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Natural Heritage Photography Competition

The winner of the over 18s section of the photography competition was Graeme Wyse with his photograph entitled "Quick Drink" taken in his back garden in Russell Grove. The competition was judged by two professional photographers who considered the photograph to have good composition, attractive colours and excellent quality. Contributions from others were well received and along with Graeme's entry, will be displayed in the windows of the Burntisland Heritage Centre in May.

There is still an opportunity to win the £50 gift voucher, prizes courtesy of Briggs Marine, for the under 12 years and 12 to 17 years age categories. Because of a lack of entries, the competition has been extended until the next edition of the Burgh Buzz.

So come on all you youngsters with mobile phones and cameras at the ready. Now that Spring has sprung, there is a wealth of subjects amongst the plants, birds, bugs, mammals and sealife within walking distance of your homes. Please note this is *not* a landscape photography competition.

Send photos by 30th June to Burntisland Heritage Trust, 4 Kirkgate, KY3 9DB, or e-mail to burntislandht@btinternet.com.

Please include details of: name & age of photographer; title of photo; where & when photo was taken. The competition is limited to no more than three entries per person.



"Quick Drink" by Graeme Wyse.

Now is the time for action - In contrast to the fascinating photograph above, our community, like many others across the country, continues to be polluted by the careless and inconsiderate actions of a few through indiscriminate littering and allowing widespread dog fouling throughout our streets and green areas. This seems more prevalent in the winter months, but as the hours of daylight increase there is nowhere for these offenders to hide and it is up to every one of us to take positive action to discourage these disgusting habits.

The March meeting of the Community Council received a briefing from a leading member of the recently established "Safer Community Officers" who are committed to liaising closely with communities throughout Fife, and who will be directly responsible for enforcing regulations relating to littering and dog fouling. They will be operating round the clock and will respond to reports and information that they receive from the members of the public. Dog owners who allow their pets to foul public areas and litter louts, when caught, will be issued with an £80 fixed penalty ticket on the spot. However, in order that Officers can be effectively deployed, they must be made aware of where and when offences regularly occur. If you witness a dog owner failing to "pick up", don't just let off steam by having a rant on Facebook - report the details either by phone or email to the number or address below.

Littering is a slightly different problem. Firstly we should bin our own litter or take it home. We have recently had a successful beach clean up operation and "pick up equipment" has been strategically placed at either end of the prom for the use of the general public. If we see discarded plastic bottles, fast food containers or the like littering our public areas, why not pick it up and bin it? We have a town with impressive natural amenities which attract many visitors during the warmer months - the life blood of many of our High Street traders. Let us make a collective effort this year to keep our town clean and attractive so that our very welcome visitors will spread the word amongst their friends and leave with a fond desire to return to spend some quality, leisure time in a beautiful and pristine environment.

The contact details for the Safer Community Officers are as follows:

Telephone: **03451 550022** or by email to Environmental.Enforcement@fife.gov.uk

BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

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

From the editor

Our Spring issue of the Buzz looks forward to a very busy summer when many events and activities will take advantage of our town's extensive natural amenities. This year's Heritage Exhibition contains a large collection of spectacular imagery which graphically illustrates the depth and diversity of our home area's natural heritage - it is free and an absolute must! We also include a feature on Burntisland's gulls by a local artist who offers a contrasting perspective to the more commonly held view that they are pests and scavengers that should be culled. We would be interested to hear any comments you may have.

During the very busy summer period it is vitally important that our public areas are kept clean and tidy. We rely on Fife Council to keep streets clean and regularly empty litter bins, particularly during busy holidays and at week-ends. However, it is also up to us, the residents to take some pride in our environment and do our bit. We should dispose of our own litter correctly and even help to dispose of litter thrown away by the less responsible members of society. Dog fouling is a continuing issue which is considered in a front page article.

As I put the Buzz together, I am constantly reminded of the large number of civic minded members of the community who give of their time and considerable efforts to organise traditional activities - Civic Week, Highland Games, Town Twinning and Sports Clubs to name just a few. Organisations are constantly appealing for new blood, the Civic Week Committee being a case in point. However, once the Community Action Plan is published in a couple of months (page 7) there will be another appeal for capable civic minded residents to take the plan forward. Are you ready to accept the challenge?

Finally, on a much more serious note, the Buzz is looking for a volunteer to look after our advertising! See opposite.

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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 or to raise matters of interest to them. A summary of issues raised during the last two meetings is set out below.

- Police Scotland are responding to concerns about speeding by carrying out spot checks.
- Funding is now almost all in place for the inclusive play park at the East Links.
- Meetings are taking place with Scottish Water to help deal with the periodic flooding at Haugh Road.
- Former winners of the Community Award will all receive enamel badges bearing the Arms of the Community Council.
- The restoration of railings and paths at the Half Moon is well under way.
- We have appealed against the refusal to allow additional pharmacy services and are awaiting a final decision.
- We are exploring ways to bring the former Fife Council Locality Office back into use as part of a vibrant Burgh Chambers complex.
- Plans are in hand to hang more paintings by Andrew Young, which were recently gifted to Burntisland Heritage. They will be placed in the Burgh Chambers once blinds are in place to prevent damage from excessive light.
- New road signs will be erected at the entrances to the town to reflect the Royal Burgh status.
- Discussions have taken place to help develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Rossend.
- Conservation work is continuing on the Kirkton Church.
- There are now 34 Safer Community Officers throughout Fife with 16 available at any one time to respond to complaints about environmental or social nuisance.
- Requests for action which are posted on the Community Council's Facebook page are sometimes best dealt with by the elected members of Fife Council. We will try to redirect messages where appropriate.
- The problem of debris clogging the burn at the Toll Park has been resolved.
- A planning application has been submitted for the construction of 3 houses at Church Street on land which is currently occupied by garages.
- The Community Council has been made a provisional member of the Development Trusts Association Scotland. It will be a springboard from which a new, independent Development Trust can be created with additional stakeholders in order to take forward a variety of key projects.

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.

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

The Burgh Polis

By Inspector Graeme Neil



I have now been in post as the Community Inspector covering Burntisland since the beginning of the year and it gives me great pleasure to be given the opportunity to be part of this edition of the Burgh Buzz.

The identification of local priorities and the issues that affect the people who live, work and visit Burntisland are essential in the development of my yearly Area Plan and how they link with the Police Scotland Policing Plan. Delivering a local service to meet local requirements is paramount to how I develop individual plans and priorities that tackle and deal with policing matters at a local level. The views of our communities are important to us and I am committed to using the information you provide to help me shape our policing priorities which we will deliver with the public and our partners. This information influences how we communicate and engage and how we make ourselves as accessible as possible to those looking to use our services. Listening to the views of the community we recently made changes to the Community Engagement Meeting (CEM) by having the meeting located centrally at the Burntisland Primary School. We invited partner agencies to attend and by changing the times we have opened it up to members of the community who previously could not attend. The first such meeting was well attended and is being reviewed as it develops and we will make changes if required.



PC's Masterton and Weir meet the BCC and head teacher Julie Anderson at the new CEM & PC Masterton gives advice to local licenced premises

Disorder complaints within the division (calls from the public relating to antisocial behaviour in the form of public nuisance, disturbance, noise, neighbour dispute) have shown continuing reduction during 2014/15 and this now continues into 2015-16 with a 16.7% decrease in complaints for April – December 2015 versus the same period in the previous year.

I am aware of the current nuisance caused by antisocial behaviour in Burntisland and that alcohol is a major factor in this activity. Our local officers work closely with the Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit, Community Safety Partnership, Drug and Alcohol Partnership, Community Wardens and with local authority analysts to seek a long term solution to the problem. Local officers are continually working hard to detect and deter crimes of vandalism and disorder utilising mobile CCTV and by seeking additional staff through the Campaign against Violence deployments. Offenders are robustly dealt with and prohibitions of their future movements in the town are sought through the court process. As always we seek assistance from the community in tackling this issue to help identify those involved.

