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## Community life-saver

BURNTISLAND now has its first public-access defibrillator, which gives by far the best chance of saving life in the event of a cardiac arrest. It's easy to use, even by people who have never seen one before. So it's a huge life-saving initiative and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The machine, also known as an AED (automatic external defibrillator) is mounted on the front of the Co-operative store on the High Street. It is designed to give a controlled electric shock if it detects that someone's heart has stopped beating.

It's a key step in the chain of survival. When someone's heart stops, a 999 call will bring a fast response from the ambulance service. However, the survival rate is typically about 2% without immediate life-saving support. If the 999 call is followed urgently by CPR and defibrillation, given on the spot before the ambulance arrives, then the survival rate can go up to about 40%. Time is of the essence. A delay of more than about 3 minutes is likely to lead to complications, even if the patient survives.

Local support, prompted by Burntisland First Aid Services Trust, is what enabled the purchase to be made. About 700 people voted to support the project through the Bank of Scotland Community Fund. There was also generous support from the former Traders' Association. The Co-op very kindly agreed that the AED could be mounted on their shop front. Local Co-op staff also decided to sponsor the Trust and held a series of fund-raising events, leading to a most welcome donation of £610.



*The Co-op's Carol-Anne Crossan presents Alex MacDonald with a donation of £610*

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## *Pipers Come to Town!*

A new Pipe Band Competition, introduced as part of the Fife Council Strategic Events Investment programme, and organised by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, entertained enthusiastic crowds on a windy, but dry afternoon on the Saturday before Games Day.



Photo by Michael Booth

The nine participating bands, resplendent in their contrasting tartan regalia, impressively performed their routines before the expert scrutiny of the panel of judges. Each band displayed individual features but most impressive was the Grade 1 Police Scotland Fife Pipe Band.

Following the competition, the competing bands marched the length of the High Street back to the Links for the official prize giving. The entertainment was then completed with a display by the massed bands. This was an excellent start to an event which Burntisland is scheduled to host for at least the next two years.

# BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

*Featuring* Local issues . organisations . events . people and more ....

## From the Editor

Burntisland Civic Week has again been a great success, mainly due to the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers from within the community. One major disappointment however, for both children and parents alike, was the cancellation of the football competition because the playing surface of the Shipyard Park was undergoing essential renovation. The stark truth was that there was no other football pitch in the town where the competition could have been staged.

The pitch at the Toll Park which had been completely re-laid only a year ago as part of the contract to construct the new primary school, is not fit for purpose and requires extensive restoration. In the absence of a suitable pitch, youth teams attached to Burntisland Shipyard AFC moved temporarily to the grassed area at the Point (formerly the Red Pond). However, they were forced to cease playing because Fife Council declined to cut the grass. This situation has been temporarily resolved through the intervention of local elected Councillors but a permanent solution is essential.

It has not gone unnoticed that Fife Council took full advantage of their responsibility for that grassed area by despatching a team on Games Day to collect parking charges when the space was opened as a temporary car park.

Also, it cannot be denied that the astrourfed, seven-a-side pitch and Multi Use Games Area currently under construction adjacent to the Beacon Centre, will be a most valuable sporting asset. However, a full size, grassed football pitch, for the use of the general public is an absolute necessity in a town the size of Burntisland.

We constantly hear from teenagers that "they have nothing to do or nowhere to go!" Membership of a youth football club can provide that essential activity that keeps them off the streets and out of trouble. Provision of suitable facilities therefore, can be a very sound investment. **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, in the Library and on the Community Council website. A summary of issues raised during the last two meetings is set out below.

- Football pitches at the Toll Park remain below-standard for wear and tear and remedial action is being pursued by Fife Council.
- From this year onwards, the Community Council will seek to ensure the continuing dignity of the War Memorial by removing untidy wreaths. Those which are laid on Remembrance Day will therefore be removed at the end of the following January.
- The members supported a request from Burntisland Shipyard AFC for a modest Common Good contribution towards extending their changing rooms.
- Several members paid a visit to Shell and ExxonMobil at Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay to learn more about the operations at both sites.
- Lesley Backhouse has been elected to fill the one remaining vacancy on the Community Council, bringing the total number of members up to the full complement of 15.
- There is significant concern at excessive parking on the Links and inadequate parking in the vicinity of the railway station. There is no immediate solution in sight, but the matters have been raised with the appropriate authorities.
- Burntisland Futures is the working name of a group which is led by the Community Council, in partnership with the STAR Development Group, to carry out comprehensive consultations across the town. The outcome will be a robust picture of what local people, visitors and businesses want for Burntisland over the next several years. That result will then be the bedrock for funding proposals. See page 6 for further information.
- Background work continues in order to record information and seek funds to conserve the Kirkton churchyard. Once successful, there will be better and more informative public access.
- Progress continues to be made on play equipment for the Links, with plans and funding now in place for the East, to be followed in due course by provision for the West Links.

## 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.

Chair: Alex MacDonald  
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## Burntisland Buzz

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



# The Burgh Polis

By

WPC Michelle Murray

HELLO, we are PCs Ross Masterton and Michelle Murray, your local community ward officers. We have really enjoyed the start of the summer months and to be fair the weather has not been too bad for pounding the beat but I'm sure we're all hoping for better especially with the Shows in town and many special events planned.

We have been asked by the local community to look into the problem of speeding vehicles in and around the town. So a wee word of warning to all speeding motorists - Ross and I will be out and about with the speed gun and offenders will be prosecuted.

A much talked about crime was the vandalism of the old Burntisland Primary School where culprits broke in and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the building. There was a great response to appeals for assistance and information from the local community which resulted in the perpetrators being traced and dealt with according to the law.

Much in the same vein, the police are still receiving a high number of youth/nuisance related calls and we appeal to all parents to be extra vigilant in knowing where their children are and who they are hanging around with, particularly over the summer months. We will continue to build up a good relationship with the youngsters of Burntisland and together we can hopefully curb anti-social behaviour before it has a chance to start.

We have really enjoyed our time visiting the local nursery and primary school and to all the children (and teachers) we hope you're enjoying the summer holidays. We wish all those starting primary or going up to Balwearie High School (and beyond) after the holidays all the best and to 'stick in'.

If anyone has any concerns or issues they wish to raise here is a list of our future Community Engagement Meeting (CEM) dates:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

These meetings take place at 1900hrs at The Bay Hotel, Kinghorn.

Please follow on twitter @Kirkcaldypolice



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## Neighbourhood Watch

NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch Groups care about and have pride in their neighbourhood and raise awareness amongst fellow residents of how to stay safe and prevent crime. They assist people who are less able to look after themselves, particularly in relation to safety issues. Members of groups know who to contact for assistance and advice in relation to safety and crime issues and report information to the relevant agencies (e.g. police or local authority etc.)

A third Burntisland Neighbourhood Watch Group has recently been established to cover the Dollar Road / Dollar Grove area and appropriate signs will soon be in place. Anyone in the area who wishes to join the group or raise any relevant issues should do so in writing to No 10 Dollar Road.

## Lost Property

THE locket pictured below was found at the Co-operative Store in Church Street, Burntisland.

This locket has distinctive features which only the owner would be able to identify. Please contact 872258 with description so that it can be returned.



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**FREE ADULT LEARNING IN FIFE**

By **Abi Cornwall**



**A**RE you looking to brush up on basic skills in areas such as arithmetic, maths, grammar, punctuation, writing and reading?

