of community days and events throughout the summer and autumn months. Children learned how the autonomous building works through guided tours and workshops and afterwards making toys from waste. Skill sharing days in music, biofuels, home energy and hydrogen technology have provided something for all. The music sessions proved so popular they are now running every month – check our website for details. Come along, no matter how unmusical you may think you are. All are welcome.

Our year of celebration will end with a Christmas event with a difference. We are going to savour the December atmosphere of the Loch and *Make Christmas at the Earthship*. Ever thought of making your Christmas wreath whilst watching the swans on Kinghorn Loch? -whilst your children gather natural materials on a storytelling walk around the woods and paths nearby? Singing, music making, home made cakes and steaming hot chocolate - what more could you ask for? Take some time out and make Christmas with us at the Earthship on Saturday 6th December, 2-4pm.

And lastly, for all those budding crafts people and



artists, we are offering the use of the unique space at the Earthship Fife Visitor Centre for short periods to develop your talents away from the busyness of home. The building is approx 31 square metres with large windows for solar gain as the building is off grid and fully autonomous. Tiled flooring, ceiling lighting and extra lamps. Car access within approx 15 metres with full access available when necessary along grass track. More information on request.

For further information, contact Louise on 01592 891884 or inquiry@sci-scotland.org.uk

Over 70s Christmas Treat

FUND RAISING EVENT – A Quiz Night was held on Friday 26th September 2014 in Burntisland Golf Club in conjunction with the Youth Football Team. It was a fantastic evening and well attended, so many thanks to those who came along and supported us. We raised £300 shared equally between our two causes.

CALENDARS - are now on sale in our local Post Office, Heritage Centre, Church Shop, The Star and from any committee member. Many thanks to our talented local photographers for their generous contribution to this year's calendar.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Lunch this year will be in The Kingswood Hotel on Saturday 6th December 2014, 12 noon for 12.30. Attendees MUST live in Burntisland and draw there pension here.

Anyone requiring transport should contact Frances Allan on 01592 872092 or The Star on 01592 871313 with their name, address and telephone number. Pick up points and times will be notified at a later date.

The Christmas Treat is a long standing tradition in Burntisland running for well on 90 years. Over that time it has evolved into the fantastic event that it is today.

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11th Fife -1st Burntisland Scout



Over the summer holidays the beavers had a camp at Crook of Devon, they enjoyed Pond Dipping, Archery and lots of other fun including making Smores at the campfire. We welcomed 5 new Beavers at the start of the term and they recently said their promise and were presented with the membership packs. We had a lovely walk up the Binn where the children learned about the history of the Binn Village and the country code.



The children have worked on the new Disability Awareness Badge where they had a go in wheelchairs, walking frames and crotches. They also had challenges which made them aware of being blind and deaf. We are now working on our Home Safety Badge with part of this encompassing a visit to Torness Power Station while away on our Pack Holiday. We have 16 children and three leaders attending the Pack Holiday to Bonaly Scout Outdoor Center in the half term break. We will also be visiting Torness Power Station, Edinburgh castle and the National Museum. We have had 1 child move on to scouts and had 6 Beavers swimming up to Cubs on the last day of this term.



In July, 14 Scouts and 4 leaders attended the satellite camp at Blair Atholl Jamboree. The children took part in set activities which had an international theme, They attended the Atholl's Day where they were able to interact with Scouts from all over the world, learning about their culture and countries. The camp finished with the traditional campfire with approx 1,500 Scout attending. This term the scouts have been working on their First Aid Badges. They have also been down on the links practising putting up tents for their "back to basics" camp at the Crook of Devon. This camp saw the children, using axes and saws, building fires to cook meals on.



The Explorers have been out and about hiking up over the Binn and visiting the Binn Village. They worked on the new Nature Badge which saw them making box grid quadrants to work out what insects and plants grew in set areas. Six of our explorers teamed up with other District explorers for camp down at Alton Towers. The visit allowed us to camp over night in the park, with access to the water park the first night and entry in to the main rides the following day.