You will be aware that PC Ross Masterton and PC Bryan Weir are your Community Ward Officers and can be contacted by calling 101 or by emails below. You can also follow their activities on Twitter via @Kirkcaldypolice.

As summer fast approaches we are looking forward to meeting you at all your local games, events and galas.

Forthcoming Community Engagement Meetings will take place at Burntisland Primary School as follows:-

Thursday 12th May - 9.30 am - 10.30 am and Tuesday 17th May - 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

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Welcome to New Burntisland Post Office Operator

After months of waiting, Burntisland has finally welcomed a new Post Office operator - Maria Nawaz.

The difficulties with the previous operator and the curtailed hours have been a long running cause for concern in the town and there have been many months of negotiation and discussion with Post Office to try to resolve the situation. Hopefully with the arrival of the new operator, that situation is now behind us.

The new store will stock stationary, lottery tickets and other products. In time, other services like passport photos will be offered, but the shop will not compete with other High Street traders to sell groceries.

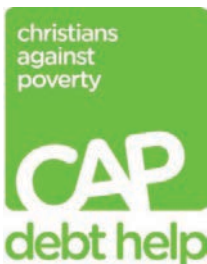
Maria has moved to the town with her young family in order to devote her time and efforts to her new business venture. She intends to move to seven day opening hours as soon as is possible, meaning that Burntisland will enjoy a comprehensive postal service for the first time in ages.

"We have previously spend holidays here in Burntisland and we are now really enjoying living and working in the town," said Maria.

"We have waited a long time to resolve the issues with Burntisland post office," said Cllr Susan Leslie, "So it is great news to hear that Maria and her family are so committed to the town and providing a great service. I hope that Burntisland will support Maria and the post office."



Cllr Leslie & Maria



The Kirkcaldy and Burntisland CAP centre (which also covers Methil, Leven and Glenrothes) has been very busy since Christmas. I thought I would give a wee overview of what we do, as a few people have been asking.

CAP provides free one to one debt counselling. Although the actual debt counselling is done at head office in Bradford, CAP partners with local churches (Burntisland Parish Church in our case) to provide the centres and the one to one support. Each centre has a manager/debt coach and more than one if in a big city. In our centre there is just me and some voluntary support workers, called befrienders. My job is to go to each client's home and collect information about their income, expenditure and the debts. I send this down to Bradford where a budget and a debt repayment plan are created. I take this budget out to the client and get the go ahead and the necessary signatures etc. The client then sends one weekly or monthly payment to CAP and they distribute it between the client's creditors and also a wee savings pot for the client.

CAP's research has shown that debt is often a symptom of deeper issues and we take a holistic approach to what we do. We are encouraged to take clients out for coffee and spend time with them socially – often clients have shut themselves off from friends and family because they feel ashamed of their debt. CAP is all about giving people a new hope for the future and the befriending service does actually change lives. It's very humbling. When a client goes debt free, they celebrate at head office by blowing a harmonica – there are 250 folks at head office and an average of 65 people going debt free every week. That's a whole lot of noise! CAP have won awards in the credit industry for the way they work, and Martin Lewis, the money expert, always suggests CAP for debt problems, particularly if there are mental health issues. Not bad for a charity which began in 1996 with a man sitting at his kitchen table with a tenner in his hand.

Pat Hanson (To book an appointment telephone 0800 328 0006)

Beach Clean - Up

Supported by Burntisland Community Council, The Ecology Centre Kinghorn and the Marine Conservation Society a total of 12 people turned up on Saturday 2nd April to clean the full length of the Burntisland beach .

Some 7 bags of rubbish including tyres, litter and the inevitable DOG POO was collected. The Ecology Centre concentrated on Pettycur Beach but failed to complete the entire length of the beach. However, arrangements will be made with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust to arrange an independent clean up of Pettycur Beach sometime in the near future.



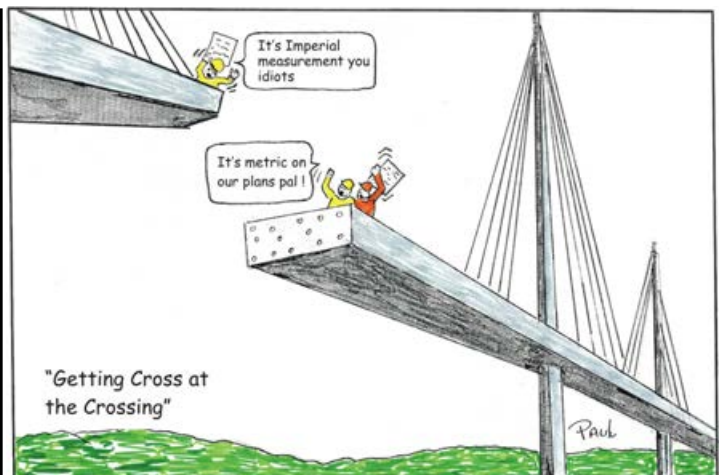
Beach Clean-Up Gang



Christian Aid Coffee Morning

The Christian Aid Group in Burntisland are holding a Coffee Morning on 28th May from 10am till 12 noon in the Parish Church Hall. This event is in place of the normal door-to-door collection in the town.

Tickets, priced £1.50 can be purchased from Chapter & Verse, or pay at the door.



BURNTISLAND'S NATURAL HERITAGE EXHIBITION

Next year the face of Mary Somerville who grew up in Burntisland will appear on the new Royal Bank of Scotland £10 notes.

Mary was known as the 19th century 'Queen of Science' and her permanent childhood home was Burntisland where she spent most of her formative years. She was a pioneering and eminent mathematician, astronomer and geographer. In her memoirs her description of the town as a small sea port sheltered by the Binn with the communal Links and sandy bay is recognizable to residents and visitors today. One of the most distinctive features of Mary Somerville's work is her understanding of what we now accept as the ecosystem. This she understood and knew more than two centuries ago from her own observations in her childhood home of Burntisland.

Appropriately the theme for the Burntisland Heritage 2016 summer exhibition is 'Our Natural Heritage'. It will focus on the wealth and diversity of the area's abundant and varied natural heritage.

The exhibition intends to showcase this with an extensive 40 panel informative display of local photography which will cover different zones and natural heritage aspects of the surrounding area. From the land at the summit and slopes of the Binn down through the built-up environment, the aim is to capture images that illustrate fascinating and spectacular plants, birds and animals that grow and live on our doorstep. The areas of interest will extend over the extensive foreshore and beyond to Inchkeith revealing the myriad of life that lives on the seabed and beneath the waves. Inchkeith will also be featured given its importance as a sanctuary in the spring and summer months for a variety of nesting seabirds. In the late autumn it is the birthplace of hundreds of grey seal pups. The exhibition is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the richness of the town's environment and encourage efforts to maintain and protect it. Over the years the trust has worked in partnership with the local primary school. This year, Burntisland Primary School has been given the opportunity to study the town's natural heritage. The Curriculum for Excellence allows the children to learn through investigation and exploration. Some of this work forms part of this exhibition in a scrapbook and sketchbook collection.

The exhibition is at Burntisland Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate, Burntisland (just round the corner from the main door of the Burgh Chambers in the High Street).

The 10 week exhibition will run from 18th June to 27th August inclusive, and will be open on Wednesdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

Website - www.burntisland.net/heritage-trust.htm

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better"

Albert Einstein

Kirkton Church Conservation Project

Anyone passing down Church Street will see the ruins of Kirkton Church slowly emerge from its jacket of ivy. Stonemasons have been at work for a month removing the creepers which, it is hoped will not return. There is also an ongoing maintenance plan, which will ensure it remains ivy-free. Limited consolidation work will be carried out with loose masonry reset and any fallen stones gathered within the chancel.