This may sound familiar:-

- Your child comes home from school with some maths homework but you avoid helping because you were never good with numbers and you haven't thought about maths since your own school days?
- You've always wanted to go to college but you're not sure you'd pass the basic entry requirements?
- You're looking for a new job but the application forms they expect you to fill in are too difficult?
- You keep being turned down for jobs because you do not have the experience working with computers?

**Adult Basic Education (ABE)** is a Fife service which provides FREE tuition for adults who want to improve their basic education. Small groups and short courses are run to help develop knowledge and confidence with:-

- Arithmetic
- Basic maths
- IT & computer skills
- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Spelling
- Letter writing / form filling
- Grammar/ punctuation
- Handwriting
- Entry tests for police, fire service, armed forces etc.

There are sessions in community centres around Fife (including the Toll Centre, Burntisland) and also free evening sessions in Kirkcaldy. These sessions are informal and friendly (there's even biscuits!) and start by working out what you're hoping to achieve in your learning. A learning plan is then put in place to help you to achieve your goals – at your own pace. You can even work towards achieving an accredited module in one of these subjects:-

- Numeracy levels 2, 3 & 4 (Access 2, Access 3 & Intermediate 1)
- Information Technology (IT) at level 3 (Access 3)
- Communications at levels 2, 3 and 4 (Access 2, Access 3 and Intermediate 1)

**ABE** also offers free advice & help for those who are dyslexic – a condition which affects one in ten of the population. For more information on the service and to find out how you can take your learning forward contact the ABE organiser:

**Fay Logan, ABE Organiser - Kirkcaldy, Levenmouth and East Fife Area**

**Tel:** 03451 55 55 55 + Ext 47 10 46 or search for 'adult basic education fife direct' to be linked to the webpage

***Highland Games Reception***

**T**he 363rd 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 brothers Dave and Sandy Leuchars, formerly of Piper Crescent but both now living in South Africa, Jodie Montague from London, Ria Lister from Perth and the perennial visitor Ray Keane from County Durham in his distinctive yellow shirt.

Amongst the dignitaries attending were the Summer Queen and King, Renee Davies and Stewart Paton, Citizen of the Year, Walter Anderson, Chieftain of the Games, David Jeffrey, Fife Provost Jim Leishman and Fife Councillors, Peter George and Susan Leslie. All were welcomed by Senior Community Councillor, Christine Dewar and was followed by encouraging words of congratulations from virtually all of the senior dignitaries. All then enjoyed a finger buffet and light refreshments before taking 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 by the Chieftain at 12 noon.



**The Royal Party, Dignitaries and Visiting Exiles**

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## **BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES – LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**

OVER the last few months, a major community consultation has been carried out by the Burntisland Community Futures Steering Group. The Steering Group, led by the Community Council, brings together a number of community organisations and interested residents, and has been supported by STAR Development Group.

The aim has been to survey around 1,000 households, as well as visitors to the town, to find out what they think of Burntisland now and how it could be improved in the future. The survey is also available from the Library and on line until mid August at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/BURNTISLANDCOMMUNITYFUTURES](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BURNTISLANDCOMMUNITYFUTURES)

The consultation has also included meetings and discussions with a wide range of interests in Burntisland, including businesses, community groups, young people, schools and service providers.

The results of the surveys and other consultations will be presented at a fun, family community event taking place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, between 11am – 3pm at Burntisland Primary School. The Drop In event will have information and displays from local groups, entertainment and activities, and a cafe providing refreshments. Everyone is welcome, and will have the chance to vote for your priority projects and actions.

### **DROP IN AND ENJOY BEING PART OF THE FUTURE OF BURNTISLAND!**

Gordon Langlands, Secretary of the Community Council, has been co-ordinating the survey. *“It is really important that everyone who lives in Burntisland gets involved in this consultation. By filling in your survey form and coming to the community event you are not only having your say, but also demonstrating that Burntisland is a community that cares about its future.”*

The consultation is leading to the production of a 5 year Burntisland Community Futures Action Plan that will be our guide for the future of the town. It will set out the Vision and the actions that need to happen over the next five years. Many other communities that have gone down this route, have benefitted by having a co-ordinated and strategic approach and have secured funding and support for their priority projects.



### **MOC News** by Dorothy Brankin

OUR 2015 exhibition ‘From Flanders Fields to Flying Bombs’, is now ‘in full swing’ at the Museum and is attracting many visitors and happily, many favourable comments as well! The Official Opening was performed by the Provost of Fife Jim Leishman, in early May, and attended by P6 pupils from Burntisland Primary School.

This year, we’ve divided the displays into separate units (combining like items from both wars, to illustrate the rapid progress/development, during the inter-war years): War on Land, War at Sea, War in the Air, the Home Front and a special section, ‘In Memoriam’, dedicated to the brave local people who paid the ultimate sacrifice during both World Wars.

Many of our younger visitors are astonished at the absence of radio in WW1. The fact that radio hadn’t been

invented at that time leaves them totally bewildered! (“What did they listen to???” is a regular question!)

We’ve had several responses, thanking us for highlighting how to cope with domestic wartime shortages and asking for more information, so this time, we’re telling you how to use up STALE BREAD in WW2.....

Two recipes.... here goes:-

#### “Wheatmealies “

Cut bread into ¼” cubes, place on a baking tray and brown until crisp. Serve with milk and sugar to taste.

#### “Fairy Toast “

Cut bread into wafer-thin slices, bake at about gas mk.6 till crisp and golden. Will store in airtight tins for months.

So now you know.... but don’t these items sound a wee bit like what we sophisticated people of the twenty first century refer to as Croutons and Melba Toast ????

To find out more about the Museum and catch up with our latest news, visit our website: [www.mocft.co.uk](http://www.mocft.co.uk)

### **Over Seventies Christmas Treat** by Frances Allan

DESPITE being the middle of summer, fund raising for the traditional Christmas Treat continues apace. The local branch of the TSB which is passionate about helping the local community, nominated our charity to receive all fund raising by them in 2015. We were presented with a cheque for £590 raised by Sandy Welsh, Else Dickson & Derek Craig who all completed a sponsored walk. Many thanks to Staff & Customers of the TSB.

A quiz evening was held in the Golf Club in conjunction with Burntisland Shipyard Youth football Team and raised £330 shared between our causes. A good night was had by all. We also held a tombola stall on Civic Day and raised £90.

The Star pub once again donated the contents of its bottle to us totalling £302.09 plus a further £37 from customers guessing the amount. Many thanks to Morag, staff and Customers of The Star.

2016 Calendars are now available from The Star & any committee member. A possible date of 3<sup>rd</sup> October has been set for a Supper/Comedy Night, please watch for local advertising.



**Sandy, Frances and Else**

## Believe in children



## Barnardo's Scotland

**Long term friends and café owners, share their caring side, hoping Fifers will follow their lead and consider becoming foster carers or adopt.**

**P**AT Hanson and Lorna Duffin have been friends for 23 years and co-owners of the *Potter About Cafe* in Burntisland. They often spoke about running a cafe together, but they never thought their pipe-dream would come true. Four years on and the business is going from strength to strength.

Another passion the barista partners share is caring; both Pat and Lorna are mums, they both have two children, and through personal tragedy found that they had a little bit more they wanted to give, and have both fostered or adopted with Barnardo's Scotland.

Pat's eldest son had a life changing accident when he was 15, the injuries to his spine left him with paralysis in his limbs and totally dependent on her – it was a hard time for him and the family adjusting to the new life.

"I didn't know anything about caring for a child with disabilities, said Pat, and at that time there was no respite care; I was working full time and being a full time carer to Iain. The only respite available was for my son to go into a nursing home and that just wasn't suitable, so we just carried on.

