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Town Twinning 70th Anniversary Celebrations



Flekkefjord



The historic Town Twinning arrangement between Burntisland and Flekkefjord in Norway which began in 1946, was commemorated in style during the month of July. The two towns are alike in many respects. They both have a similar size population, are situated by the sea with natural deep-sea harbours and are supported by a valuable rural hinterland. Earliest records of Flekkefjord date back to the mid 16th Century, about the time when Burntisland received its Royal Charter. The two communities have developed in a similar way, mainly through shipbuilding and fishing, but also through ancillary industries and businesses associated with the harbour. It is interesting to note that Flekkefjord's herring catches were at record levels in early nineteenth century at the same time as Burntisland harbour played host to almost 500 herring boats which regularly off-loaded their catches to 8 curing factories in the town. There is a strong Dutch influence in the architecture of Flekkefjord which stems from a previous

large timber trade with Holland. This compares with the Dutch architecture of the Burntisland Parish Church completed in 1595, some thirty years after the Reformation. It is also significant that the Parish Church Hall was the venue for a meeting of organisers and members of youth organisations in early 1946 which resulted in the establishment of the twinning arrangement.

Since that time, youth exchanges between the two communities have formed the backbone of twinning activities and this year is no exception. Three girls and two boys from Flekkefjord spent a week enjoying the hospitality of host families and participating in various activities which introduced them to Scottish traditions and culture. Over the long Highland Games weekend they were joined by the Mayor of Flekkefjord and his associates. A full account of the Norwegian visit can be found on pages 12 and 13.

Prestigious Appointment for Local Minister

One very important feature of Burntisland life that appears to have slipped under the radar almost unnoticed, has been the appointment of the Reverend Alexander Ritchie as the Moderator of the 2016 General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland. He has already presided over a very successful, three-day assembly which took place in Perth in early June and for the remainder of the year will represent his church at major official functions and visit congregations of the United Free Church, the length and breadth of the country.

Originally from Aberdeen, Alex Ritchie has been minister at the Erskine Church for almost four years. During this time, he and his young family have fully integrated into the Burntisland community, not only through the Erskine congregation but also through Churches Together, the local Primary School and many other local organisations. He is already a recognisable and very approachable figure in the community and Burntisland is indeed fortunate to have such an industrious and dedicated minister in its midst. We offer our congratulations to Alex and best wishes for the remainder of his year in office.



Reverend Alexander Ritchie

BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

Featuring Local issues . organisations . events . people and more

From the editor

It is always a pleasure to put together the summer edition of the Buzz as it invariably contains reports of so many local activities and events, mainly involving young people and making full use of the town's natural amenities. We again had a successful Civic Week. In addition to the more traditional activities, we saw the introduction of a very successful dog show and a most entertaining reintroduction of the raft race across the Bay.

The Highland Games and associated activities were blessed with a spell of dry, warm weather which attracted the crowds and contributed towards a very entertaining and successful day. Games Day also saw the culmination of a very busy, week-long schedule of activities associated with the 70th anniversary of the town twinning arrangement with Flekkefjord. Lastly, we had the 2nd Burntisland Pipe Band Competition which ended with an impressive parade of bands along the High Street, witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

Looking forward, planning is already taking place for Bonfire Night and the traditional fireworks display which this year will take place on the 3rd November.

The Civic Week Committee, Highland Games Committee and Events Committee are all comprised of volunteers from within the Burntisland community. These organising bodies are constantly looking for fresh blood, fresh ideas and expertise. All are appealing for assistance. Why not give it a go?

Page 7 contains a summary of developments relating to the Community Action Plan and contains an appeal for prospective members of the proposed Development Trust.

Finally and most importantly, the Buzz is still looking for an Advertising Co-ordinator. See the red box opposite. I look forward to hearing from you.

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

- * The Community Council supported an application for Common Good funding to help Town Twinning activities in the current year.
- * Previous winners of the Community Award were invited to attend the Exiles Reception on Games Day.
- * Fife Council funding for parks and open spaces will be reduced from next year onwards. We will be maintaining a dialogue with appropriate officials in order to ensure the best possible outcome for Burntisland.
- * A pre-application has been received by Fife Council for a possible landfill site at Balbie Farm, just beyond the Orrick Quarry on the Aberdour to Kirkcaldy Road (B9157). The site would hold non-toxic waste which would subsequently be planted over with a biomass crop. More information is awaited on the potential implications for road traffic.
- * There may be a new environmental arts project for Burntisland. If it goes ahead, the project will encourage local pupils and their families to use varied and active routes to school. It follows successful projects at Pathhead and Markinch and would require the active engagement of the Community Council and the school.
- * We also supported a proposal from Carole-Anne Paterson to paint murals in the north-bound waiting room at the station and also at other appropriate locations around the town.
- * There are discussions under way on how the overall Burgh Chambers complex might best be put to community use in a way which is sustainable for many years ahead.
- * Work at the Half Moon / Sailors Walk has progressed very satisfactorily and ideas are now being developed for further enhancement of the immediate area.
- * Planning for the East and West Links playparks is nearing completion. Tender information is being scrutinised and final adjustments are being made to funding options and timescale.
- * Parking on the Links grass remains a key concern, because of the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. A request will be made to replace missing bollards and take other steps to address irresponsible parking.
- * We will be seeking views from local people about possible changes to flight paths to and from Edinburgh airport. Some of the options which are being considered will affect Burntisland, depending on weather conditions and runway usage. The consultation material requires careful study and is therefore under review.

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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The Burgh Polis

By The Editor



Following a very successful Community Engagement Meeting at Burntisland Primary School on the evening of 17th May at which there was a record attendance, including young members of the community, it is disappointing that despite several reminders, Community Officers have failed to follow up with the regular report to the Buzz.

It has also been noted that the monthly report to the Community Council has now been reduced to a list of crime statistics. Although it is useful to be able to compare statistics with the previous reporting period and the same time frame in previous years, the report lacks any explanation for rises and/or falls in reported crime, what action is being taken to bring culprits to justice and more importantly, what action is being taken to prevent crimes in the future. Community Council members generally favoured the simplified format of the report but additional concerns were expressed over the lack of police presence in Burntisland during late evening and early morning.

One member of the public expressed serious concern about speeding on the Kirkcaldy Road.