Earlier last month AOC archaeology group started to record the ruins which includes scanning the buildings using powerful hi-tech laser scanners. The gathered information is then turned into 2D drawings and stunning 3D images. Some interesting features, often missed by the naked eye have already been discovered in the scanning process. Phase one of the project will soon be completed and it is hoped that phase two, the main conservation and landscaping work will commence towards the end of May.

Andrew Davies of Archway Metals has approached the Heritage Trust with the very kind offer to assist with metal work to be used later in the project. The Working Group would also like to apologise to residents in Church Street for any disturbance they experience during on - going work and to thank the staff of the Co-op for acting as key holders.



The naked ruins revealed.




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Burntisland's Future - It's in your hands

by Alex. MacDonald. (Chairman, Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council)

It seems hardly any time since many hundreds of people took the time to give their views on what they want for Burntisland. At the September event alone, over 300 people considered countless options and helped to prioritise what should be done over the next 5 years or so.

Arising from that, the Community Council are about to publish a Community Action Plan. It will crystallise what matters most to local people across a variety of themed topics.

The data gathered from the original survey has already been used to excellent effect. For example, there is rock-solid evidence to support the need for new play facilities. The outcome is already clear, with nearly £70,000 raised for the inclusive play-park at the East Links and more on the way for the Spider Park at the West Links. Similarly, the survey evidence has been used to support the need for an additional pharmacy for the town.

In the background, the survey data has been refined and categorised by a steering group made up entirely of volunteers from the Community Council and other stakeholders. However, it's not just for the Community Council. The Community Action Plan provides the baseline for any local group which is ambitious enough to raise funds on a grand scale. It gives evidence of demand and shows the context within which significant fund-raising can take place.

However, two top priorities are already emerging. One is how best to make fuller use of the Burgh Chambers complex, whilst also restoring the clock tower and ensuring a sustainable business plan for many years ahead. It requires a mixture of ambition, initiative, entrepreneurship and due diligence. It's not an easy combination – or a quick outcome – but it could result in a vibrant, central hub in the middle of our High Street.

A second is the creation of a Community Development Trust for Burntisland, which has the potential to become an umbrella organisation in support of a huge range of community initiatives. The Community Council itself cannot legally become such a trust. So there is huge scope for community-minded individuals to come forward and form the nucleus of a completely new organisation.

The Community Council has already taken the initiative by joining the Development Trust Association Scotland. Over the coming months, we will take advice and invite interest from those local people who want to strive for a better, stronger and more active community for many years ahead.

The Community Action Plan will be launched at a formal event – currently scheduled for late June – and it will be open to all local people to attend. From that point on, we will be very interested in hearing from those who would like to form the core of a Community Development Trust. It's not an easy option. We will be looking for people who are willing to take shared responsibility for some exciting projects, whilst putting in the hours required to get maximum benefit for our community.

More information about the launch event will be available shortly, so please watch out for the details and be ready to make a note in your diary.



Museum of Communication News by Dorothy Brankin

When we were asked recently, if we could host a group of about 30 Scouts and their leaders from Edinburgh, we were delighted – but then started to worry how to hold the attention of these 10 - 14 year-olds, with not a mobile phone or computer in sight!

We solved the problem by rigging up a mock TV Studio, involving the boys as Interviewer, Interviewee and Controller. The whole group took turns at this, and the 'programme' was relayed on the big screen upstairs, where the rest of the Troop took notes and prepared for their turn. The results were astonishing! We were amazed at the sophisticated knowledge, understanding and wit of these young people. Their comments included references to both current Scottish and American politics – perhaps areas too sensitive to be discussed here!

In May, we are due to host another group of Scouts – this time, the guys are working towards their Communications badge – so we look forward to helping and encouraging them!

At the end of March, we had a visit from Claire Baker, who, at the time, was the Labour Member of the Scottish Parliament for Fife. (*As Parliament has currently been dissolved, there are no members of the Scottish Parliament until after the elections on May 5th*) Claire, who lives locally, thoroughly enjoyed her visit! She was accompanied by Steve Scott, of Museums, Galleries, Scotland.

Meanwhile, back in '131 High St', we're putting final touches to our latest exhibition, which will open on 7th May. **Wartime Advances - Peacetime Applications** continues the story of communications from the Napoleonic wars to the present time – and includes the Cooke & Wheatstone 5- needle telegraph, installed on the brand new railways in the 1850's.... Come and join us – Discover our amazing past! We'd love to meet you!

Open every Wednesday and Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm, until the END of September. Admission **FREE**



L to R:- Marion McLean (MoC Secretary); Prof Tom Stevenson (MoC Chairman); Dorothy Brankin (MoC Event Organiser); Claire Baker; Steve Scott (Museums, Galleries, Scotland); Andrew Starling (MoC Treasurer)



School News by Emma Clunie

It's hard to believe that we are now entering Term 4 here at Burntisland Primary School. Term 3 was incredibly busy, with many children participating in a wide variety of activities and events, leading to lots of success and happy, proud children and staff.

Four P6 children attended the Euroquiz at Kirkcaldy High School and came 3rd (our best finishing position to date). Many pupils in P6 and P7 performed at the annual Music Festival at the Adam Smith Theatre. Our P7P Rotary Quiz Team won their heat and have progressed through to the Rotary Quiz Final in May. Twelve Primary 7 pupils participated in the annual Speakers Club Competition, with Rosa McDonald delivering a highly entertaining winning speech on Greek

Mythology. Keira Young, in P7H, was the winner of the Burns Competition, reciting the whole of "Tam O'Shanter" from start to finish – an outstanding performance. Not to mention our participation in many sporting events including: Fife Schools Badminton Competition, Fife Athletics Festivals and Scottish Soccer 7's Semi-Final. We are also very proud of our P6 pupils who participated in the Big Brain Book Quiz this year and of course, our fabulous Glee Club who sang and danced their way to the Glee Final which takes place in May at the Alhambra Theatre. What a successful term at BPS. We continue to be very proud of our talented pupils. Well done to all.

In our Under Three Provision, children have been venturing outdoors to become familiar with the school grounds. As part of the transition process, children each Friday walk around the path towards the back of the school, then into the 3-5 nursery garden before finally visiting the nursery rooms in school. This has been a very exciting experience and is important in helping to prepare the youngest members of our BPS family for the big move into our school nursery in August.

P1F, P1H and P1T have all had a visit from the Friendly Dragon who asked pupils to recreate Fairyland in their classes. Children have enjoyed reading fairy stories like Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, Cinderella, The 3 Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. Pupils have made castles at home and in school, have grown wonderful beanstalks, made shields and crowns and also written some super stories. The P1 corridor has been transformed and the displays suggest some excellent



Burns Competition winner Keira Young holding the Rotary Shield



learning has taken place, not to mention some great fun too.

P2 and P3/2 have been studying world climate zones and have particularly enjoyed learning about how animals survive in extreme climates. Next term P2 and P3/2 will focus on the human body and are looking forward to conducting lots of fun experiments. Watch this space.

Throughout this term, the children in Primary 3 have been learning all about the 1960's, from the clothes people wore to the music they listened to. Also, all of the children were involved in the organisation of a Scottish Afternoon for their parents. They danced, sang songs and shared some creative writing and judging by the feedback from the parents, the afternoon was a great success.

Tim Peake would have been very impressed with Primary 4 this term as the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Space and keeping up-to-date with Tim's mission. They had an interesting and fun-filled visit to the Dundee Science Centre and next term P4 will study the Vikings...yet another exciting topic.