Through my experience I have a particular set of skills, and my house is adapted for someone with disabilities - so when I saw Barnardo's Scotland fostering advert looking for respite and short-break carers I applied - I am now a short break carer for children with disabilities and I absolutely love it.

Sadly after miscarrying her third child, Lorna knew she wouldn't have another child of her own, but she also knew the family had a lot of loving and time to give. The obvious decision was to foster or adopt. The family took that decision 12 years ago, and they haven't looked back since. Lorna said: "By adopting, we've given love and a caring home and a better life to a child, what's been unexpected is what the family have received, it's been such a rewarding and valuable experience for the whole family, shaping our own children's futures. Our children have a much broader outlook on life and appreciate the extended family that adopting has brought".

We've been adopters with Barnardo's Scotland for 12 years now, through that time the continuation of support and support groups has been invaluable.



Pat



and Lorna

Asked about why people should consider becoming foster carers or adopting, Pat said: "If fostering is in your mind and in your heart, you should go ahead and find out about it, as they say 'just do it'." And for Lorna, "there was simply no other option, we all have so much love to give, we should share it."

If you would like further information about adoption call our Adoption service 0141 419 4700 or search [Barnardo's Scotland Adoption](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/adoption). To find out more about fostering and adoption, call 0845 894 9501 or visit [www.barnardos.org.uk/fostering](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/fostering)

## Scottish Kinship Gathering in Burntisland

By **Susan Leslie**

**K**INSHIP Carers and their children flocked to Burntisland on the last Saturday in June for the first ever Scottish Kinship Gathering. With groups coming from Aberdeen, Midlothian, Ayrshire and Glasgow, as well as many from Fife, there was plenty of time for people to share their experiences of Kinship Care while also enjoying all the activities that the Lang Toun Kinship Group, Fife Council, the Burntisland Showmen and local Rotary Groups had put together.

Across Scotland there are many thousands of children and young people being cared for by family members or people with whom they have had a pre-existing relationship; grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and friends.

This happens when parents are unable to care for the children themselves for a variety of reasons. These relatives and friends are known as 'Kinship Carers'.

Kinship Care may be formal arrangements, where the children are 'looked after' by the local authority, may be personal arrangements by way of a residency order or may be very informal. Every situation is unique.

The wonderful weather was appreciated by the children

who enjoyed the Shows, the Civic Week Treasure Hunt on the beach and a BBQ at the Toll Centre, which were all opened up to Kinship visitors as well as locals.

"This is great! You have done such a good job of organising everything for us. There is just so much for the kids here," said Kinship Carers from Kilmarnock.

Grandparents from Kirkcaldy added, "It is great to meet other people in the same situation as us."

CLr Susan Leslie added, "So many people have supported this event and have been so generous with their time and talents.

Burntisland was at it's very best; local people and businesses welcoming visitors and the sun was shining!"

Contact Susan Leslie: 01592 643703



Kinship Networking!





## *School News*

By **Carolyn Bell**

**P**7s this term have said a fond farewell to Burntisland Primary School. They have enjoyed learning about Decades and used this knowledge to form the basis of their final service on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. They also attended visit days and transition sports at Balwearie to ensure that they are well-prepared for this next step in their scholastic development. P7 also hosted a trade fair as part of their enterprise topic and used the profits to fund their end-of-term party!

P2C and P5B worked together as buddy classes and held an enterprise day which raised £350.

Primary 4 classes really enjoyed having weekly trips to the Dell Woods which helped them to work together and solve problems. In the classroom they learned how to write persuasive letters even succeeding in persuading Miss Anderson to allow them to have an end-of-term beach party.

Primary 2 classes have discovered more about life 'Under the Sea' really enjoying trips to Burntisland beach to take part in treasure hunts and classification games. P1 and P2 classes learned about safety on the seashore and sea and what to do in an emergency when they had a visit from the lifeboat staff.

P1s and P2/1 have been studying the life cycles of different animals. They had great fun watching our six fluffy chicks hatch from eggs in school. Gill Mahady visited these classes to lead a Zumba fundraiser. The money raised was used to fund a trip to Deep Sea World. These classes enjoyed a trip to the beach accompanied by staff from Craigencait Ecology Centre.

P6 classes studied Inspirational People and discovered facts about 'Our Body' in interactive science sessions. They

held an Oscars style event to celebrate learning across the year and made products to sell at this event which to their delight made a profit.

The P1 and P7 children have been busy planting out planters and hanging trays with Summer bedding plants in the school playground. They have enjoyed watering and looking after them. Each planter has been sponsored by a local business. A huge thank you to the following businesses who have chosen to sponsor a planter for the coming year: Roof Force, Milton House, The Sands Hotel, International Smiles, Short 'n' Curly, Fife Satellite and Aerial Services, Cherry on Top, Burntisland Golf Club, and The Kingswood Hotel. Our Garden Committee continues to meet regularly and we are delighted to see how our school grounds are developing. Finally, local Rotary members accompanied by parents and volunteers organised a series of walks in the community for all P5 pupils. They enjoyed some wonderful walks up the Binn and out to Kinghorn Loch. A big thank you to all who made this possible!



**Climbing from the Binn Pond**

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

**A**T the end of our first academic year I would like to thank everyone who has supported us through this journey. Our big events have seen us try things out for the first time using our new facilities such as Sports Day, Christmas, Leaver's Service and our fabulous Parent Council Fairs and we have been delighted with the feedback we have had so far.

We also held some open nights to allow members of the community an 'access all areas' tour and it was a fabulous opportunity to show off our lovely new school to different generations, local residents, past pupils and visitors. September will see us take part in Fife Open Doors Day which will mean we are open once more for anyone to visit, please check local press for more details.

We welcome feedback from the community, parents and partners and so please feel free to contact me through [julie.anderson-vr@fife.gov.uk](mailto:julie.anderson-vr@fife.gov.uk) or [headteacher.burntislandps@fife.gov.uk](mailto:headteacher.burntislandps@fife.gov.uk) to pass on any positive feedback you might have or if there are any issues you feel you would like us to consider. Partnership with the local community is a high priority for us and we value this greatly.

As we return in August, celebrating our First Birthday, we are looking forward to another exciting, busy and successful year ahead.



### ***Kids Gardening Club***

**I**T has been a busy season at Broomhill Community Garden. The Kids Club have been busy sowing and planting and are looking forward to a bumper harvest in the coming months.

We celebrated the start of the fruit season by making jam, which was great, sticky fun. The kids were very enthusiastic berry pickers. The Kids Club runs every Tuesday from 3.30 to 4.30pm with growing, craft, games and cooking activities – all children are welcome so please do bring them down and let them get their hands dirty.



**Sticky Fun!**



**Burntisland Primary School Garden (Margaret's Garden).**

MANY people in the town will remember Margaret McCormack as being a wonderful, friendly and caring person. She was proud of her town, proud of the school she worked in and proud of all the people who blossomed in her classroom and grew up to be fine adults.

Maxine Walker and the rest of the 'Margaret McCormack Fund' team set about finding a unique way to ensure Margaret's memory would last and after discussions with Burntisland Primary School set about raising funds to create a living classroom and garden in her honour.

The initial fundraising target was met and then exceeded in a very short – and very busy – 4 week period, all thanks to the generosity of individuals and companies in Burntisland, local towns & villages and even overseas.

The garden will be used by the school as an outside



classroom for children to learn outdoors in all areas of the curriculum and also to learn about the outdoors, using fantastic resources such as the recently built 'Bug Hotel'. A plaque – made by Lisa Ferguson of Enchanted Gifts – and a bench – made by a pupil and donated by Starley Hall School will be situated in the gardens bearing the simple message 'Mrs McCormack – Living, Learning, Growing'.