A significant addition to the Community Engagement Meeting was the presence of Brian Westwater, a representative of the newly established Safer Communities Service. As agreed at the meeting, he has supplied the following encouraging report on their activities in the Burntisland area:-

Throughout Fife dog fouling is a major issue, it is difficult to police as officers need to catch someone walking away from where their dog has fouled or rely on members of

the public to provide statements on incidents they have witnessed. The Safer Communities Officers have been proactive in their approach to this issue in Burntisland, having carried out early morning patrols in the areas of concern, the Links, Rossend Point, the Primary School and surrounding streets, The Police CCTV van was also brought in for a day. The Safer Communities Officers have spoken to dog walkers in all areas and made them aware of the reason for their presence. Signage has also been put up in the identified problem areas. Officers have distributed 32 Dog Fouling diaries through Burntisland Primary School to the parents of children to report any incidents they witness. We can then build a picture of the main problem areas and who the perpetrators are.

Officers have already issued a Fixed Penalty Notice to a Burntisland resident on the strength of a reliable witness statement. There have been 21 Dog Fouling Fixed Penalty Notices given out so far this year across Fife. Any incidents can be reported by e-mailing

<mailto:safercommunities.officers@fife.gov.uk> or by calling 01592 583642.

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Museum of Communication

by Dorothy Brankin

As I mentioned last time, our exhibition continues charting the course of World War I, emphasising some of the horrific events of 1916.....but we've added some new sections as well:-

- * Rapid pre - 20th century communications (*London – Plymouth in less than 10 minutes in 1796!!!*)
- * Post-WW2 'spin-offs'
- * Signals Intelligence during both World Wars (*this is proving very popular with visiting groups of young people, who can 'listen in' to coded messages and then decrypt them*).

Already, we're starting to plan our programme for next year. The WW1 section will concentrate on the main events of 1917 – Ypres, Passchendaele, the Zimmermann Telegram and the American entry into the War.

Then, we thought we'd add 'something completely different'. Our regular supporters will know that our exhibitions frequently revolve round appropriate anniversaries - and we've found all kinds of interesting things that happened fifty years ago in 1967 !

For a start

- Francis Chichester became the first man to single-handedly sail round the world and was knighted by the Queen as he arrived back in port.
- The first British satellite *Ariel 3* was launched.
- The first automatic cash machine ('*Hole in the Wall*') was installed.
- The BBC got rid of the Home Service, Light Programme and Third Programme, and replaced them with Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Colour TV was introduced on BBC2 and we watched programmes like *The Forsyte Saga* and *The Prisoner*.
- The barefooted Sandy Shaw won the Eurovision Song Contest with '*Puppet on a String*' and The Beatles reigned supreme, with their music broadcast round the world, for the first time, by satellite.

We have ideas about setting up a mock recording studio – but if you've any thoughts/ ideas about what we should exhibit or promote in 2017, please get in touch!!

To find out more about the Museum, come and see us (Wednesdays or Saturdays), visit our website:

www.mocft.co.uk or phone 01592 874836..... We'd love to meet you!

Kinship Carers

Nearly 500 Kinship Carers and their children from all over Scotland, descended once again on Burntisland for a great day out on 25th June. This year the group were based in a marquee on the Links and as the weather was not so kind in the morning, this proved to be a good base for face painting, balloon modelling, tea and chat. The shows, play equipment and the beach were also appreciated by the families as the sun came out in the afternoon. This is the second year this event has been held in Burntisland due to the generosity and volunteer hours of Fife Council's Kinship Care Team, local Rotary Clubs, Local Councillor, Susan Leslie, the Showmen's Guild and the hosts Langtoun Kinship Carers.





First Aid Update

By Alex. MacDonald (Chairman)

June came and went with hardly a moment to spare. Our diary had 18 events in it, from Errol to Stirling, quite apart from the several courses we delivered along the way. So it was a challenging period for everyone, with about 20 members each supporting up to a dozen events.

The events themselves varied from a brilliant summer's day of pipe bands to a wet and challenging bike race, each bringing its own rewards and adding to our members' overall experience.

It's great to be in such demand, but we can't be everywhere at once. We've always given priority to the events we are asked to cover. When we can, we have a few members who can also be on stand-by to support 999 calls locally. However, we have been so stretched that we haven't been able to give that service the attention it deserves.

So we are already planning for our training



programme which will begin in late September and there are two options open.

Firstly, those who want to gain (or renew) a comprehensive qualification in basic first aid will be welcome to enrol for our evening classes. That qualification can also be a starting point for joining us as a new volunteer.

Secondly, those who want to gain the essential life-saving skills as a Community First Responder can enrol – at no cost – for a course which is run from time to time by the Scottish Ambulance Service. However, it does mean making a commitment to be on-call, as well as taking part in continuous training.

We will happily provide more information on each of those options if desired.

In the meantime, we are gearing up for the Lammas Market in St Andrews, the British Touring Cars Championship at Knockhill, and also a mountain bike race at Blairadam forest, to name a few of the 130 or so events in our diary for this year so far.

Enquiries are welcome and more information on all of these topics is available via www.bfast.org.uk.

The Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn



The local Rotary club has come to the end of its year with the handover of the presidency from Dick West to Rita Attewell. But the work and the fun continue.....The 11th round of Rotary Rambles has finished with some 90 P5 pupils from Burntisland receiving certificates for their participation in walks to Aberdour through the Bluebell Woods and to Kinghorn Loch. Thanks to Lynne Bennett and to all for your company - and for all the artistic thank you cards. The club has again been all over the world through its speakers - from Uzbekistan to Buccama, a village in southern Ethiopia via the Wild West of the USA, from the Procurator-Fiscal's office in Kirkcaldy to El Caminito del Rey, the vertiginous boardwalk along the Guadalhorce gorge near Malaga.

Incoming President Rita has continued forging practical links between the community and Rotary with her Volunteer scheme; helpers range in age from 16 to 84! She was also on the Links for Civic Week, and at the Highland Games, to make folk aware of what we do within the local community, and started a Rotakids link with Primary Schools in both Kinghorn and Burntisland. Monetary donations continue to be made, for example to Victoria Radio Network, health visitors, the Ethiopian clinic for women set up by the



Rotary Rambling 'mongst the Bluebells !

Kinross club, and Scottish Kinship Care, among others. In addition, 42 members and friends enjoyed a canal trip in the rain from Linlithgow to a fine supper at Bridge 49 Bistro. The club meets every Tuesday at the Sands for 6.45 pm; potential members are welcome.