Primary 5 have concentrated on Scotland in the Middle Ages this term. The children enjoyed a trip to Stirling Castle and have designed and made coats of arms, which are proudly displayed in class. They recently welcomed The Regal Story Tellers into school, who told stories, (in some very impressive costumes) of Robert the Bruce. The King and his Queen recounted stories from the Middle Ages which were thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

Alongside rugby tasters and orienteering training, children in Primary 6 have been busy learning about Europe, including the European Union. Additionally, they have been 'jamming' in their bands on guitars and keyboards. It has been fantastic to walk past the music room of late and hear the results of all of their hard work. Rock Stars in the making! Pupils have also created animations and their own music tracks using ICT software. As a great man once said, "I know it's only rock 'n' roll but I like it..."

In Primary 7, the topic of Ancient Greece has allowed pupils to focus on creative writing in particular, creating their own myths. Pupils have been developing their use of connectives within writing. Children thoroughly enjoyed preparing for the Scottish Country Dance Festival and lending their support to younger classes who were learning to dance. The Speakers Competition allowed all P7 pupils the opportunity to prepare and deliver a presentation. Staff were overwhelmed by the overall quality of these presentations. Next term Primary 7 will be busier than ever with pupils taking part in the Rotary Quiz Final, the Scottish Cup Final, transition visits to Balwearie High School, the annual P7 BBQ, the P7 show and much, much more. We hope that our Primary 7 pupils have a memorable final term at Burntisland Primary School.



By Scott Sweeton

As Spring is here FAB's plans for the summer ahead are in full swing! The orders are in for the baskets and summer planting, watering and maintenance schedules have been drawn up. FAB will participate in the Beautiful Fife campaign this year, with the hope of maintaining our Silver Gilt award. The judging takes place around the beginning of July and we will be looking for the town- people's support prior to the visit to ensure Burntisland is looking at its best.

Work is continuing to improve the areas we have adopted throughout the town. The raised bed at Lonsdale Crescent has had bark laid to help keep the weeds down, further developments are planned at and around the car park at Harbour Place, additional planting has been installed at the boat site on Cromwell Road and pupils from Starley Hall are looking into brightening up the beds at the Beacon car park by installing sea side themed art work.

FAB have instigated a number of non-bloom initiatives throughout the town already this year including the repair of some benches around the town and the painting of the sea wall. As always we work alongside the local community and we had our annual coffee morning with the residents of Allan Court, telling them of the work we are planning for the year ahead.

Our fundraising efforts have had a very positive start to the year with the raffle raising an impressive £1215. Thanks to all who supported us, and the 1st prize winner has a weeks hire of a motorhome to look forward to. We also received a donation of £450 from the Coop. FAB were chosen as their community group to support over a three month period and their support has been invaluable during this time. A donation was also received from the residents of Allan Court after the coffee morning.

The community garden project has taken a step in the right direction. A few volunteers met with three different garden designers in February and designs are being created. We are very excited with the progress and look forward to sharing the designs with the local community when they are finalised.

Lastly, you may have read on Facebook or within the Fife Free Press about the ongoing issues with litter, especially on the roads leading into the town. Can people try and be more aware of how they dispose of their litter as it is an eyesore, a danger to our environment and it costs the local authority £100,000's a year to clean it up!

For more information or to keep up to date with what FAB are doing, why not like our Facebook page.



We have had a very busy spring term during which we explored Burntisland beach, finishing up with a trip on the train to Kinghorn beach, where we discovered all about the lifeboat station. We received a very kind donation, including Easter eggs from St. Colmes Cork Lodge. A special end of term treat was a visit from Mr Barking who provided musical entertainment. This term we will be restarting our forest kindergarten visits, where the children will explore the woods, and enjoy the freedom of outdoor play, experiencing appropriate "risks" in the development of their play. We will also be planting and growing flowers and learning about people who help us and about road safety. The term will end with our annual trip to Muddy Boots, which everyone looks forward to.

Successful fundraising has allowed us to purchase new music and small world equipment.

This term we will commence our transition visits to Burntisland Nursery School for all the children. We will also start our settle sessions for new children who will join the playgroup in August 2017. If anyone is still looking for a place at Playgroup starting Aug 2017, please get in touch asap on 01592 872854 asking for Jenny or Morag.

We have a few fundraising events planned for this term which include a Coffee Morning at the Toll Centre on 29 April, 0930 – 1100 and a Bingo Night on 27 May at the Jubilee Tavern from 1900 – late.

Remember that we also have Rhyme Time every Monday morning at the Toll Centre from 0930 – 1000, for children aged 0 – 3 years. Come along and join in with lots of fun music/rhymes and make new friends. No need to book, £1 per session.

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Summer King and Queen Announced

Summer is on its way, and with it comes the announcement of the 2016 Summer King and Queen. A successful fundraising disco was held at the Toll Centre in March, where Citizen of the Year Carole-Anne Crossan helped reveal the royal party:-

Summer King - Lucas Brown

Summer Queen - Sophie Paterson

First Attendant - Eilidh Batchelor

Second Attendant - Shannon Homer

Queen's Trainbearers - Kaiden Edie and Harvey Sharp

King's Trainbearers - Jaxon Lowe and Leo Fawcett-Hall

Flower Girls - Aimy Baxter and Lily Thompson

Posy Girl - Kayla Davidson

Many thanks to all those who attended and helped get Civic Week celebrations off to a good start. Special thanks to the new organising committee - Adrina Wallace, Heather Batchelor, Lynn Gordon and Wendy Eddie - and also Rosie's Disco. The Royal Party look forward to joining the Four Seasons themed parade on 18th June!



The Royal Party



Spring

Civic Week

This year's Civic Week will take place between Friday 17th to Sunday 28th June. The 10-day programme of events begins with the traditional shop window competition, and finishes with the ever popular Des and the Dingoos. The volunteer committee has been hard at work, and plans to bring back the Raft Race across

the bay on the second Saturday at the Beach Day. As ever, the committee is grateful to the local companies who make Civic Week possible by providing essential financial contributions.

The Civic Week theme this year is "Four Seasons" - we're looking forward to seeing the imaginative costumes that our local groups and individuals will come up with. Lucas Brown and Sophie Paterson will be crowned 2016 Summer King and Queen at the Parish Church, before leading the parade along the High Street. Hopefully the weather only gives us the summer season on Parade Day.



Autumn

Look out for more details in the Civic Week programme leaflets which will be delivered to households at the beginning of June. You can also keep up to date by visiting our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/BurntislandCivicWeek - where we'll be posting news and photos from the events. Please let us know your thoughts on Civic Week by contacting the committee via email: burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com The provisional Civic Week Diary is opposite on page 11.



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S. M. AUTOS

This edition we shine the 'Spotlight on' SM Autos owned by Steven Marr, Steven has always had a keen interest in cars. After leaving school he started his apprenticeship at a local garage in Burntisland where he worked for over 14 years before setting up SM Autos in 2002 and since then he has been a big supporter of the Burgh Buzz.

2016 is a big year for SM Autos – as the business has grown steadily with loyal following of local customers,

Steven and his team have now moved into new premises next to his old units located in Meadowfield Industrial Estate. This has tripled the amount of space and allowed him to install a new MOT Testing Station for Class 4 (Cars) and Class 7 (Commercial) vehicles. This significant expansion and investment in the business will see the MOT Station ready for customers starting in May.

On speaking to Steven, he is delighted that he can now provide his customers with the full car maintenance package from MOT Testing, Service and Repairs. His new computer software package will also provide customers with an e-mail or text alert 4 weeks before their MOT is due to expire. Together with an inviting customer waiting area and a free local pick-up and delivery service – he's got it covered! Primarily though, Steven wants to make sure his team Chris, Steven, Lisa and Kerry provide his customers with a great all round service and one you can trust.