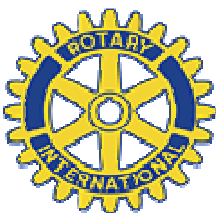
Ecology Centre News

November is going to be a busy month for staff and volunteers as we prepare to move out of the buildings at Craigencaft Farm. Plans for the new Centre on the east side of the loch are well underway with the final shipping container being slotted into place. Work has begun to transform three of the containers into a new Tool Shed workshop. The conversion includes welding work to open up the space, insulation, glass screens to provide lots of natural light and fitting out. The outside will be painted to blend in with the environment and next year when the planting season is upon us; work will begin on the green roof and living walls. Work on our new building is scheduled to begin early in the New Year once the outcome

of our funding applications is known. Until then, office staff will be housed in temporary accommodation in Kirkcaldy.

If you have been for a wander around our Kinghorn Loch site recently you may have noticed a few landmarks have disappeared such as the Poetry Boat and the Rabbit Warren. These have been removed as we leave this part of the site. Not to worry, these popular structures along with many other interesting features will join our "Loo with a View", on our new site on the east side of the loch in the coming months. If you haven't been up to our site for a while, this is a great time of year to visit our bird hide and marshes which we will continue to manage.

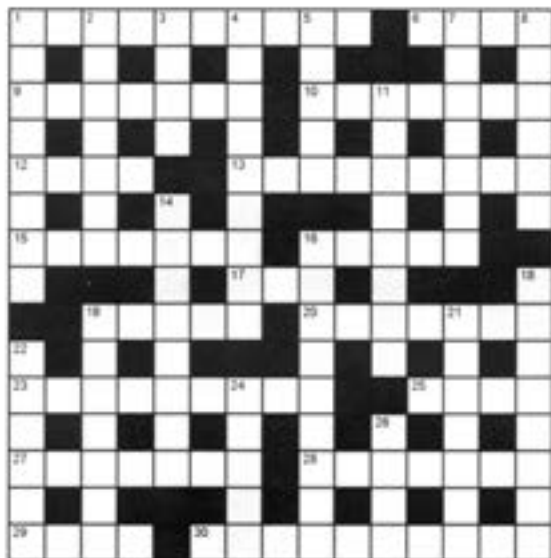
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Burntisland and Kinghorn Rotary Club

The past three months have seen the handover of the Presidency to Donald McKinnon, a lawyer. The work and play of the club has continued apace. At the point of going to press, the now-traditional Charity Shop in the rooms above Burntisland Public Library has raised £1775 after only 3 days of operation, thanks to the generosity of local folk. This money will, as always, be distributed among charities, both local and further afield. Other fund raising events are arranged; The Kinghorn Plant Sale on May 9th next year, and a concert in the Old Kirk in Kirkcaldy on May 22nd. The club has recently given cheques to the three local nurseries to allow them to buy books of their own choice for the children. A programme of 4 Rotary Rambles has been arranged with Kinghorn Primary, and hopefully we'll be able to continue the tradition in the spring with Burntisland Primary 4s. The club meets in the Sands every Tuesday at 6.15 for 6.45. Anyone who would like to be part of this community involvement, please join us.

THE PRIZE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Ruffle (10)
- 6. Cain's brother (4)
- 9. Frenzied (7)
- 10. Arrears of work (7)
- 12. Norse God (4)
- 13. Unable to pay (9)
- 15. Dishonourable (7)
- 16. Stop (5)
- 17. ——— Mode (1,2)
- 19. Subdue (5)
- 20. Make wider (7)
- 23. Exactly alike (5,4)
- 25. Cab (4)
- 27. Idle fancy (7)
- 28. On the way (2,5)
- 29. Savant (4)
- 30. Vodka cocktail (6,4)

DOWN

- 1. Welsh emblem (8)
- 2. Marine animal (7)
- 3. Solemn vow (4)
- 4. Red food dye (9)
- 5. Flowing garments (5)
- 7. Credit (7)
- 8. Illuminations (6)
- 11. Apple Brandy (8)
- 14. One not present (8)
- 16. Spanish Gentleman (9)
- 18. Completely (8)
- 19. Waiting in line (7)
- 21. Fictional vampire (7)
- 22. Throwing event (6)
- 24. Go on all fours (5)
- 26. Brewers cart (4)

Solution to Spring Crossword

Across 1. Achievable, 6. Spar, 9. Earlier, 10. Insulin, 12. Date, 13. Wodehouse, 15. Expense, 16. Cease, 17. Ash, 19. Proud, 20. Impasto, 23. Cataclysm, 25. Carp, 27. Cambric, 28. Naphtha, 29. Each, 30. Basseterre

Down 1. Aberdeen, 2. Hardtop, 3. Evil, 4. Arrowhead, 5. Laird, 7. Pollute, 8. Rinsed, 11. Schnapps, 14. Enforcer, 16. Chipmunks, 18. Hotplate, 19. Potomac, 21. Shatter, 22. Icicle, 24. Yucca, 26. Spit

Summer Crossword Winner
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Completed entries by 21st December to :

The Editor, 39 The Wynd, Dalgety Bay. KY11 9SJ.