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Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition

by Nancy Bowie

By the time you read this, the Heritage Trust's Summer Exhibition will be well underway. This year the focus is on Burntisland's natural heritage, making it very different from previous exhibitions. There are various sections dealing with the Binn, Birdlife, Flora and Fauna, the Foreshore, the Undersea World, Fossils and Inchkeith. Each section is illustrated with many photographs taken by talented

photographers, all with a local connection, resulting in the exhibition rooms being a riot of colour. Not the least is the outstanding contribution of related artwork from pupils of Burntisland Primary School which livens up the room at the back.

The exhibition is open on Wednesdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 4.00pm. If you have not already been, please pay a visit before it finally closes on 27th August.

Natural Heritage Photographic Competition

The judging of the "under 12s" and "12 - 17" categories in the photograph competition, has been completed by a professional photographer who remarked that the winning photos were of very high quality. The winners were 11 year old Erica Wyse with her photograph entitled 'Pollution', taken at the Toll Centre burn and 16 years old Kirsty Willcox for her photograph entitled "Bird Watching" taken in her back garden in Rossend Terrace.

Both winners will receive a £50 gift voucher courtesy of Briggs Marine.

Burntisland Heritage Trust are grateful to everyone who took part in the competition. A selection of the entries will be on display in the windows at the Heritage Centre.



Pollution



Bird Watching

Guy Fawkes Night

This year, Fireworks and Bonfire Night will be held on Thursday 3rd of November. Radio Lollipop will broadcast from 6.15 with the lighting of the bonfire at 7.00 and Fireworks starting at approximately 7.15. The date has been altered this year due to supplier availability. There will also be press releases, radio communications and flyers to advertise this in due course.

The Events Group is made up of volunteers and we are always looking for new volunteers, both on the lead up to Bonfire Night and the night itself. Without volunteers the event simply would not go ahead. If you are interested in helping or need any further information, please email:

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Community Action Plan

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

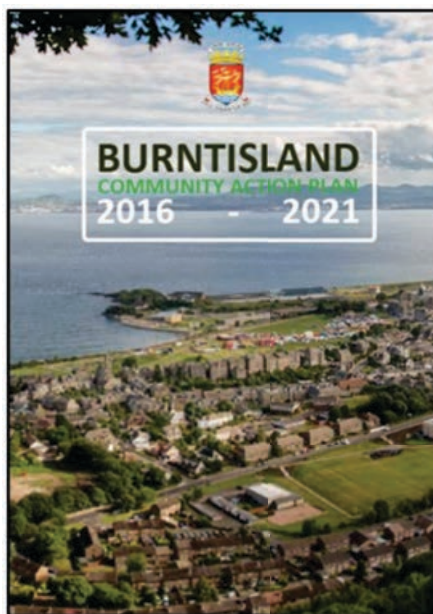
After many months, Burntisland's Community Action Plan has now been officially launched. The full-colour plan has been distributed to about 90% of local households and extra copies remain – either in hard copy or online – for anyone who has still to see it. In a nutshell, it's all about the vision expressed by local people:

- Burntisland is a vibrant and forward-looking seaside town:
- with great community spirit
- working together to make the most of our cultural and natural assets
- providing quality services and facilities for visitors and locals

The launch itself was a low-key event, but the whole focus was on finding people who are willing to take the initiative and make things happen.

On present reckoning, a core of people will form the nucleus of a Community Futures Trust, which will be set up as a company limited by guarantee. Throughout the whole process we've benefited from the advice of Lesley Campbell, from the STAR Development Group, and she has been a source of inspiration to all.

We're particularly grateful to those who e-mailed to



say they were unable to attend the official launch but were keen to play an active part in taking things forward. So we'll be in touch with all of them in due course.

We've taken recent advice from the Development Trusts Association Scotland – a national body which provides support and guidance for emerging trusts. They have already given us pointers to exceptionally successful trusts elsewhere and we will be able to build on their experience.

It's also heartening to know that the Community Action Plan will be used as the basis of a project for every class in the primary school at the start of the autumn term.

So the role of the Community Council is now drawing to a close as far as the Community Action Plan is concerned. However, we are very keen to ensure a successful transition to a new trust and will be working hard to make that happen.

In the meantime, we'll be very happy to hear from those who have ideas, ambition, energy or skills to help take the new trust forward. In the first instance, it will be simplest to contact the Secretary of the Community Council via burntislandcc@outlook.com, or any of the key contacts listed in the Community Action Plan.

'It's no' easy!'

Just by this simple phrase, most Burntislanders will know who I am on about. My father, Sergio Romano. This year marks 30 years that my dad has been in Burntisland. As a little celebration, I thought I would take the opportunity to pay a little tribute to my father. My dad is well known for his now catchphrase "It's no easy man" and also well known for being one of the grumpiest members of the Burntisland community. Opening his first shop on the 15th of January 1986, he has seen most of the locals grow up and now seeing their children or grandchildren grow up. "Those were the days" dad says to most of the people who come into the shop.

Dad has always been very vocal (and continues to be) which many of the customers enjoy. Sometimes a little bit embarrassing for myself, but that's just dad being dad. As his son, I aspire to be like my father. Of course most of the times we don't get along. But tell me, which father and son do get on? I have lost count the amount of times I have walked out, only to walk back in again. But, truly I would be lost without him. A man who always says how he feels and lecturing me about life, for my own good. My father is (in my eyes) my hero. Always there for me no matter what, supporting me through thick and thin. My teacher in life and my best friend. Always wanting the best out of me, teaching me right from wrong. I don't make it easy for my dad, but he manages to keep going and making sure that myself, my mum and my sister are all well. I could tell you stories about the things my father has said, one in particular was when I went to buy my first car. And commenting on how large the boot was for his boxes of King ribs. It's the little things, bless him. We are two

very different people. Dad, a great lover of football. Me, myself, a lover of cars. He is very vocal about certain things. I am more of a "Go with the flow" person. Dad, I just want to take this time to say, Thank you for everything. I really don't know what I would do without someone like yourself in my life. You are truly a best friend and most importantly a great father. I could never do what you have done in your life, for that I respect you dearly. I hope one day I will make you a proud father and teach my children the way you are teaching me the path of life. I would also like to thank our wonderful customers for continuing to support our local business for the 30 years! Showing how much an open community we are. On that note, I just want to say. Dad, it's no' easy, alright... With love...