Civic Week Diary

Friday 17th June

3–4 pm Shop Window Competition on the High Street

Saturday 18th June

11 am Burntisland Heritage exhibition – "Our Natural Heritage" opens

12:30 pm **CROWNING OF THE SUMMER KING AND QUEEN AT THE PARISH CHURCH**

1–3:30 pm Parade along the High Street to Party on the Links hosted by Kingdom FM

6–11 pm Summer King & Queen disco - hosted by Rosie's disco at the Toll Centre

Sunday 19th June

10 am 5-a-side Football Tournament hosted by Burntisland Shipyard (tbc)

1:30 pm Bowling Competition - Civic Week Pairs Burntisland Bowling Club, Kinghorn Road

3 pm Praise on the Links

Monday 20th June

7 pm Sailing Club - Civic Week Cup Burntisland Sailing Club, Breakwater, Docks Area

Tuesday 21st June

6:15 pm BASC Civic Week sprints at the Beacon Leisure Centre

8 pm Dominoes Competition (over 18s) at the Jubilee Tavern

Wednesday 22nd June

2:30 pm Inner Heritage Walk - free guided tour around Burntisland's historic landmarks - approx. 2 hours

Meeting place: Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate
3:30 pm After School Story (primary 1-3) at the Library
7:30 pm Potter About Open Mic. Night - A selection of talented local musicians playing a variety of music - Buffet supper.

Thursday 23rd June

7 pm Food for Thought Civic Week Dinner (BYOB)

8 pm Darts Competition (over 18s) at Silver Tassie, High Street

8 pm Civic Week Quiz (over 18s) at Burntisland Sands Hotel

Friday 24th June

1:30 pm Outer Heritage Walk - free extended guided tour around the perimeter of Burntisland. Includes a walk over the Binn - approx. 3 hours
Meeting place: Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate

Saturday 25th June

10 am–12 pm Messy Church at Burntisland Parish Church Halls.

1.00 pm Beach Day - including raft race across the bay, sandcastle competition, treasure hunt (details tbc)
Dog show on the Links (tba)

Sunday 26th June

3–6 pm **DES AND THE DINGOES AT THE STAR (over 18s)**

Pipe Band Championships Returns to Burntisland

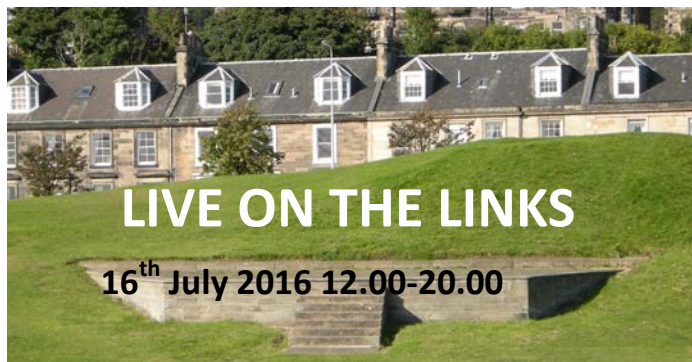


Following on from its success last year, when an estimated 2,250 visitors attended the event, the Pipe Band Championship returns to Burntisland. This year, the event will take place on Saturday 23rd July on the Links in Burntisland and provides a fitting follow-up to the Highland Games which takes place just 5 days earlier.

In the second year of a 3 year investment from Fife Council's Strategic Events Investment Programme, the aim is to ensure this new Championship will continue to thrive and attract some of the best pipe bands, and a significant amount of visitors, from all over Scotland.

Burntisland Pipe Band spokesperson Denis Johnstone said "With another major championship taking place just one week later, we are confident that this fantastic event will encourage even more bands to come to the town. It has long been our goal to have a contest in Burntisland and it was great to finally achieve this with the inaugural event last year. Thanks go to Fife Council and to the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association for their help and hopefully this event will grow over the years."

Linda Temple, Fife Council's Cultural Partnerships & Events Strategy Manager said "I am absolutely delighted that the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association will, once again, organise, promote and deliver this event. I have every confidence it will keep Burntisland on the map as a major day-out destination and hope local residents and the many visitors to the town will enjoy this exciting event". **For full details of the event visit: www.fifedirect.org.uk**



This year, through the efforts of Rab Watson, and with the support of Councillor Kay, we will be holding Live on the Links, not only on the Links, but on the bandstand, where we started this in 1983.

It was early 1983, and we were rehearsing with our band Boxed Set, at the Unity Hall. The Cuinzie Neuk in Kinghorn, one of the few places which encouraged original music had closed. With no idea where we were going to play, I looked out of the window across the links at the bandstand and announced that I wanted to play there.

Scarlet Lies, one of the two other local bands organised the event, and we drew 350 people. Rab Watson's Troops of Tomorrow opened. We did it again in 1984 on the bandstand,

but not since.

The bandstand is ideally situated, high enough to let the sound go straight out to sea and shielded by the Big Knowe, hopefully minimising reflection back towards the town. It does lack a roof and electricity, and performing from the back of a lorry seemed a more compact option. However facing the town one year brought complaints.

Rab and others carried on the event intermittently, from 1985 until 2008, when we both realised that it had been 25 years since the first one. Having been offered an evening in the Civic Week Marquee, they teamed up with other bands to celebrate, and also in memory of our musician friends in particular, who could not be there to share the evening. Subsequently, to reduce cost, we have held our events at Pettycur Bay and the Smugglers, but despite our long history and our Facebook presence, it is amazing how many people in Burntisland just haven't heard of us.

This year it is Rab's hope that by sponsoring the extra costs of the outdoor event, we can begin to grow an event which will become an attraction in years to come, and of some benefit to the town. And as usual, our invitation is open to younger Burntisland bands and musicians to make themselves known to us for the future. In the meantime, we are proud to present a days free entertainment, featuring talent from Burntisland and Kinghorn with our friends from Kirkcaldy and other surrounding towns, comprising 8 acts. We need a sunny day and for you all to come.

Charlie Kilgour We are on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/liveonthelinks>

New Burntisland Civic Week Committee Sought

After six years of Civic Week Committee duties the principal team members led by Morna Beuzeval, will be adorning their Civic Week parade costumes for the very last time this year.

Civic Week Chair Morna Beuzeval, made the announcement at the Civic Week AGM held in April, stating "This is the committee members sixth year of organising the Civic Week and Parade and will be our last, it is time for a new committee going into 2017".

Both the Secretary Easton Robertson and Finance Secretary Sarah Main will also resign with effect from the conclusion of this year's Civic Week, with all three members declaring new interests. Morna went on to say "I know the town of Burntisland will respect our decision, we have had a ball!".

An appeal to bring in a new committee for 2017 is now officially opened to interested Burntisland residents wishing to be part of this great tradition. With new members of the committee being welcomed immediately. Assurances have been made by present committee that they will be available in an advisory role to the new 2017 committee.

Anyone wishing to join the Burntisland Civic Week Committee can email wendy.haw001@btinternet.com or contact the committee on <https://www.facebook.com/BurntislandCivicWeek>.



Burntisland – Flekkefjord Link



We are now well on the way to being ready to welcome the 4 young Norwegians for the youth exchange which runs from 12th-19th July and also the 4 official visitors, including the Mayor of Flekkefjord, who will visit from 16th-19th July to help celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our twinning arrangement.

Our 4 young people have been busy deciding what to do with their visitors and also fundraising to contribute towards this year's proposed activities. They have already raised almost £700 by helping to organise and run a coffee morning at St Joseph's Church in March and they are also planning a sponsored 'Cycle' to Flekkefjord during Civic Week (roughly 400 miles as the crow flies!) This year's twinning activities kick off at the beginning of June when local yacht 'Sonas' will be sailing to Flekkefjord with owners Gordon Alder and Martin Birrell plus additional crew, taking with them a formal invitation to the Mayor to join us for the 70th anniversary celebrations.