A grand, official opening will be held later in the year and everybody will be invited to come along and see the hard work and dedication put in by the team. It will also be a ceremony to give thanks to all those who have given so generously – time, labour, funds and gifts. Thanks also, should be given to Briggs Marine, Archway Metals, Scott Pallets, Amazon UK, Lisa Ferguson's Enchanted Gifts, Dobbies, Starley Hall School, Nick Farr, the Ecology Centre, the Silver Tassie and so much more. A more formal and complete thank you will be made when the garden is open.

The garden will be an open-ended project. Work will never be 'complete' as any gardener knows only too well. With that in mind, if anybody would like to get involved in assisting with the garden or would like to donate any materials – plants, tools, seeds, raised beds, materials for building a pond – then please get in touch with Maxine Walker who is leading the project. Her email address is: [mpwalker74@gmail.com](mailto:mpwalker74@gmail.com) and for more updates on the garden please visit the 'The Margaret McCormick Wing' Facebook page.



**CPR article continued from front page:**

International authorities are encouraging members of the public to learn basic CPR and also have the confidence to use a public-access defibrillator should the need arise.

The Trust's Chairman, Alex MacDonald, explained that "Naturally, the best possible outcome is when someone on the spot knows how to perform CPR as well as using the defibrillator. So all of our classes include those topics and we welcome enquiries." On the wider front, our first-aiders are having their busiest ever season. In the past few weeks we've supported endurance events at Kenmore, Blairgowrie and Callander, whilst helping to make events in Burntisland safer for local people and visitors. With about 130 events in our diary in the current year, we're always interested in hearing from people who want to join us as volunteers. Our next evening course will start in late September, but we also run 1-day courses on request."

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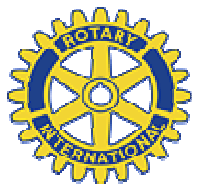


### **Starley Hall School Open Day**

ON Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Starley Hall School held its annual open day when it played host to scores of staff, pupils, families, friends and invited VIPs. Following a delicious lunch, Phil Barton the Director of the School, outlined the achievements over the past year and praised the teamwork and dedication of his staff which had resulted in significant progress amongst the pupils. He congratulated all pupils on having raised over £2000 for the Kirkcaldy Foodbank through the “Pop-up-Shop. He then took pleasure in handing over to Maxine Walker a wooden bench, hand made by one of the pupils, for “Margaret’s Garden” at Burntisland Primary School. (see picture on page 9) He then presented the Pupil of the Year award to Alex who had been selected after a vote amongst all the young people and the staff of the school. Visitors were able to examine the impressive displays of students’ work and view the younger section testing their skills in the Bungee Run and interacting with the raptors proudly presented by Balrema Birds of Prey from Markinch. 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.



I'm really not scared!



### **Burntisland and Kinghorn Rotary Club**

THE local Rotary Club has had a very busy few months. The state of the art facilities at Burntisland Primary School hosted the Area final of the Rotary Primary School Quiz. Some 160 adults supported the competing teams with Kinross Primary School emerging as the winner to go forward to the District final in Aberdeen. An added bonus was an impromptu bucket collection which raised some £260 for the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund.

A total of 85 P5 pupils took part in a series of walks in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary Rambles and all participants were awarded achievement certificates.

The annual Plant Sale/Coffee Morning held in early May in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall raised a commendable £1113.49 whilst the “Music in May” concert held in the Old Kirk, Kirkcaldy raised £2,700 of which £1000 was donated to

the McMillan Nurses.

The Club organised a cycling event in June as part of “The Rotary Ride”, an RIBI nationwide campaign to raise awareness and money to fight prostate cancer, a disease which affects one in eight men during their lifetime. A children’s event involving a safe cycling circuit was held on the Links whilst the main activity involved a coastal path cycle ride between Kinghorn and Inverkeithing. Over £1000 was raised on the day.

The Club extends grateful thanks to the community for its continued support in all its fund raising efforts which ensures that generous donations continue to be made to numerous local organisations in Kinghorn and Burntisland.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July, Dick West was installed as President for the Rotary Year 2016/16 and his first major responsibility will be the organisation of the Annual Charity Shop which will again be located in the Upper Library Hall between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October. Donations of bric-a-brac, soft furnishings, china, electrical goods, furniture, toys and books can be handed to any Rotarian before the event.

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## Isn't Burntisland Fabulous! By Scott Sweaton

WELL summer is here (well in theory!), which means FAB have been busy planting, watering and making the town look at its best for its residents and visitors.

FAB has again worked alongside Fife Council to try to coordinate the colour scheme and already the plants have made a huge impact around the town.

On Monday 13th July, Burntisland were reviewed by the Beautiful Fife judging panel. All the volunteers and some local Burntislanders worked relentlessly prior to judging day to make sure the town looked at its best. FAB are aiming to retain their Silver Gilt award they received last year. A Gold award may be on the horizon but we will have to wait until the award ceremony in September to find out if we have achieved this - fingers crossed.

As always, FAB have continued to develop areas throughout the town including a neglected raised shrub bed on Lonsdale Crescent, planted up an EATS bed at the bottom end of the High Street and taken part in the redevelopment of the land to the side of the War Memorial including the installation of two new basket trees.

Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to cover the costs of watering the hanging baskets on the High Street this year. Brian Redpath from Forthview Gardening Services has been watering them bi-weekly since the beginning of June. FAB participated in this year's Gala Day by having a tombola and plant sale stall. We raised over £150.

FAB's annual coffee morning will be held on Saturday 3rd October and we are aiming for another successful fundraising event. As always, all money that is raised by FAB is spent in the town to make Burntisland fabulous.

Our Facebook page is going from strength to strength. With nearly 200 likes it's a great way to keep up to date with what we are up to as a group and the events and projects that we have in the pipeline. Why not like our page to support our work?

We are already discussing plans for next year. We have participated in the towns community engagement project and have a vision of how we want to see Burntisland bloom.

If you have a passion to make Burntisland fabulous, get in touch. We are always looking for new ideas and new volunteers to drive forward our vision for the town. You can get in touch either through our Facebook page or by emailing

[floral-action-burntisland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:floral-action-burntisland@hotmail.co.uk)



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**O**UR theme for this year's parade day was "The Circus", which brought out many colourful and imaginative costumes from kids and adults alike. The parade featured ringmasters, caged animals, lion tamers, strongmen, even a fire eater in training—and plenty of clowns!

After the crowning in the Parish Church, Burntisland Pipe Band led the procession along the High Street to Kingdom FM's roadshow in the Links car park. Entertainment and activities included the popular pony rides and wrestlers, stilt walkers, jugglers, highland dancers, face painters, and community stalls along with Burntisland's Fire Engine and crew. To top it off even the sun made an appearance! Thanks must go to Cristina Davies for her hard work over the years in organising the Royal Party, and the Citizen of the Year Walter Anderson, for crowning the King and Queen. We're also grateful to face painter Tania Savage, the volunteer stewards for donating their time on parade day and Civic Week photographer Michael Booth.

The kids art competition proved a success with 198 circus-themed drawings submitted by primary school children. 1st place went to Niamh McGraw P3P, 2nd Keeyan Ashray P3P, and 3rd Daisy Short P7B. The High Street Co-op displayed the entries, with the winning picture turned into a backdrop for the crowning ceremony. Thanks go to Carole-Anne Crossan for painting the backdrop, along with Gayle Thompson, Sarah Main and Jo Hadoke for organising the competition.