Your son, Giustino.





School News

by Emma Clunie

The sun is shining and it's almost time to say farewell to another academic year at BPS. As the holidays approach, we prepare to say goodbye to our Primary 7 pupils

who head off to Balwearie in August, and welcome our new Primary 1 pupils who will make the move from nursery into school.

Term 4 has been incredibly busy as always. Our Primary 7 pupils had a super time away at their Ardroy residential experience. They returned home with lots of happy memories, and dirty washing. We loved hearing their funny stories and looking at their photographs. It's safe to say that the Ardroy experience will be one they will never forget.

Pupils from P1-P6 participated in an obstacle race challenge against other Cluster schools at Balwearie Sports Day in June. They competed alongside eight Primary 7 pupils who participated in the Cluster Relay Race and won. Well done to both our girls and boys relay teams – we are so proud of you for bringing home the trophy this year.



The Successful Relay Team

Our wonderful Glee Club performed in the Fife Final at the Alhambra Theatre in May and they were just outstanding. They looked amazing in their new t-shirts and blew us away with their endless enthusiasm and energy. Well done everyone.

Lots of exciting learning has also taken outside the classroom this term, with several of our classes venturing out for school trips. Primary 1, 2, 3 and 4 went to the Sensation Science Centre in Dundee; Primary 3 went to 5 Sister's Zoo; Primary 7 went to the Scottish Cup Final in Glasgow and Primary 6 enjoyed a day out at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

After a very wet first attempt at Sports Day, the event went ahead on Friday 3rd June and the weather was very kind indeed. We were delighted to have so many families join us for picnics, ice-cream, sack races, Highland games and more. A great day was had by all. Well done to our very brave adults who ran in the parent's races too.

Term 4 also saw the launch of our School Travel Plan. This document shares our plans to help ensure that our pupils travel to school safely each day. We encourage all of our pupils to travel in an active way to school – walking, cycling and scootering whenever possible. Not only does this help to keep us healthy, it is also great fun and very sociable (not to mention good for the environment) We will keep you updated about the progress we make towards our Travel Plan targets via our Facebook and Twitter pages, and the school website.

Two successful 'Park Smart' campaigns have also taken place this term, with the support of our JRSOs and Community Police Officers. The aim was to remind parents and carers that our school car park is for staff only and therefore should not be

used by parents to drop off/collect children (excluding those with a disabled badge). It is very important to remember that the main entrance for pupils into the school runs alongside our car park, and at peak times can be very busy indeed. We are very thankful to all families who continue to walk to school regularly, or park in the surrounding area of the school, leaving our main entrance free from traffic and therefore safe for our young people. Further investigations into potential "Park and Walk" sights are ongoing and we will keep you updated about these in due course. We are also looking for parent volunteers who may be interested in operating a "Walking Bus" in the



area. Watch this space for further information...

Phew! After such a busy year, it's hard to believe that we are already making plans for the next one. We would like to wish all of our pupils, families and community partners a wonderful Summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all in August. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We love our school and hope you do too.

Finally – a wee mention to our fantastic Primary 7 pupils. We are so proud of your achievements this year. From the Rotary Quiz to the Speakers Competition, competing in the Scottish Cup Soccer Sevens Football Final and Athletics Festivals, to being excellent buddies for our younger pupils – you have been amazing. We wish you lots of luck for your future at Balwearie and we look forward to hearing all about your journey. Don't be strangers - you will always be part of the BPS Family.



Cancer Research will be holding a pop up event, "Chic Boutique", in the upper library hall 10am 'til 4.00pm daily from Tuesday 2nd August until Saturday 6th August This is

an opportunity for all those discerning dressers in the town to refresh their wardrobe, put some glamour in their gladrags and support Cancer Research Burntisland at the same time. There will be something for everyone, including bric-a-brac, books, toys, CD's.... and much more!

The shop is part of our 60th celebration and will be opened at 10-00 am on 2nd August by our very own Citizen of the Year, Carole-Anne Paterson. Contact 01592 874718 for further details.



And from the Head.....

Well, it has indeed been another busy year in BPS. There have been many highlights from this last academic year and we have had great support from the community and our partners. A very generous donation from a local business has enabled us to carry out additional activities to support our most vulnerable learners and undertake projects that target a variety of different needs.

We have also had fantastic support from parents and grandparents and our terrific Parent Council but a special mention must go to Barbara Becman, who raised money to have three Buddy Benches designed and built for our playground. Barbara involved the youngsters from Starley Hall and the results are stunning. These benches have also been supported by FAB, who made a terrific job of planting them up. We are truly appreciative of all their efforts.

Last term, many of the children designed health and safety posters to take part in a competition for BiFab, we extended this and encouraged them to design posters which could be used around the town. We are delighted to see some of these appear around and about in the local community. One of my favourites is the "don't feed the gulls" sign, coming to a lamppost near you soon.

We are exceptionally proud all of the work on display at the Heritage Centre. The art work done in partnership with Leo De Feu was greatly enjoyed by the children and Mrs Hamilton did a fantastic job pulling it all together ready for display.

The school walls are also looking a bit more interesting lately as we have used a variety of stunning images and inspiring words to create an inside space which promotes well being and positivity. Jenny Dingwall took many of the photographs last session and the results are very special indeed.

Our sign on the East Wing of the school has been admired by many and we are grateful that our application for this funding was accepted. When we return after the summer break one of our round windows will have been transformed into a stained glass image of our school badge by Carole Robinson of Kinghorn Glass Studios. Carole's daughters were BPS pupils and she was especially delighted to work on this project.

Our netball mums have been using the school every week to increase their fitness levels, have some fun and enjoy a good game of netball. They challenged our netball team to a match in the last week of term. It was a fantastic match, very close, but the mums emerged deserved winners.



We had a beautiful sports day where many families stayed for the duration and joined in the fun with a picnic lunch and some ice cream. Our Highland games, athletics events and parents races were a great fun way to compliment our traditional children races.

We have also encouraged our children to be more community minded and they raised over £300 by dressing in red, white or blue on Norwegian National Day, to support Town Twinning, whilst learning facts about Flekkefjord.

We have sponsored a FAB display and also have been spending time at weekly assemblies sharing the importance of being community minded and taking pride in our beautiful town. We firmly believe that by all working together and sharing the clear message of being kind, we can continue to make a difference.