Then, in July, we have a very busy programme planned to entertain all of our visitors. For the young people we have 3 'big' days out planned, which includes taking the train to Edinburgh to see some of what our capital has to offer, spending a day in Fife visiting the Lomonds, St Andrews and the East Neuk and also a day visiting the Falkirk Wheel, the Kelpies and Stirling.

Locally, the youngsters will pay a visit to the Highland Games, the sailing club have offered to take them out sailing (weather permitting) and we hope they will explore the town and surroundings further during their free time.

For the mayor and his party, we have a formal welcome reception at Rossend Castle followed by a Heritage Walk, they will attend the exiles reception and, of course, like the youngsters, they will visit the Highland Games.

There will be a Ceilidh at the Golf Club on Saturday 16th July, which will be a ticketed event open to all so we hope to see lots of people there helping us to celebrate our 70th anniversary!



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Burntisland Bowling Club

By Richard Perry

At its AGM, Ian Muir (President), Isabel Muir (Treasurer) and John MacDonald (Club Secretary), stood down after many years service as Club Officers. The Club's principal office bearers are Margaret Farnes (President), Bill Rollo (Treasurer), Richard Perry (Club Secretary) and Janette MacDonald (Match Secretary).

Following the official Opening Day of the Club's new season on 9 April, members look to build on the success of last year when the Ladies' Team won the Kirkcaldy Ladies League and the internal competitions produced some exciting games.

The Club also has appeared in a new book 'Bowled Over' published by Played in Britain in 2015. It celebrated the heritage of lawn bowls in the UK and Club's pavilion, recently renovated, was featured as one of a very few Grade B listed bowls pavilions in the UK.

New members are very welcome and the Club provides free tuition for its members.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 4 June 10.00 am and the Club's annual fete on Saturday 23 July starting at 1.00 pm. Keep up-to-date with the Club's activities at www.burntislandbowlingclub.co.uk Enquiries can be emailed to



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e-mail info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk



Burntisland Shipyard AFC

With the renovation and extension to the clubhouse complete we, the committee, can focus our attentions on the playing side of the club. Manager Raymond Drury has been in place now for several games and is starting to put his own mark on the squad having already brought in a few new players. We must assist him in finding further players raise standards to that required at this level of football.

As we approach the closing stages of the campaign the club finds itself in the lower reaches of the East of Scotland league which is disappointing given how well the team has performed against the so called better sides. It has been the supposed winnable matches, particularly at home, where the team has come up short. It would be great to turn Recreation Park into a fortress next season with large crowds cheering the team on to victory. For those that have never been to the ground, there is covered shelter, toilet facilities and catering offering hot and cold drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices. There is also space for the kids to kick a ball around.

Our first season using the Beacon Centre has now drawn to a close and the management and players have been delighted with the facilities on offer with good numbers at most training sessions, though the amount of balls kicked onto the railway line is a cause for concern.

We would like to make the community aware that the clubhouse can be made available to local groups who may wish to use the changing rooms or committee room for other activities outwith football or sport for that matter.

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Burntisland's Gulls

by Leo du Feu

Living in Burntisland means living with gulls. For a lot of the year they're not very noticeable but come springtime breeding season they become rather an issue. They can be extremely noisy in the early mornings, and when kids are trying to sleep at night. They might steal a bite of your lunch, or your whole sandwich. They certainly *do* swoop at us as we walk past - pretty scary!

It helps me to know why they do these things. The noises are about courtship, pair-bonding, keeping in touch with young, defending territory. As I learn better which calls belong to which gulls it becomes more interesting, less irritating, and I try to remember that it's only during the breeding season. We're pretty noisy too, with our cars, planes and mowers and three months of Shows on the Links!

The swooping is to protect their chicks. A swooping gull is shooing us from its nest area just as we shoo it from our garden or picnic. It isn't trying to kill us and couldn't if it tried. On the rare occasion when a gull actually hits it's worth knowing that it's their feet not their beak that impact with our head. When walking, as soon as we move beyond the gull's territory the swooping stops. They pester more if you're with a dog and they also swoop at cats. Cats have no problem getting away fast.

A good technique for passing nest areas without stress or fright is to walk calmly, waving a gloved hand or bit of stick over your head. They still swoop but can't fly close enough to hit you.

I learnt this technique on the Isle of May where I go to paint. Accessing the harbour means walking through the nesting ground of hundreds of terns - beautiful seabirds, like delicate gulls but with dagger-sharp beaks. The terns rise en masse and swirl above, dive-bombing constantly and making a terrible shrieking commotion. Unlike gulls, terns *do* try to hit you, and they draw blood! The waving-above-head method (plus hat to avoid droppings) works perfectly and the experience becomes rather special - how often do we get to be so close to a natural, wild, animal? The other technique is to walk beside the tallest member of your group, which unfortunately seems to be me.

After studying and learning more about gulls I find I really enjoy and admire them. They're slick, bright, characterful, and one of the easiest creatures to watch. They have such fascinating lives, returning to their breeding territory each spring from hundreds of miles away, usually mating for life, living up to 32 years! I'm interested to see which rooftops they return to and whether they use the same spots as last year.

It's amazing watching the eggs appear then a month later crack open to reveal stripy grey fluffballs which grow and grow until larger than their parents and ready to flap down to the ground for the first time. I love that funny stage when adults have had more than enough of parenthood but youngsters keep whining for more food, more food. I don't enjoy seeing the young chicks which are hit by our cars.


Worldwide there are over 50 species and in Britain we commonly have six: Herring gull; Common gull; Lesser black-backed gull; Great black-backed gull; Black-headed gull; Kittiwake. All of these can be seen in or from Burntisland.

Surprisingly, gulls aren't doing as well as we might think. Herring gull is on the *UK Birds of Conservation Concern* Red List. Lesser black-backed, amongst others, is Amber Listed. Between 2000 and 2013, breeding Herring gull numbers fell by 30% and Lesser black-backed by 48%. Scientists say that much more info must be gathered before any big decisions about "how, when and where, to control gulls are taken, while a thorough understanding of their ecology should underpin any measures taken." (British Trust for Ornithology [BTO] 'Gulls allowed?' online article.)

Read more on RSPB and BTO websites. Fife Libraries have bird books and at least one copy of Esther Woolfson's brilliant *Field Notes From a Hidden City* which discusses our relationships with urban wildlife.



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CANCER RESEARCH UK

The local branch of Cancer Research UK will be holding the following Events:

Tuesday, 17th May 2016 -
Burntisland Local Committee AGM at 7pm in The Toll Centre. All welcome.

Friday, 24th June 2016 - Family Event with entertainment by Gary Coupland in The Toll Centre from 7pm - 10pm. Cake/candy and raffle. **FREE ENTRY** but must have ticket available at Toll Centre.

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11th Fife -1st Burntisland Scout Group



The Beavers had a great start to the year with a team winning the District Baden Powell Trophy, which involved a variety of scouting and sporting activities that were hotly contested by nine teams from across the district.

In February we had a sleepover where the Beavers earned their Cook Activity badge by making omelettes, pancakes and mug cakes. Also, they have explored the town learning about the history of Burntisland. By Beaver Scout Leader Kerry Laing



The cubs had a busy term hosting lots of visitors. We had our friends Max and Paddy in to help us learn some rugby skills. The Kirkcaldy Cricket Club came and instructed us in cricket skills. We learnt new team games and also took our adventurous side to Fordell Firs where the Cubs were introduced to caving, the low ropes and the adventure assault course. What a busy term... phew. By Cub Scout Leader Michelle Paton



Last term the Scout section held a Burns Supper, and earned a number of Activity badges whilst continuing their work towards their Challenge badges. They achieved the Artist badge when they produced some excellent pieces of artwork later displayed in a small art exhibition. The Scouts also gained the Local Knowledge badge by exploring the community and learning about people and events linked to the town.