A highlight for the committee was the treasure hunt on the beach, which coincided with the Kinship carer outing to the town and hottest day of Civic Week. This was well attended and the kids enjoyed using their imagination combing the beach and surrounding areas. Other children's events contributing to a successful Civic Week included the newly added cycling coaching run by Middleden Mountain Bike Club and rugby taster session on the Links.

Events throughout the week were well attended—thanks to the venues for putting on a variety of evening events which included comedy, dominoes, open mic night, darts, quiz, an evening meal and a bingo night.

Many thanks to everyone who dropped money in our buckets on parade day and at Des and the Dingoes. We also appreciate the support from all of our sponsors: Arnold Clark, BH Plumbing & Heating, BiFab, Briggs Marine, Co-operative Food, Deveron Homes, Dunearn Lodge, Exxon, Fife Council, Hurd Rolland, Keystore, Print Centres Group, Rosie's Disco, Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn, and Scott Group.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the young bands event and 5-a-side football had to be cancelled, but both should be back next year. Poor ticket sales also meant the Civic Week Dance could not go ahead. The committee will soon be meeting to review this year's programme and begin planning for 2016—if you have any feedback or suggestions please get in touch via email:

[burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com](mailto:burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com)





## Summer King and Queen 2015 by Cristina Davies

WHAT more could we have asked for? Saturday 20th June saw a fantastic day, colourful parade and happy children who were still enjoying themselves late into the evening at a packed Rosie's Disco in the Parish Halls. The King and Queen continued their official duties on Sunday, playing a couple of ends to open the bowling competition. They also started the Sailing Club race on Monday evening and even ventured out onto the water. Many thanks to the Bowling and Sailing clubs for their hospitality.

Civic Week and the Crowning of the King and Queen are the culmination of months of planning which bring together individuals from all walks of life in Burntisland. The aim is to ensure a memorable day for all the children and families taking part. Many thanks to everyone who continue to help bring this about. Those involved are too numerous to mention but special thanks are in order for the Civic Week Committee, David and Martin Ferguson, Burntisland Primary School staff, Kenneth Cameron and the Parish Church.

I'm stepping back from organising the Royal Party after this year's event because of work commitments, but hope that by the end of this year the next coordinator will be in place. There are lots of willing helpers and their on-going assistance is gratefully appreciated, I hope that others can step forward to ensure this Burntisland tradition continues.

What will I remember from the last 5 years? The pleasure on the children's faces at knowing they were the lucky individuals to carry out the tradition of the Summer King and Queen. The angst when they realise they have to stand up in front of a crowd, but then the confidence to carry out the ceremony. It was a privilege to be involved and also to witness my own daughter crowned this year's Summer Queen. This is all made possible by the continued support of the community, friends and family.

Thanks also go to Finn Wallace and Joana Barron who completed their year as King and Queen as the able and mature individuals that they are - I know Renee Davies and Stewart Paton will do the same. I wish them and the Royal Party all the best ahead of their outings at Games Day and Bonfire night.



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# The Highland Games



Dancing in the Rain



The Binn Race Stalwarts

**T**HE 363<sup>rd</sup> Burntisland Highland Games opened under dull, threatening skies but it did not detract from the enthusiasm of the hundreds of spectators or the competitors in the wide and varied programme of events. The Highland Dancing and the heats of the sprints were soon under way as were the heavy events, the field of which initially had been reduced by the non - arrival of competitors from the West, who had been held up by a tragic accident on the M8. Because of deteriorating weather, an early decision was made to transfer the premier category Highland Dancing to the dry environment of the Parish Church Hall. The athletics and cycling events however, continued and at 3.00 pm, ten local runners set off in the feature event, the Binn Race, in driving rain. Just over 24 minutes later, Neil MacNicol breasted the tape to complete a gruelling victory. He was following in second place by local businessman, Clark Christie, with Roy Scobie third. Congratulations go to all ten competitors who completed the race under extremely difficult conditions.

Intermittent heavy showers resulted in a thinning out of spectators but the events continued apace with Lukasz Wenta of Poland emerging as overall winner of the heavy events and Willie Rennie MSP finishing a creditable second in the 3,200 m handicap.

Although the weather seemed to have a detrimental impact on the overall attendance, a carnival atmosphere prevailed amongst all those who enjoyed the games and the adjoining fairground.



The Champ!



Neil MacNicol





## Shipyard News by Andrew Beveridge

As normal, the summer months prove to be a busy time behind the scenes for the Club with the main focus this year being the repairing of the pitch. It has been unfortunate that we have had to turn down requests for use of the pitch from groups, most notably the Civic Week Committee. However, we were at a stage where we had to repair the pitch and happily it has been a success. For this success we are indebted to committee member Andy MacDougall and coach Tommy Roxburgh who have spent hours, day after day, seeding, fertilising and cutting to ensure the grass is re-instated to a good standard. Also, thanks must go to Stevie McAughey for his advice on the care and attention the pitch needed.

The pavilion extension project is still ongoing with everything in place bar the funding required, though we are getting closer with the recent help of Fife Council and the Burntisland Common Good Fund much appreciated. Both the adult team and the youth group have achieved the standard SFA "Quality Mark" and once we have our Club License and the youths the development "Quality Mark" we should have the accommodation facilities and infrastructure that everyone can be proud of.

However, the biggest problem the town as a whole faces is the acute lack of pitches. Recreation Park is able to sustain the adult team and the under 17 youth team playing on the pitch, though in the winter months two games on one weekend may prove difficult. It is disappointing to see the poor condition of the pitch at the Toll Park and given the relatively small financial outlay that we incurred, the same remedial work could or perhaps should have been carried out there. It is believed that discussions have taken place regarding the possibility of setting up pitches at "The Point" and although the Club do not wish to comment on this, it is paramount that a site is found in order for youth football to continue and prosper in Burntisland.



## 775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

Staff and Cadets from the Squadron have just completed a very active four months, Squadron personnel helped to plant some 400 trees at the WW100 Woodland Trust at Dreghorn. This site was planted in commemoration of the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. The Squadron was represented at the formal opening by HRH Princess Royal when Cpl L Walker was given the honour of presenting Princess Anne with a model of a mosquito aircraft.

Cadets have taken part in Intermediate training at Dreghorn TA and experienced climbing at the Edinburgh Climbing Arena, Ratho. Several cadets experienced flying in a Grob Tutor T1 aircraft at 12 Air Experience Flight at Leuchars and other took part in and Air League Initiative (Gliding) along with teenagers from Lochgelly High School at Portmoak.

Members of the Squadron continued their community involvement by taking part in the Benarty parade and gala and by helping to run the RAF Association stall.

We are currently recruiting Cadets. If you are aged between 12 (S2) & 17 then why not come along and join us. Details can be found on the Squadron website [775burntislandsquadron.weebly.com](http://775burntislandsquadron.weebly.com) and on the Squadron Facebook page: 775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Cadets



Cpl. L Walker presenting the model aircraft to HRH The Princess Royal



## Swimming Club Success By Olive Grayson

THE Swimming Club has continued to go from strength to strength this summer with improvement all round. The Novice and Fife Leagues are finished for this year with the 9/U and 10/12 Boys teams coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9/U and 10/12 Girls coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the Novice League.

Catherine Comrie swam in the Scottish Open Meet and has been invited to swim in the Summer Meet.

We had 2 events in support of the Civic Week. The first was an evening of relays involving first session swimmers and the "Skins" and then the 2 squads together. This was a very popular evening. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we held the Civic Week Sprints in which all the swimmers took part.