On Twitter and on Facebook we have been busy posting daily and weekly updates of our learning and school events and would encourage everyone to follow us to share in our journey. We are certainly looking forward to another exciting, busy and fulfilling year ahead.

YOUNG ISLANDERS - Burntisland Parent and Toddler Group

The Young Islanders has operated for many years and although recently it has experienced a few hiccups, it has successfully relocated to the Old Nursery (across the road from the new Primary School) and is ready to reopen.

The new venue, having previously housed the school nursery, is perfect for the little ones. It is kitted out with great facilities including mini toilets, a cloak room designed for children and a storage area for buggies. It also has a split room with wet floor suitable for arts and crafts involving the older children.

Everyone is welcome to join the Group which has functioned for many years as a registered charity and is run by a committee of Mums. Joining the Group is an ideal way to meet other parents and enjoy a cuppa whilst your children pick

up social skills naturally, through play and interaction with kids of their own age. Also, we will be working closely with staff of the Primary School to help children to move to the School nursery.

The Group meets on Mondays - 9.30am – 11.30am for 0 – 2 year olds and on Thursdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm for 1-4 year olds.

More information is available on the Burntisland Parent and Toddler Group Facebook Page. We hope to see lots of new faces soon.

Finally, we extend our grateful thanks to those businesses and organisations who continue to support the group, in particular Burntisland Logistics who assisted us in our recent move.

Credit Union comes to Burntisland - by Karen Redpath

Credit Union has started and takes place at Burntisland School every Friday from 9am till 9:30. It is open to everyone in the town, not just parents and pupils.

All you need to start a credit union account is to provide two items from any of the following: birth certificate, proof of address, passport, bank statement or driving licence. Once you have started saving, you can then apply to Kingdom Credit Union for a low cost loan but this is not done at the school sessions. These sessions are for saving only. The account can be opened for £1 for a child and £2:50 for an adult. The credit union is controlled by its members and no money is left in the school as it is banked every time the credit union is open. This is great way to save up for things you want. Thanks also to Shirley Kent and Andrew Carson who assist me. If you have any questions please contact me at:- karenredpath@sky.com

Broomhill Community Garden By Sally Grant



It has been a busy and fruitful start to the gardening season in the community garden. We were awarded a grant from the Scottish Government and the Big Lottery Fund which has enabled us to run our weekly Kids Gardening Club sessions and to develop some areas of the garden.

Our new Gardening Club facilitator Eliza provides a packed programme of events each week for our budding future gardeners. So far the kids have been growing the entire garden from seed and have lots to show for it. August brings summer squash, outdoor-grown tomatoes, beans and giant mangetout, chard and maybe even a few carrots. Our potatoes are coming along nicely, our onions are bulbing up and we've just put in our over-wintering brassicas like broccoli and cabbage.

We don't just garden, though - we've got lots of fun activities planned for the autumn, including painting our shed and our signs, cooking our harvested fruits and vegetables and roasting marshmallows over the campfire. We plan on ending the season with a Halloween harvest party, hopefully carving up our very own Broomhill-grown pumpkins!

We will also be hosting a number of family events during the season. Please come and join us on Sunday 4th September, 2 - 4pm for our annual Open Day where you will

be able to buy produce from our garden, enjoy storytelling, face-painting, toasting marshmallows and refreshments. We will also be joined by Neil Madigan who has worked for a number of wildlife conservation organisations and will be running a BioBlitz



workshop. This fabulous free event is open to budding nature lovers of all ages. We'll be hunting for as many bugs, bees, butterflies, plants and anything else that has made its home in the garden and learning about the important role these fascinating creatures play in our ecosystem. Neil will also be running an October holiday Hibernation workshop on Tuesday 18th October from 3.30 to 4.30pm alongside our regular Kids Gardening Club session. We'll learn about the fascinating local wildlife that hibernates each year. We'll also be

making our own hibernation houses to help hedgehogs, frogs, toads and butterflies stay snug and cosy this coming winter.

Please see our facebook page for more information regarding these free events, <https://www.facebook.com/broomhillcommunitygardenkidsclub/>

Kids Club is open to children up to 8 years of age with their families. Our wildlife workshops are open to children of all ages and their families. Please come and join us.



LET'S GET BURNTISLAND SINGING!

What do towns and villages up and down the country have that Burntisland doesn't? Answer - a community choir. Various TV series with Gareth Malone have inspired people to get together to enjoy singing, and a group of us would be interested in seeing if it can happen here too.

If you sing in the shower, like a sing-song or karaoke, have your party-piece ready, or just sing along to your radio, come along to an open meeting on 14th

September and find out more. Whether you enjoy show tunes, folk, Scottish, ballads, or pop, why not bring a suggestion for something to sing with other people? Remember, music is good for you - singing improves your posture and breathing, and making music in a group lifts your mood.

Meet us in the Session Room at Erskine Church (but this is definitely *not* a church choir!) at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 14th September, or contact Alison on 01592 874313, and let's see where the music takes us.

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Civic Week



This year's theme was "Four Seasons" and they were all represented on parade day thanks to some fantastic costumes. Morna's Big Green Man followed Burntisland Pipe Band to lead the procession along the High Street and onto Kingdom FM's roadshow in the Links car park. Fortunately the sun was shining to make sure we only experienced one season on the day!

Thanks to all those involved in organising this year's Royal Party, and to Citizen of the Year Carole-Anne Paterson for crowning the Summer King and Queen. We're also grateful to face painter Tania Savage and the volunteer stewards for donating their time on parade day.

The committee's highlight of Civic Week was the return of the raft race as part of our Family Beach Day. Six teams took part in the race across the bay towards the Beacon, the event revived after almost 20 years. It was the Fire Station crew who got the better of HMS Fruit n' Fash after halfway to claim victory. It was great to see lots of spectators cheering them on - let's not wait as long for the next one!

Another popular event was the dog show organised by Puss & Butch pet shop. Over 60 dogs of all sizes were present on the Links and entered into various categories. Judges awarded best in show and best senior to "Caesar", a 15 year old Collie/Spaniel owned by Amy Arnott.