First Correct Entry drawn will win £25 voucher donated by Shell UK Ltd. Answers will appear in the next issue of the Burgh Buzz.

Events Diary

NOVEMBER

| | | |
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| Tuesday 4th | Police Community Engagement Meeting at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park | 7.00 pm |
| Wednesday 5th | Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display on the Links | From 6.00 pm |
| Saturday 8th | BASC Championships at the Beacon Centre | Afternoon |
| Sunday 9th | REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES at Erskine Church & War Memorial 10.45 am and 12.00 noon | |
| Friday 14th | Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers (provided an election is unnecessary) | 7.00 pm |
| Saturday 15th | Burntisland Parish Church Christmas Fayre | 2.00 - 4 pm |
| Sunday 23rd | Community Cinema at Toll Centre "How to Train Your Dragon 2" | Afternoon |
| Saturday 29th | Joe's Band at the Toll Centre (Burntisland Playgroup Fund-raiser) | 8.00 - midnight |
| Sunday 30th | Burntisland Primary School Christmas Fayre | 1.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Sunday 30th | Sunday Strollers - Grange Hill and Kinghorn Loch from the Doo Dells Car Park | 2.00 pm |
| Sunday 30th | Advent Carol Service at St Serf's Episcopal Church | 6.00 pm |

DECEMBER

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| Wednesday 3rd | Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park | 7.00 pm |
| Saturday 6th | Over 70s Christmas Treat at the Kingswood | 12.00 for 12.30 pm |
| Saturday 6th | "Make Christmas at the Earthship", Kinghorn Loch | 2.00 - 4.00 pm |
| Saturday 6th | Toll Centre Kids Christmas Party | 2.30 - 4.30 pm |
| Friday 12th | Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers | 7.00 pm |
| Sunday 14th | Community Cinema Christmas Special at the Toll Centre "The Muppets Christmas Carol" | Afternoon |
| Saturday 20th | Live Nativity at St Serf's (animals and baby Jesus present) - snacks & drinks afterwards | 4.00 - 5.00 pm |
| Wednesday 24th | Christmas Watchnight Service at the Erskine Church | 11.15 pm |
| Wednesday 24th | Christmas Watchnight Service at St Serf's | 11.30 pm |
| Sunday 21st | ABI Churches Advent Service with Bishop David at St Columba's Aberdour - No service at St Serf's | |
| Sunday 28th | Sunday Strollers - Starleyburn Circular from Burntisland Links Car Park | 2.00 pm |

JANUARY

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| Friday 11th | Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers | 7.00 pm |
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Burntisland
Community Council



Remembrance Day Ceremony

9th November 2014

Ex-Servicemen and Youth Organisations are requested to muster at the Fire Station at 10.00am and will parade at 10.15am to Erskine United Free Church.

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St Joseph's RC Church

By Kay Gilfillan

Here at St. Joseph's Catholic Church we were very saddened by the departure of our Parish Priest for several years, Father Paul Capaldi

through his retirement from work as a Parish Priest. He himself however, has stated that he is not retired from the priesthood and looks forward to continuing his ministry in different ways.

We said goodbye and good luck to Father Paul with not

one, but two farewell parties. The first after his last Saturday evening Mass and secondly after his last Sunday morning service. His main gift was in the form of a cheque and various other small personal gifts. We felt however, that one of his favourite Parish gifts was a plaque which now has pride of place on the terrace in front of the church reading "Piazza Capaldi". This was gifted in thanks for all the organisational hard work and skills he brought to the renovation of St. Joseph's during his tenure as Parish Priest.

We are blessed however, to have a new Parish Priest, Father Brian Gowans, who is already making his mark in the Parish. We look forward to having him with us for many years to come to continue inspiring us with his already evident good humour and spirituality.