In March the Scouts entered the District 5-a-side tournament and are definitely building a team for the future as our young side earned commendable draws with the defending champions as well as a high scoring draw with this year's winners - lots for them all to be proud of. During our first camp of the year our Scouts learned and developed traditional scouting skills including fire lighting, pioneering, and camp craft including some camp cooking.

The Patrol Trophy was again hotly contested, narrowly won by Eagle Patrol who win the right to choose the location of our next camp. By Scout Leader David Laing



This term Explorers' activities were full and varied. We had a Burns Night where instruction was given on how to address the haggis - we enjoyed eating it as well! We visited Lochore Meadows learning and practiced our hiking and navigation skills in a new location. During a short trip to Fordell Firs our guys scaled new heights on the climbing wall - made all the more fun in the dark. By Explorer Scout Leader

In February the whole group took part in our first Group Gang Show, each section practiced for a few weeks beforehand and then entertained family and friends with some campfire songs. The Scouts also performed a few funny sketches and Explorers gave us all a musical performance of a scouting song that they had written. During the evening we invested new scouts and explorers into the group. By Group Scout Leader Kerry Laing



The Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn

The local club has since 1982, when Walter Anderson was its founding president, been raising funds for hundreds of good causes, both locally in the community and further afield. The next fundraising event will be a Silent Auction and a Casino Night on April 30th. This will be followed by the annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in Kinghorn Church Hall on May 21st, from 10.00 until 12.00 noon. Topics offered by speakers at the club have recently included an Australian club's fostering of a farming development in Nepal, a working trip to Peru for 14 teenagers, 50 years of the RNLI in Kinghorn, the WW1 naval establishment, HMS Tarlair in Aberdour, a visit from the Burgh Polis, and an update on the progress of the Queensferry Crossing.

The 2016 winners of the Primary School Burns Recitation Competition were Keira Young from Burntisland, and Shona Menzies from Kinghorn. The victors of the Rotary Primary School Quiz was the Burntisland P team; the winners will now go forward to the local final in Inverkeithing. The eleventh year of Rotary Rambles at Burntisland Primary School began in mid-April and will run fortnightly on Wednesdays until June, for each of the three P4 classes. The Club meets every Tuesday in the Burntisland Sands Hotel at 6.15 for a meal at 6.45. Potential members are always welcome.

The Rotary Volunteer Group is a group of volunteers associated with the Rotary Club. We assist the Club with fundraising activities and other events. We meet once a month at the Sands Hotel. There are no time or financial commitments to being a Rotary Volunteer. If interested please contact Michelle on 07944340872 for more information.



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Last year our "Easy Peas...y" project got householders and community groups around Kinghorn, Burntisland and Auchtertool growing food in their own gardens. This year the project's successor, "Lemon Squeezy", is set to encourage anyone interested in growing food to come and do so at our brand new Centre. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide tools, advice, social company and practical support to help get groups and individuals growing in their very own mini allotments at the loch side. If this sounds like the sort of thing you or your group would like to get involved in, call Jo on 01592 891567 or e-mail: jo@theecologycentre.org.

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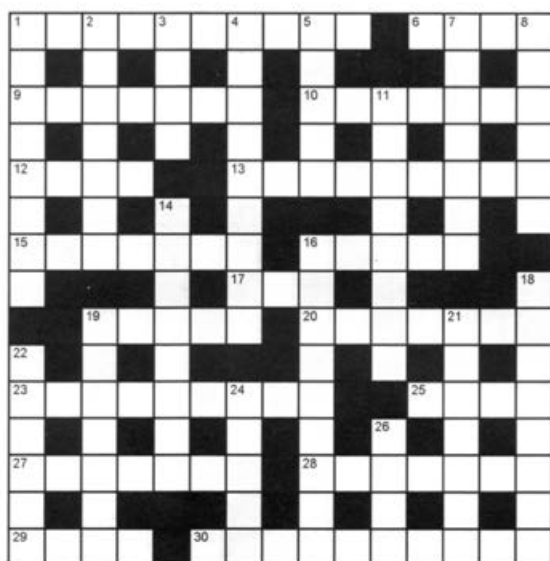
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6. Nocturnal birds (4)
9. Cargo (7)
10. Without affectation (7)
12. Dilapidated building (4)
13. Mesmerism (9)
15. Severe Mental distress (7)
16. Facial hair (5)
17. Fuss (3)
19. Bright red flower (5)
20. Royal Emblem (7)
23. Very large spider (9)
25. Poke(4)
27. Link(7)
28. Formal speech (7)
29. Waistband (4)
30. Sunrise (5,2,3)

DOWN

1. Postponement (8)
2. Giving off a strong smell (7)
3. Hindu system of discipline (4)
4. Go to bed (3,3,3)
5. Preliminary period (3,2)
7. Anxious (7)
8. Grave (6)
11. Duplicious (3,5)
14. Half a shilling (8)
16. Brazilian dance (5,4)
18. Inclination (8)
19. Mother & father (7)
21. Lingered (7)
22. Heaps (6)
24. Express in speech (5)
26. Filled tortilla(4)

Solution to Spring Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Triumphant, 6 Lamb, 9 Epigram, 10 Legible
12 Away, 13 Ignoramus, 15 Evening, 16 Pylon, 17 Ere,
19 Chair, 20 ReAdmit, 23 Terminate, 25 Asti, 27 Cliques,
28 Elevate, 29 Sage, 30 Café au lait

DOWN: 1 Teenager, 2 Imitate, 3 Mire, 4 Humdinger,
5 Nylon, 7 Albumen, 8 Breast, 11 Gorillas, 14 Tiramisu,
16 Persevere, 18 Strident, 19 Carping, 21 Mascara,
22 Stacks, 24 At Sea, 26 Peru.

CONGRATULATIONS - Our Spring Crossword winner of
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Events Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
MAY		
Saturday 7th	"Come and Try" Day at Kinghorn Loch	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Saturday 7th	MOC Exhibition " <i>Wartime Advances - Peacetime Applications</i> " opens	morning.
Friday 13th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Tuesday 17th	Cancer Research UK Burntisland Branch AGM at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Saturday 21st	Coffee Morning in Erskine Church Hall	1 0.00 am - 12.00 noon
Saturday 21st	Annual Rotary Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Friday 27th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate. (approx. 3 hours)	1.30 pm
Friday 27th	Playgroup Bingo at the Jubilee Tavern	7.00 pm - late
Saturday 28th	Christian Aid Coffee Morning in Parish Church Hall	10.00am - 12.00 noon
JUNE		
Saturday 4th	Bowling Club Coffee Morning	10.00 am onwards
Friday 10th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 16th	Live on the Links	12.00 - 8.00 pm
Friday 17th	CIVIC WEEK BEGINS	
Friday 24th	Cancer Research UK - Family Ceilidh at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Sunday 28th	CIVIC WEEK ENDS WITH DES AND THE DINGOES AT THE STAR	3.00pm - 6.00pm
JULY		
Tuesday 12th	Talk on "Feathered Friends" at the Museum of Communication	7.30 pm
Saturday 16th	Town Twinning Ceilidh at the Golf Club	Evening
Monday 18th	BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES	12.00 noon
Saturday 23rd	Bowling Club Annual Fete	2.00pm onwards
Saturday 23rd	Pipe Band Championships on the Links	All afternoon
Friday 29th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate. (approx. 3 hours)	1.30 pm
AUGUST		
Saturday 12th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm

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Cadets and Staff have been very busy the last couple of months participating in various activities and challenges. Several cadets and members of staff have been working along with the woodland trust removing plastic tubing and wooden stakes from trees at Formonthhills. Cadets have been helping out a lot with the woodland trust and have more to look forward to in the future

During the last couple of months cadets have also volunteered to help raise funds for the squadron and Royal Air Force Association. This allows us to buy new training equipment to expand the training we provide to the cadets.