Burntisland Shipyard's youth football tournament made a welcome return, with around 70 kids taking part. The Open Mic Night at Potter About had an excellent turnout, while The Sands Hotel played host to a packed quiz night. Rounding off the week was Des and the Dingoes at The Star, where crowds were dancing and singing despite the rain!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Civic Week funds through our collection buckets on parade day and at Des and the Dingoes. We also appreciate the support from all our sponsors: Arnold Clark, BiFab, Briggs Marine, Call-Clean Dry Cleaners, Co-op, Dunearn Lodge, Exxon, Ferrier & MacKinnon, Fife Council, Hurd Rolland, Jubilee Tavern, LDL Gas, Print Centres, Romano's, Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn, and Scott Group.

After five years the current committee will be taking a back seat so we are looking for new members to ensure Civic Week continues. We will be holding our AGM before the end of the year to plan for 2017. If you wish to help in any way, please get in touch through our Facebook page or via email:

burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com



Twinning Celebrations

The 70th Anniversary celebrations commenced with a most unusual event - a sail boat, crewed by Scots crossing the North Sea with an invitation to the Vikings to visit Burntisland. The following is Sarah Price's account of this unique voyage:

Voyage to Flekkefjord

The town has been abuzz with twinning activities this year, in celebration of the 70th anniversary, and the ripple effect has travelled even as far as the harbour mouth – the location of Burntisland Sailing Club. With the club flag dancing in the stiff breeze, and with a piper blasting a triumphant medley, the yacht 'Sonas' commenced its daring venture across the North Sea on 4th June. On board were Gordon Alder (skipper), Bill Archibald, Martin Birrell, Lynn Jamieson and Sarah Price. The aim of the voyage was to deliver a formal invitation to the Mayor of Flekkefjord, Jan Sigbjørnsen. From



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airport, it can take less than two hours (in a comfy seat) to fly non-stop to the South of Norway. By yacht, where every nautical mile is extracted through solid physical effort, the voyage takes closer to three days. However, it is a voyage rewarded with close sightings of whales, white-beaked dolphins and cavorting seabirds.

On arriving in Flekkefjord, we were greeted by Thor Kristian Rasmussen, local teacher and conductor of the 40-strong male voice choir - Flekkefjord Sangforening (which coincidentally is holding a recital in Burntisland on September 9th). Thor took us to the town hall to meet the Mayor, where the invitation was duly delivered – via the Fire Station where the skipper (a fire officer in real life) and a local fireman delightfully exchanged their t-shirts.

Leaving Flekkefjord at the end of our stay, the choir saw us off

in grand style

from the dockside with a rendering of 'Sloop John B' (I feel so broke up, I wanna go home). Farewell, friendly Flekkefjord. The twinning arrangement between our two towns is in good shape for the next 70 years.

The Youth Group

On Tuesday 12th July the youth group comprising 3 girls and 2 boys and adult leader Tove Sinnes, was picked up from Aberdeen Airport by two members of the Twinning Committee and driven to Burntisland where they were greeted by their host families. For the next three days they were whisked around east and central Scotland on a whistle stop tour of several popular and historic sites: a climb up West Lomond followed by a trip to St Andrews Castle and the counter mine; Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Parliament and shopping; The Falkirk Wheel, the Kelpies and Stirling all in three days.!



West Lomond Summit

Mayoral Party

The Mayor of Flekkefjord, Jan Sigbjørnsen, accompanied by Councillor Bernhard Nilsen and his wife Lillian, and Twinning Committee leader Ingeborg Gausdal, arrived on the Friday and enjoyed an informal get together with the Burntisland Twinning Committee. On Saturday morning all Norwegian visitors attended a formal reception in Rossend Castle. Local MP Roger Mullin, in his welcoming speech, congratulated both communities for maintaining the twinning link for such a long period and

informed all that he had tabled an Early Day Motion in the Westminster Parliament recognising this fact. He presented a paper copy of this motion to both the Mayor Sigbjørnsen and George Kay, Chair of the Twinning Committee.

Following an informal chat and refreshments the visitors were given a conducted tour of Rossend Castle by Heritage guru Ian Archibald. The Norwegian guests

were then escorted by Ian to various historic landmarks in the town which included The Burgh Chambers and the Parish Church.



Outside Rossend Castle

After a hectic morning of familiarisation, the adult visitors were able to relax over lunch at the Barn at the Loch Farm Shop & Café at Kinghorn Loch before preparing for an evening of music and traditional dancing at a ceilidh to be held at the Golf Club.



Lunch at the Barn at the Loch Farm Shop & Cafe

The Ceilidh

In the evening, a full house of over eighty revellers enjoyed a sumptuous buffet before Alex Killin and the Kingdom Ceilidh Band struck up to begin the dancing with the “Gay Gordons”. The music and dancing continued non-stop for over three hours at the end of which our Norwegian Twinners, both young and old, were birling, skipping and stepping like native Scots.

Free Time!

After a very busy and strenuous Saturday our guests were given most of Sunday off. The adults relaxed on a trip to Edinburgh whilst the youngsters enjoyed some water sports including kayaking at Lochore Meadows.



St Joseph's Barbecue

On Sunday evening however, all attended a barbecue at St Joseph's Church. Typical Scottish summer weather forced the food to be taken indoors but it did not prevent the youngsters from Burntisland and Flekkefjord from thoroughly enjoying themselves, in particular, listening to and occasionally joining in traditional music and folk songs.



Highland Games Day

The last full day of the visit commenced with the traditional reception in the Burgh Chambers for returning Burntisland exiles and attended by many dignitaries including Fife Provost, Jim Leishman. Our Norwegian visitors joined in the parade along the High Street to the games arena on the Links and formed part of the opening ceremony of the games. During the course of the afternoon, they enjoyed watching highland dancing, running, cycling and heavy field events. Mayor Jan Sigbjørnsen demonstrated the Norwegian competitive nature by winning the “Old Man's Race”.



Farewell Dinner

The final function of an unforgettable week was a dinner celebration held in the Sands Hotel and attended by virtually all who had been involved. There were several speeches which reflected on the significance of maintaining the twinning link, gratitude to the Burntisland hosts and organisers and thanks also to the Norwegian visitors, both young and old. There was much reference to many memorable events during the past week. Significantly, Councillor Bernhard Nilsen whose father Helge Nilsen had played a very active role in the promotion of the twinning between the two towns, recounted many happy memories of previous visits to Burntisland and looked forward to the twinning arrangement progressing strongly into the future. During the evening gift mementos were exchanged and all youth visitors were presented with memento “goodie bags”. A great finale to a most enjoyable week of festivities!