Erskine News

by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

Harvest on Sunday 28 September allowed us to give some local support to Kirkcaldy Foodbank (see photo) and to the Barnabas Fund, which helps persecuted Christians around the world.

Our Autumn Fayre was held on Saturday 25 October and we'd like to express thanks to everyone who supported this annual event in our church calendar, especially those who ate all the delicious fresh pancakes!

Erskine hosts this year's Remembrance Service for the town on Sunday 9 November at 10.45 am. It is always good to welcome organisations and groups from the community to mark this time of year, made particularly significant in 2014 as the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of The First World War in 1914 is remembered.

Details of our Christmas services will be made available around the town and on Facebook during December. These always include an evening to sing carols and the traditional Watchnight service at 11.15pm on Christmas Eve. Please consider joining us at this very special time of year.

Lite Bite continues to meet on Wednesday mornings during school term-time in the halls from 9 to 10.15am, and is



open for parents with very small children to come and enjoy the simple chill time of tea or coffee with toast whilst their young ones play in a safe environment. Rest assured mums & dads (and even grannies) are made most welcome!

Five second thought! As another quick year draws towards its close and winter sets in we can look back on a lovely summer with lots of warm, sunny days. Might it, though, equally be true to say that the warmth of the original Christmas message (rather than its commercialised alter ego) can still bring joy, peace, hope and light into our lives?



Harvest @ St Serf's

By Rev Dean Norby

A few weeks ago you may have seen a Marquee outside St Serf's Church and wondered what's up? We were celebrating Harvest which is typically done through giving. Firstly, by giving thanks to God and secondly giving to those in need.

The "giving thanks to God" part was done through song, food and laughter. Over 80 people of all ages from 2 years to 92 joined in singing rousing traditional Harvest Hymns along with modern songs led by a band that included a guitarist (heaven forbid!) and the first violinist from the Edinburgh Orchestra. This mixture seemed to hit the right chord in that we even had spontaneous applause after one of the songs. The food was BBQ'd burgers and sausages from the local butcher *Neil Cameron* and being Episcopalian, we even had wine!! The laughter comes naturally for us in Fife, the wine may have helped though.

The "giving to those in need" part was done through raising over £1,000 for the **Tearfund Iraq Crisis Appeal** to help those torn by war in Iraq. Locally, items were collected for the local food bank which is being collected at *Potter About* and *Kinghorn Community Centre*.

Psalm 118 encourages us to 'Give Thanks to the Lord because His Love Endures Forever.' This is something at St Serf's we know and experience and we would like you to experience it too, so know you are most welcome. Our annual **Advent Carol Service is on the 30th Nov at 6:00pm**, all are welcome and you may even get a glass of wine!



NEWS AT THE SANDS

So, so much happening, finally summer is over and what are we going to offer?

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| Food: | | | |
| Breakfast: | 9.00-12.00 | 9.00-12.00 | 9.00-12.00 |
| Lunch: | 12.00-12.30 | Lunch and evening meals served all day | Lunch and evening meals served all day |
| Evening Meals: | 5.00-8.30 | (last bookings at 8.30) | (last bookings at 8.00) |
| Bar: | <u>Monday-Thursday</u> | <u>Friday & Saturday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
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The Tummel, 4bed villa

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And it gets better. The most outstanding feature of Lansdale Rise is its elevated location above Burntisland with breath-taking views over the Forth. The development is only a few minutes from the town centre where residents will find a host of cafes, restaurants and bars, traditional bakers and most importantly, the pathways to the seashore.



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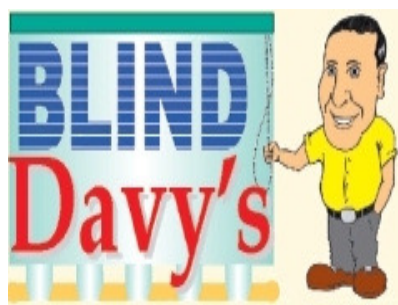
Mirrey Christmas Cabaret-with Susan Mirrey, Friday 12th December, £7 pp Show Begins 8.30pm
Festive Murder Mystery 6th & 19th December, 7pm for 7.30pm £35pp inc. 4 course dinner
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