The results were

Girls 7/U Ruby Innes	Boys 7/U Finn Doherty
Girls 9/U Eilidh McKelvie	Boys 9/U Robbie Burke
Girls 11/U Eireann Comrie	Boys 11/U Blair Wardlaw
Girls 12/O Catherine Comrie	Boys 12/O Gregor Penman

The swimmers received medals and the overall winners received the Civic Week Sprints Shields.

There is still the visit to the Safari Park to look forward to on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

If anyone is interested in joining the Swimming Club there are still spaces in most lanes. We meet on Tuesday and Sunday evenings at the Beacon. We also have a Masters section. Come and see us or contact the secretary on

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The Medal Winners!

Picture by Michael Booth



## 11<sup>th</sup> Fife -1<sup>st</sup> Burntisland Scouts

By Marie Gaffney



THE Beavers have been out and about a lot this past term having visited the Fire Station, Kinghorn Lifeboats and had the assistance of community police officers as they worked on their Safety Activity Badge. The kids visited Fordell Firs Activity Centre for an adventure evening where they took part in caving and wall climbing and along with 150 other Beavers from across the district we visited Edinburgh Zoo for the annual district outing.



Beavers Zoo Visit with District Beavers



THE Cubs have been busy this term improving their First Aid knowledge and gaining their stage 2 badge. We have been out and about finding out about our Local community as we completed our Local Knowledge Badge, this included a visit to the library, a walk round the town and a hike up the Binn. 19 Cubs attended the District Cub Camp in May with 4 Cubs being presented with their Silver Chief Award. We were down on the links a few evenings working on team games and practicing for the District Cub Sports night where we came a very respectable 2nd. 19 Cubs enjoyed learning the basics of canoeing on Kinghorn Loch and getting very wet !



Local Knowledge Walkabout



THIS term, 6 of our older scouts were the first of our troop to have completed their Expedition Challenge Badge. This involved hiking with kit from Burntisland to Scottish Headquarters at Fordell Firs, camping overnight before hiking back to Burntisland. We visited Burntisland Food Bank with a healthy donation from the scout group, completed part of our First Aid Badge, had a sausage sizzle and a hike to Aberdour and learned some circus skills. We invested 7 new scouts and will finish of term with a group BBQ.



Scouts on Expedition



TERM started with a visit to Kirkcaldy to see a presentation by a couple of our Explorers who had completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations to Owen and Makayla. We have worked on navigation, pioneering and cooking, used our navigational skills on a couple of hikes and enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the Lammerlaws. We tried to go Bell Boating but the boat sunk !! This term is always a stressful as our Explorers spend much time and concentration on revision etc.



Sausage Sizzle Outing

THIS term as a group we collected food and donated it to the Local Food Bank. The response was fantastic !! We had a Race Night "Scout Style" organised by our Explorers and the group Committee which raised a grand total of £1126, most of which will go into funds for the explorers attending Hawkthirst Scouting Centre later in the summer and other group events. We took part in Civic week parade with children from scouting dressing as clowns, acrobats etc. We will finish the term with a fun night end of term BBQ. Scouting will carry on throughout the school holidays with a group camp at Wemyss and the Explorers going off to Hawkthirst - so busy as ever!

## The Pipe Band Continues to Thrive!

By Marie Gaffney



BURNTISLAND & District Pipe Band is half way through a ten year development project and over the last year it has seen the return of many players who first learnt their pipes and drums under our last youth system.

We have had a great start to our season with two competing bands this year, one in grade 3 the other in grade 4.

The task of co-ordinating so many people with regards to uniforms and instruments has been challenging but we have been able to compete at all the major competitions. Our first Silverware of the season was gained at the European championships held in Forres where the grade 3 Band managed a fifth place; another fresh achievement.

Performances have improved with each competition, all due to the hard work and dedication of the players and tutors alike.

A teaching programme is in place which should start to produce new players in our ranks next season. This augers well for the future and we would now ask the community as a whole to encourage youngsters to come along and give the pipes or drums a try. Surprisingly, our new generation of learners are mainly from the outside the town. It would be nice to see some "kent" faces playing in our ranks. Anyone interested in learning should drop in to the Band Hall, call any member of the committee or contact us through our face book page.

We are always looking for help. As a charity we welcome any business which may be interested in sponsoring the band or if anyone feels they may possess skills that would assist us to achieve our goals, we would like to hear from you. This is a great opportunity to get involved with a growing project which in turn benefits the youth of this area.





By **Bridget Fraser**

It's been another busy few months at the Toll Centre, we've shown 'Big Hero 6' on our big screen and held a very busy community BBQ – along with the usual jam packed programme of activities. Another BBQ will be held just after the schools go back, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, if you would like tickets please pop in to the Toll Centre office (£3 for adults and £1 for children). Our BBQ's are great fun with a disco, games, bouncy castle and face-painting all at no extra charge.

As the summer holidays arrive some activities at the Toll Centre wind down, however the Centre is still bustling with Burntisland Out of School Servicing using 'The Toll' as their base for their summer play scheme.

After the holidays we're looking forward to welcoming a new 'Multi Media' group which will meet on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 12 noon. The class is open to all and will help improve reading, writing and number skills using multi media – if you like creating something unique using paint, collage, photography or the written word this might be the group for you! Call Sarah or Jane on 07773 701939 to find out more and book a place.

Computer classes and support for job seekers will still take

place on Tuesday and Friday mornings – we are looking at opening up our computer suite for more hours so keep an eye on our facebook page and the local press for more information. Our Youth Clubs will also be back after the holidays. The Kids Club on a Tuesday (ages P2-P4) is run by volunteers. A couple of our volunteers will move on during the summer, so we are in desperate need of helpers to ensure that this club can continue. This is a great opportunity for people that might be looking to get in to a career in teaching or childcare and can help build up some valuable experience – although all volunteers are welcome (subject to Disclosure checks). If you could help out please contact Karen on 872854.

Don't forget that our hall and meeting room are both available for hire. The meeting room is perfect for small groups, training sessions and committee meetings. The main hall is ideal for parties, fund raising events and public meetings – use of the kitchen is included in the hire of the hall.

The Toll Centre is a Community Centre and is held in trust for the people of Burntisland. The Centre is run by a voluntary management committee and small number of paid staff. We are looking for new people to join our committee, including a Treasurer. We are a friendly bunch and meet once a month in the evening, so if you would like to meet new people and get involved - or to find out any information about the Centre and our activities - please drop in or give us a call on 872854.

### ***New Sports Facilities - Great News!***

By **Gillian Lowe**

**H**OORAY! Pitches almost complete! Excellent progress has been made with the construction of the astroturf and multi use games pitches (MUGA) near the Beacon Leisure Centre.

Despite poor weather conditions in recent weeks building works are almost complete. The contractor is currently in the process of laying ground coverings and then line markings will be painted.

An opening date has still to be confirmed but is expected to be in early August. It will be wonderful to see the pitches being used by the community."



MUGA - Almost complete.