Departure

All visitors said their goodbyes to their hosts on Tuesday morning and having all arrived back safely in Flekkefjord are looking forward to welcoming a group of Burntisland youngsters on a reciprocal visit to Norway next summer. However, we in Burntisland do not have to wait until then to continue twinning activity as the Flekkefjord Male Voice Choir is scheduled to perform in the Erskine Church on the evening of Friday 9th September. Our intrepid sailors can vouch for their singing. Mark that date in your diaries. It will be a concert not to be missed.



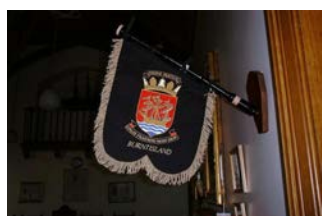
Burntisland Pipe Band Competition



A Salute to the Chieftain

On the Saturday following the Highland Games, the sun again shone on the town for the second Burntisland Pipe Band Competition organised by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association and sponsored by Fife Council. From mid-morning 'til late afternoon the enthusiastic crowds were regally entertained by some twenty bands, including one from Wellington, New Zealand. Each band played in turn before a panel of experienced judges with the content and length of the

repertoire of individual bands dependent upon their Grade. The afternoon's entertainment culminated in a parade of all the bands along the High Street to the Links where they massed together for an advance and salute to the Chieftain of the Day, Carole-Anne Paterson, Burntisland's Citizen of the Year. Carole-Anne congratulated all participants for providing wonderful, free entertainment before presenting prizes to the bands within their various grades.



Burntisland Pipe Band

The new competition season is well under way and Burntisland Pipe Band is once again having a very successful time. Having played at the

British and European championships held in May and June, we have been placed fifth at both of these events. We are working hard to be amongst the prize winners at the Scottish and World championships in July and August. Our young pipers and drummers were also among the best in the country, winning prizes during the winter solo competitions.

Followers of the band will notice we have purchased a new set of drums this year. Our young core are enthusiastically polishing them to maintain their sparkle. The band has just competed at Burntisland Pipe Band competition which is sponsored by Fife council and is a great attraction for locals and visitors to the town. We hope that with

your continued support, this venture will develop into a permanent fixture for many years to come.

The Band's future

Our band has a long history dating back to 1923. Many of our former pupils currently play at the very top level and this is thanks to our dedicated, world class tutors who encourage team work, musical discipline and offer the opportunity to have fun within an established, successful and competitive Pipe Band.

It is our intention to develop a youth Pipe Band (under 18 years old) to compete in the 2017 season. To achieve this we need an intake of players now, to ensure they are ready to compete next year. The ideal age for learning is from 9 years old, although we welcome all ages. If this sounds appealing, why not come along to the band hall in East Leven Street where you will be made most welcome.

You can also contact Stewart Birrell on 01592 872077 or leave a message on our Facebook page and we'll get back to you.

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The 364th Highland Games

The 364th Burntisland Highland Games, the second oldest in the world, 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. This year, the attendance was greatly enhanced by the presence of the Mayoral Party and youth group from twin town Flekkefjord in Norway. Amongst the returnees were brothers Dave and Sandy Leuchars, formerly of Piper Crescent but both now living in South Africa, Kathleen McNeill from Prince Edward Island in Canada whose grandmother Dinah Mitchell emigrated to Canada from Burntisland, Baxter Henderson, from Melbourne and formerly of Collinswell Road, Susan Jarvis, nee Malone from Malvern, Laura Wilson from Cheshire and our perennial visitor Ray Keane from County Durham in his distinctive yellow shirt.

In addition to our Norwegian guests, were the Summer Queen



and King, Sophie Patterson and Lucas Brown, Citizen of the Year, Carole-Anne Paterson and several of her predecessors, Honorary Chieftain of the Games, Stewart Nicol, Fife Provost Jim Leishman and Fife Councillors, Peter George and George Kay. All were welcomed by Community Council Deputy Chairman John Bradshaw and he was followed by encouraging words of congratulations from Jim Leishman who described Burntisland Highland Games as "the best". All then enjoyed a finger buffet and light refreshments before taking part in the traditional parade along the High Street, led by the Burntisland & District Pipe Band, to the games arena on the Links. The games were officially opened by the Honorary Chieftain at 12 noon.

The fair and sunny weather had already attracted a large enthusiastic crowd as competitors prepared to take part in the wide and varied programme of events throughout the afternoon. The Highland Dancing and the heats of the sprints were soon under way as were the heavy events and the cycling. At 3.00 pm and in unusually warm and humid conditions, fourteen local runners set off in the feature event, the Binn

Race. Just over 24.5 minutes later Stuart Tite breasted the tape after a most gruelling run.

Following a very successful afternoon's entertainment in the athletics ring, the crowds retired to the fairground attractions and continued to enjoy refreshments and delicacies served up by the many local eating establishments. Many congratulations and thanks to the organising committee and their helpers and to the many local businesses who gave financial backing to the games. Without their industry and dedication these games would not take place.



11th Fife -1st Burntisland Scout Group



It is 30 years since Beavers started in the UK so to celebrate we had a camp at the district campsite. Alongside the Cubs we spent the day taking part in pirate themed activities and had a campfire at night. We have learnt how to use maps and compasses and earned our International Activity badge by trying out a variety of foods from around the world and finding out about other countries. We finished off this term with a visit to RSPB Loch Leven to do some pond dipping and a mini beast hunt.

Beaver Scout Leader Kerry Laing



This term the cubs had a visit from the RAC who helped us complete our Road Safety badge. We tried our hand at archery and spent time doing our Navigation badge. We also managed to squeeze in a sleepover and a joint camp with the Beavers. To top it all four Cubs achieved their Silver Chief Scout Award, the highest award possible at Cubs. Well done guys!

Cub Scout Leader Michelle Paton.



This term we improved sewing skills by making mess kit bags which were used during our camp at Fordell Firs where we developed our skills and confidence by taking part in caving, climbing and abseiling. In May we enjoyed an evening visit to the Museum of Communication which helped earn the Communicator Badge. Thanks to all at MoC. June saw our Senior Scouts complete their Expedition Challenge by hiking 16 miles with full kit, camping overnight and cooking all their own meals. Stag Patrol won the Patrol Trophy and planned our programme for next term, so expect to see us all out taking photos around town after the summer as we work on the Photography Badge. We finished our summer programme with a brilliant evening at RSPB Loch Leven learning about the fantastic wildlife that lives there.