More accolades have been received through Sgt Walker and Cpl Sharp who successfully passed the Air Cadet Radio Operator [BRONZE] – Instructor Course. They are now qualified to deliver the new Air Cadet Radio Operator [Bronze] course material provided by HQAC. Cadet K

McMillan has represented South East Scotland Wing and Scotland & Northern Ireland Region at senior football and has been awarded a Wing and a Regional Blue.

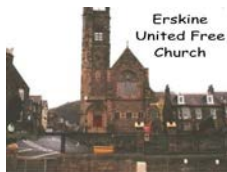
Activities planned for the future include, fundraising, Inter-Squadron athletics, conservation work with the Woodland Trust and the Pentland Hills group, Camps at RAF Lossiemouth and Aldergrove and the Royal International Air Tattoo.

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. Details can also be found on the Squadron Website:

775burntislandsquadron.weebly.com

and on the Squadron Facebook page: 775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Cadets.





Erskine News by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

Easter came early this year and our services (20-27 March) went really well. It was a lovely afternoon for the Palm Sunday walk around the town's churches in the sunshine, whilst on a bright Easter Sunday morning around 50 people braved the change of hour to get up for joint services at 8 am on the beach and the Binn. A big thank-you to everyone who took part at such a special time of year.

Our next coffee morning takes place on Saturday 21 May from 10am in our halls. This time the Rainbows will be hosting their own sales table. Please put that date in your diary-everyone's welcome. Evening services will be held in Erskine halls on Sundays 24 April, 29 May & 26 June -all at 6.30pm. Our minister is to be Moderator of this year's General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland, and we're having a service to mark the occasion on Friday 6 May at 7pm. You'd be very welcome to come along and join us at any of these events.

Don't forget Christian Aid Week from 15-21 May. Please give as you are able. It's hoped that a joint coffee morning will be held on Saturday 28 May in the Parish halls-look out for the usual posters. For details of this year's campaign, visit www.caweeek.org.

It's been great to have a ministry assistant with us over recent months. Jason Lingiah is training as a full-status minister and has been working and learning in the town and in the churches. Thanks for all you've been doing, Jason!

On Monday 11 April I walked along the prom to pick up my daughter from after school club at the Beacon. The water was crashing over the railings and it felt very cold in the wind. It reminded me that life can be stormy, even in the midst of all the natural positives we associate with spring-time's promise of new life and hope.

The Bible's wise advice is, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46.10), especially in such difficult conditions. I hope that the longer days to come bring you blessing and the precious gift that is peace of mind.

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By Rev. Dean Norby

I was asked a few weeks ago if a person needs to go to church to connect with God? And of course the answer is NO and that is straight from a vicar's mouth! And the reason I can say that with confidence is because the first time I connected with God myself, at the age of 27, was not in a church but rather in my home when I simply asked, 'God if you are there could you let me know?'

I am not alone with such simple prayers since in the UK six out of seven people still believe that prayers can be answered despite a dramatic drop in formal religious observance. And although not everyone considers themselves as religious or goes to church, yet...

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...is not a monologue, but a dialogue; God's voice is its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine.

The past few months you may have noticed the logo of Trypraying on the back of the buses throughout the Fife area. This was not only an invite to Fife but across Scotland to take a 7 Day Journey of Prayer. It is an **invitation to give it a go... to simply Trypraying and see what happens!** In doing this one may just find out SOMETHING ABOUT GOD!! That God is not distant and uncaring, but close and compassionate. **Give it a go and see what happens!**

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Also if you have something that you would appreciate prayer for please email St Serf's All Souls church office prayer@allsoulsfife.org.uk and we would be happy to confidentially pray for you.

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News from St Joseph's

by Val Crossan

As always St Josephs had a busy and fruitful Lenten programme culminating in a joyful series of Easter Services. It was good to take part in the joint Palm Sunday walk this year which started at St.Joseph's, there were readings from all of the Ministers at our various stops and ended with refreshments at St.Serf's.

There is great excitement at St Joseph's as a number of us will be heading off to Edinburgh in June to witness the ordination of Jamie McMorris, he will then be celebrating his first Mass at St.Josephs, please keep Jamie in your prayers.

Fr Brian has been encouraging some of our younger parishioners to start a folk group and they now play once a month at Mass. In January there was a very successful fund raising evening the theme being 'A Scottish night' and sometime in May we will be having a 'Cocktail night', a chance for the ladies to get dressed up!



and from The Parish Church

by Rev. Alan Sharp

On Sunday May 15th we celebrate Pentecost in the churches. The parish church service is at 11am. We remember how the Spirit of God was given to Christians, how the good news about Jesus was preached in Jerusalem where Jesus had been crucified and raised from the dead and how the church was first formed. Its all there in Acts chapter 2. As churches we have an impossible task, to love and care and meet the needs of our community. So on Pentecost Sunday we will be asking God to fill us afresh with His Spirit.

On Sunday May 22nd we celebrate Bible Sunday in the parish church at 11am, remembering how 415 years ago Burntisland changed the whole of the English speaking world. On that week the elders and ministers of the church of Scotland met in General Assembly and asked King James VI for a new translation of the bible. In due course this became the Authorised Version, and was the standard bible for centuries. It made a huge impact on not just the church but also the world.



Craigencalt Trust News

by Ron Edwards

Now that the better weather is with us, and we can all enjoy being outside more, we would like to recommend that you try a walk along the new pathway that the Trust has made at Kinghorn Loch that is easy for disabled buggies and families to travel. Walking from the car park at the lochside, the path enters the woodland at Craigencalt Farm. It follows a gentle incline until it reaches a new picnic area as you leave the woodland, then crosses the field to join the farm track that runs along the north side of the loch. At this point, if you turn left the track takes you to the start of Rodanbraes Path or through the Loch Road for Burntisland or Kinghorn. Go up Rodanbraes Path to visit its troll under the wooden bridge and along the ridge to the ruined cottages of Rodanbraes. This path has splendid views across the Forth Estuary. Alternatively, turning right at the junction with the farm track at the new path, takes you back around to the farm steading where the new 'Barn at the Loch' Cafe is now open. The food and welcome is highly recommended and if the weather is cool there is a cosy wood burning stove to warm you. The cafe is run by Bruce and Sarah Stuart who have the cafe "Food for Thought" in Burntisland, we are delighted that they have taken on the new cafe and farm shop at the loch.

The path is part of our lochside project which has been funded by, Awards for All, Fife Environmental Trust, with much assistance from Alcan and a hard working commitment from volunteers of the Trust. Project funding has already been used to make four new barley straw rafts to float on the loch and ensure good water quality each year. The rafts were finished in February and the barley straw piled on top so that they were in place for the varied bird life to use for nesting in spring.

On Saturday 7th May, the Trust, along with the sports and leisure groups, will be holding a "Come and Try" day at Kinghorn Loch. The event is free and runs from 1 – 4pm. If you would like to take part bring a change of clothes just in case. There are lovely new toilets at the farm where you can change. The Trust also has a thriving Walking Group who meet the first and middle Wednesday of each month. Walks last two hours and the group meets at 10am in the lay-by car park just before the road down to Craigencalt Farm. All are welcome to come along and in May the group is going on a walk to Glassmount House gardens. If you would like to know more about the Trust or help us, with our projects please email to info@Craigencalttrust.org.uk or phone 891330.



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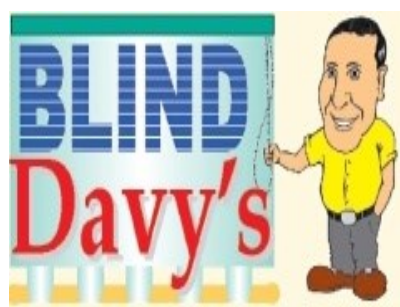
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