### **Correction from Previous Issue**

The Buzz apologises for a couple of typos in the details of the email and telephone number of the Fife Council Environmental Enforcement Officers dealing with Dog Fouling Complaints. The correct details are as follows:

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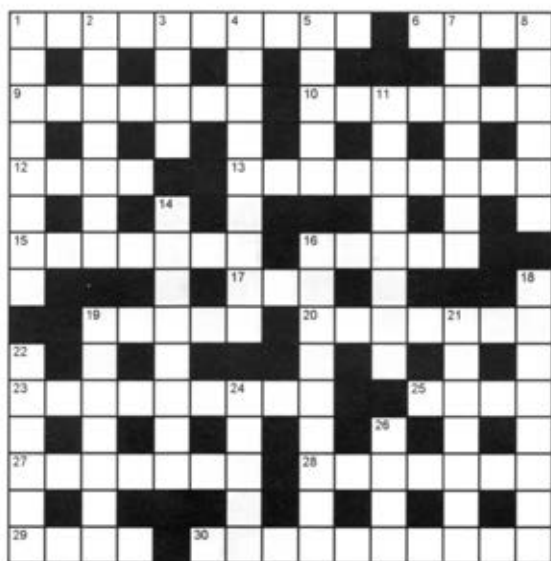
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- 13. Mostly (2,3,4)
- 15. Spanish princess (7)
- 16. Batter (5)
- 17. False statement (3)
- 19. Greenfly (5)
- 20. Buff cotton cloth(7)
- 23. French cheese (9)
- 25. Quintet (4)

**DOWN**

- 1. Inability to sleep (8)
- 2. Ostentatious behaviour (4,3)
- 3. Putting on the— (4)
- 4. People who eat people (9)
- 5. Commencement (5)
- 7. Spotted cat (7)
- 8. Two piece swimsuit (6)
- 11. Occurring often (8)
- 14. Finally (2,3,3)
- 16. Contrition (9)
- 18. Unseemly (8)
- 19. Procure (7)

**Spring Crossword Winner: Paul Wilkinson,**  
Leslies Building,  
Burntisland

**Solutions to Spring Crossword**

**ACROSS:** 1 Instructor, 6 Glib, 9 Shorten, 10 Suffolk, 12 Moon, 13 In the Main, 15 Infanta, 16 Pound, 17 Lie 19 Aphis, 20 Nankeen, 23 Roquefort, 25 Five, 27 Dwindle, 28 Neptune, 29 Even, 30 Assessment.

**DOWN:** 1 Insomnia, 2 Show off, 3 Ritz, 4 Cannibals, 5 Onset, 7 Leopard, 8 Bikini, 11 Frequent 14 In the end, 16 Penitence, 18 Indecent, 19 Acquire, 21 Epicure, 22 Bridge, 24 Obeys, 26 Apes.

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**Completed entries by 21st September 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

DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Friday 14th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Wednesday 19th	Flowers Arranging Class at St Joseph's (contact Nan Kelly 01592 890398 for info.)	7.00 pm
Friday 21st	Craigencalt Community Trust Fund Raising BBQ (Craigencalt Cottage)	6.30 pm
Saturday 22nd	Coffee and Hot Pancakes in Erskine Church Hall	10.00am - 12.00 noon
Saturday 22nd	Coffee morning at St Joseph's with various stalls	10.00am - 12.30 pm
Saturday 22nd	Community BBQ at the Toll Centre	Afternoon
Friday 31st	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Trust, No1 Kirkgate	1.30 pm (for 3 hours)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>Monday 7th</b>	<b>Blood Donation at Parish Church Hall</b>	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm and 5.30pm - 7.30pm</b>
Friday 11th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00pm
Monday 14th	Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Hotel	7.00pm
Saturday 12th	SCI Harvest Festival at Kinghorn Loch (The Earth Ship)	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 25th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Trust, No1 Kirkgate	1.30 pm (for 3 hours)
Saturday 26th	Burntisland Community Futures Drop in Event at Burntisland Primary School	11.00am - 3.00pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Saturday 3rd	FAB Coffee Morning at St Joseph's Church Hall	All morning
Friday 9th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Friday 16th	Rotary Club Charity Shop opens in Upper Library Hall	10.00am - 4.00 pm
Friday 30th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Trust, No1 Kirkgate	1.30 pm (for 3 hours)
Saturday 31st	Autumn Fayre and Hot Pancakes in Erskine Church Hall	10.00am - 12.00 noon
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Thursday 5th	Bonfire/Fireworks Night on the Links	6.00 pm onwards
Monday 9th	Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Hotel	7.00pm
Friday 13th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm



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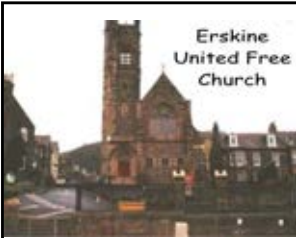


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# Erskine News

by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

SUNDAY 5 July @ 3pm saw our joint Praise on the Links service being held. The weather stayed fine (it was even a bit sunny & warm) as folks from different churches in the town got together just beside the bouncy castle area opposite Erskine. Well done to the band members, who played no fewer than 10 songs & hymns for us! We even had a humorous drama sketch based on the story of Peter's efforts to walk on water and some words of Biblical wisdom from Father Brian (St.

Joseph's).

The next coffee morning in Erskine halls takes place on Saturday 22 August, with our Autumn Fayre (including those legendary hot pancakes) to follow on Saturday 31 October. Both of these events will start @ 10am, and everyone's welcome to come along. The first evening service after summer is due on Sunday 27 September @ 6.30pm in the church halls. If you enjoy a good evening out, you'd be very welcome at the opening social of our Women's Association which takes place on Monday 21 September @ 7pm.

Children of pre-school age? Need a wee break and some like-minded conversation? Our Lite Bite will be open again in time for the new school term. This takes place on Wednesday mornings from around 9 am for a relaxed hour or so, allowing mums, dads, child minders & friends to chat informally while the young ones can play safely. Lite Bite is famous for its tea & toast -not to mention the very kind ladies who organise it. The exact starting-date will appear on our Facebook page from early August.

This edition of the Buzz will have lots of articles about our community and its summer activities. Games Day, processions, competitions, events of note which lead us to a real sense of shared identity. That's great to see! The photo shows our view looking out from Erskine towards the Links, where so many people pass by during the summer months. Next time you are one of them, please look across at the church. Remember so much depends on your point of view...



## TRYCHURCH - Sept @ St Serf's...

PAULINE Phillips better known as the advice columnist Dear Abby once said, *'church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.'* This quote is in opposition to a common thought that church is for the pious and the religious. Unfortunately, this is a view that can be held sometimes even by the church itself- thinking that if we just go to church we will be in with God. But the truth is- *going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a McDonald's makes you a cheese burger.*

The reality is church is not a place for those that never make mistakes but just the opposite it is for those that inexplicably cannot help but make mistakes at times. The Apostle Paul explained it this way, *I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway - help!* **Romans 7:19**

The word Help is my word. Paul goes on to explain that no one is perfect, yet this help comes from God who is there for us just as we are. And as we connect with Him, through Jesus, we find hope, purpose and life - NO MATTER WHO WE ARE. This is one of the best kept secrets of all time- **you do not have to be perfect to trychurch.**

So through the month of September, St Serf's All Souls are inviting you to our **Welcome Month this Sept** starting on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept and ending with our Harvest Service on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9:00 am every Sunday. **All are welcome and come as you are.**

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## CRAIGENCALT RURAL COMMUNITY TRUST

**C**RAIGENCALT Trust has steadily grown in strength and support over recent years. It comprises local folk that work with landowners to undertake projects that enhance the countryside for everyone to enjoy. It has dramatically improved several paths linking Kinghorn, Kinghorn Loch and Burntisland, making them disabled and family friendly, and has more in the pipeline. The Trust also maintains the water quality in Kinghorn Loch for the many groups who make use of it. Regular users include canoeing, sailing, open water swimming, radio controlled yachts, fishing and bird watching.

Burnside Path, which links Kinghorn to Kinghorn Loch, was upgraded in 2012 and is a very popular route. In 2013 the Trust, working with Alcan, undertook an ambitious project along the Rodanbraes & Binnend paths. The track to Rodanbraes Cottage was opened up for universal use. It incorporates a wooden bridge with a troll hiding underneath, making it a popular place for children to play “Three Billy Goats Gruff”. Further along the path there are excellent views over the Firth of Forth, interpretation boards, drystone shelter and picnic areas. Visitors can either complete a circular walk around the Binnend Path or walk down to Burntisland through the woods. You won’t get lost as the Trust has published its Kinghorn Pathways booklet to guide you around local walks. We also have booklets of birds around Kinghorn Loch and seasonal wild flower cards for identifying the wealth of wild flowers in the area. It’s a great way to keep youngsters interested when walking. The Trust also has a new booklet entitled “Burntisland Oil Shale Works” giving a description of the industrial heritage of the Binn in the nineteenth century. Booklets are available from Food for Thought, the Burntisland Heritage Trust, Chapter & Verse and the Library.

Each spring the Trust treats the loch water to avoid blue-green algal blooms. Barley straw is piled high on rafts on the water. Completion of this work is also a trigger for many birds to start scurrying around nest building in the straw. The Trust holds various events during the year. Recently a “Walk and Talk” afternoon to identify bumble bees at Craigencauld was both enjoyable and successful with seven different kinds of bee located in a small area. The Annual fundraising barbecue is in August and there will be an evening presentation on “Kinghorn Loch the last thirty years” in September. The Trust also has a thriving, friendly walking group which meets on the first and mid Wednesday of each month. Contact Kathleen on 01592 643318 or Pat on 01592 890449, if you would like to come along.

In 2014 the Trust organised the first ever Walking Festival for the area. It was so successful that another will take place from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September this year. There are walks to suit all abilities and tastes. The programme will be advertised in Burntisland and everyone is welcome to join in. For further information on the Walking Festival or any of our activities please see our website at

[CraigencauldTrust.org.uk](http://CraigencauldTrust.org.uk)

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## The Ecology Centre News by Rhona Lyon



WE are very happy to report that we are now in the final stages of the construction of our new Eco building at the east end of Kinghorn Loch. The timber clad building with its sedum roof sits quietly on the banks of the loch giving it a lovely view of the water and all its inhabitants.

Outside, volunteers from the local and business community have been busy transforming the surrounding grounds by installing paths, planters, gardens, mosaics, a pond and quirky structures like our “loo with a view” toilet. This previously underused and neglected area will be an attractive community owned space for locals and visitors to enjoy.

It’s been a long and challenging task to relocate to our new site with many obstacles encountered along the way. Hard work, perseverance and help from the local community, councillors, MPs and funders have allowed us to secure our

future. We can now continue to run our environmental education programme, provide much needed employment training opportunities for young people and improve health and wellbeing among adults through our volunteer programme.

If you would like to get “hands on” with the development of the new site come along to the last of our Volunteer Saturday events on the 1<sup>st</sup> September from 10am to 1pm. You can also keep an eye out for our grand opening which will be advertised locally and on our website when you can celebrate with us and see the site for yourself. We are also taking part in Open Doors day in Fife on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Details of all our events can be found on our website

[www.theecologycentre.org](http://www.theecologycentre.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the Loch.

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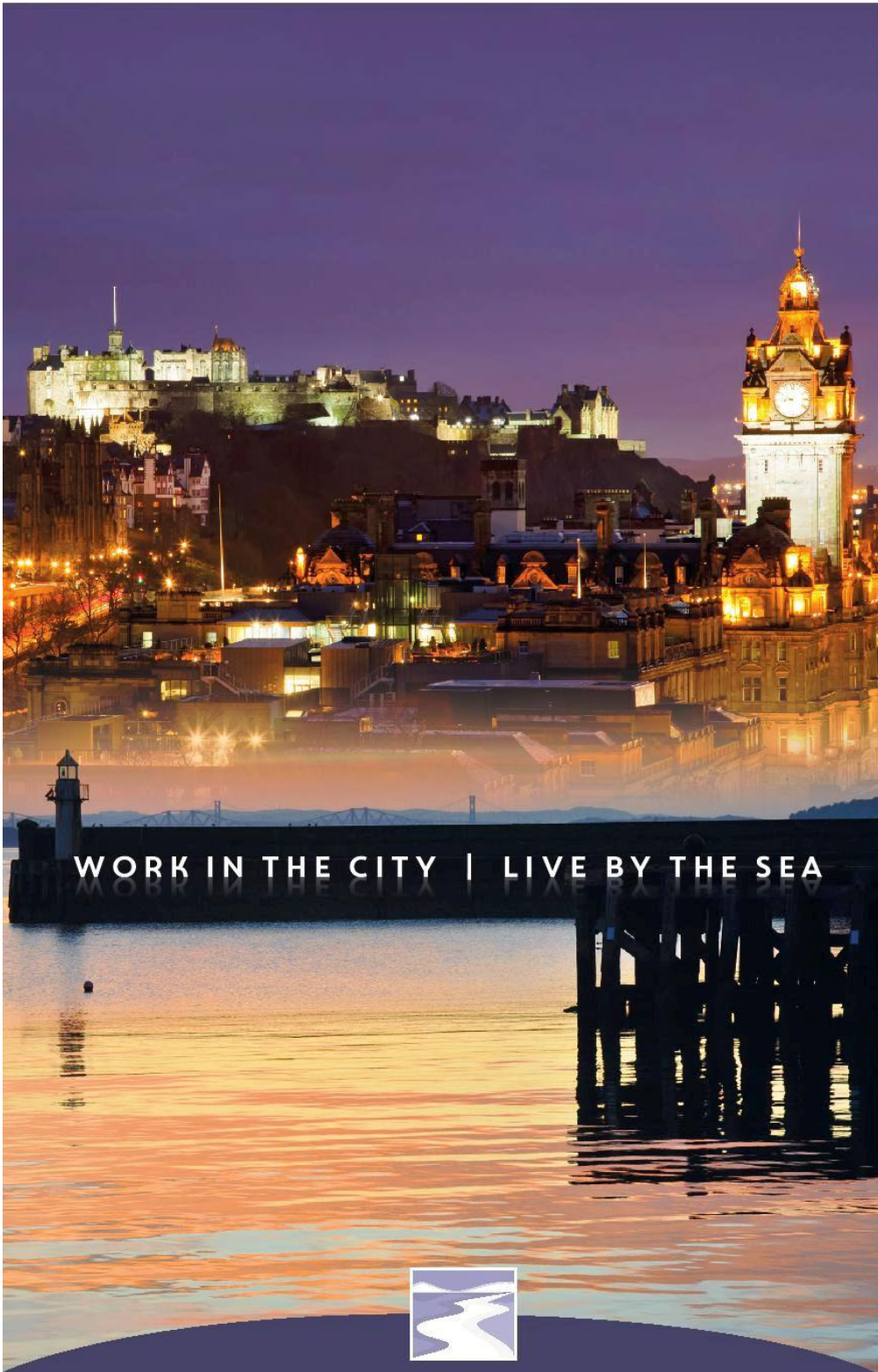
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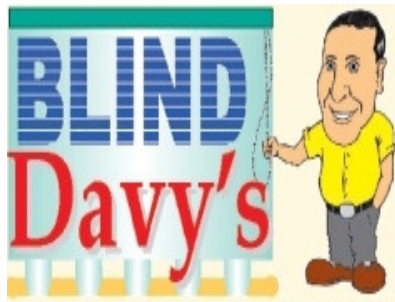


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