Scout Leader David Laing



The Explorers have been busy this term team building and camping with the Scouts at Fordell Firs where we tried lots of new activities. We managed to squeeze in some archery. There was also time spent trying out new recipes for cooking on our hike stoves - some more successful than others. To finish off the term we had a trip to Adventure Golf Island where everyone's competitive side came out and great fun was had by all.

Explorer Scout Leader Craig Paton



In April the whole group took part in the District St Georges Parade to celebrate the patron saint of Scouting. Here we had a few top awards being presented. Kaiden Edie and Daniel Curran achieved their Bronze Chief Scout Award and Owen Laing was presented with his Young Leader Award. The group also took part in the Civic Week Parade with some really inventive costumes.

Group Scout Leader Kerry Laing



775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

Cadets and Staff have been very busy the last couple of months participating in various activities and challenges.

Seven cadets took part in Air Rifle shooting at 439 (Linlithgow) Squadron. Cadet Couser gained a Wing Marksman badge and Cpl Sharp gained a Squadron Marksman.

Cdt R Couser and Cdt K Mcmillan along with Sgt L Walker represented the squadron. At the Inter-Wing Athletics at Grangemouth. Cdt McMillan, competing with two other Squadron athletes, won 3 medals and was selected for the South East Scotland Wing athletics team. He also gained another Wing Blue for Athletics.

On Armed Forces Day 25 June, four cadets took part in bag packing at Morrison's in Cowdenbeath and raised £250.00 which will be donated to Horseback UK, a charity set up to empower service personnel and veterans suffering from life-changing injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, to aid them on their road to recovery. Using horsemanship and exposure to the natural environment participants gain self-confidence and self-esteem amongst people who have experienced similar trauma.

Cadet R Couser attended an 8 day camp at RAF Lossiemouth, where he took part in various activities and visits.

Cadet training includes the opportunity to go flying. On Monday 27 June Cadet B Petrie took to the air for a 25 minute flight in a Grob Tutor Trainer.

Activities planned for the future include, fundraising, flying, First Aid training and a Parachute course.

The Squadron is currently recruiting cadets and staff, so if you are interested in finding out what the Air Cadets have to offer, visit us at 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.



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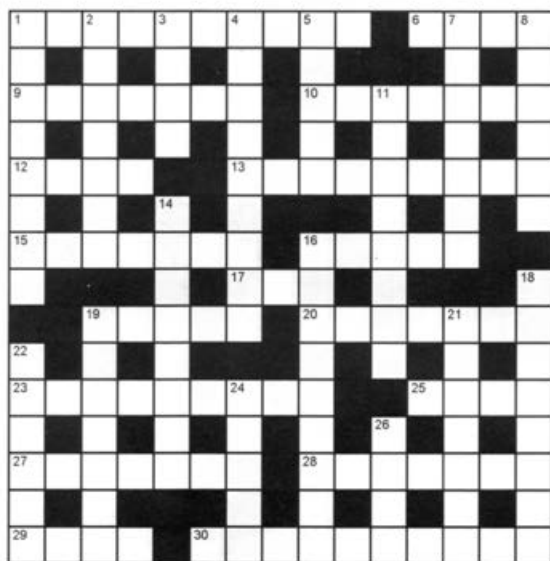
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ACROSS

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

DOWN

1. Floral emblem of Wales (8)
2. Marine animal (3,4)
3. Solemn vow (4)
4. Red food dye (9)
5. Loose flowing garments (5)
7. Credit (7)
8. Illuminations(6)
11. Apple brandy (8)
14. One who is not present (8)
16. Spanish gentleman (9)
18. Completely (8)
19. Waiting in line (7)
21. Fictional vampire (7)
22. Olympic throwing event (6)
24. Go on all fours (5)
26. Brewer's cart 4)

Solution to Spring Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Derbyshire, 6 Owls, 9 Freight, 10 Natural, 12 Ruin, 13 Hypnotism, 15 Anguish, 16 Beard, 17 Ado, 19 Poppy, 20 Sceptre, 23 Tarantula, 25 Prod, 27 Connect, 28 Oration, 29 Sash, 30 Break of Day.

DOWN: 1 Deferral, 2 Reeking, 3 Yoga, 4 Hit The Hay, 5 Run Up, 7 Worried, 8 Solemn, 11 Two Faced, 14 Sixpence, 16 Bossa Nova, 18 Tendency, 19 Parents, 21 Tarried, 22 Stacks, 24 Utter, 26 Taco.

CONGRATULATIONS - Our Spring Crossword winner of £25 in vouchers is: **Antony Taylor**
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Events Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
AUGUST		
Tuesday 2nd	"Chic Boutique", at the Upper Library Hall in aid of Cancer Research UK	10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Friday 5th	Quiz Night at the Golf Club in aid of Over 70s Christmas Treat	Starts 7.30 pm
Saturday 6th	Final Day of "Chic Boutique" - Everything must go!	10.00 am - closing
Friday 12th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 20th	Coffee Morning at Erskine Church Hall	10.00 am - 12 noon
Friday 26th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate. (approx. 3 hours)	1.30 pm
SEPTEMBER		
Saturday 3rd	Ecology Centre (Kinghorn Loch) Summer Fare	12.00 - 4.00 pm
Monday 5th	Blood Donation Sessions at the Parish Church Hall	(2.00pm - 4.00pm and 5.50pm - 7.30pm)
Friday 9th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
FRIDAY 9TH	FLEKKEFJORD MALE VOICE CHOIR AT THE ERSKINE CHURCH	6.00 pm start
Sunday 4th	Broomhill Community Garden Annual Open Day	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Wednesday 14th	Choir Formation (Lets get Burntisland Singing) Session Room of Erskine Church	2.00 pm
Saturday 17th	Messy Church in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 - 12.00 noon
Saturday 24th	Afternoon Tea in the Parish Church Hall	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Friday 30th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from the Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate. (approx. 3 hours)	1.30 pm
OCTOBER		
Friday 14th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Tuesday 18th	Broom Hill Community Gardens - Holiday Hibernation Workshop	3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
Saturday 22nd	Messy Church in Burntisland Parish Church Hall	10.00 - 12.00 noon
Saturday 29th	Autumn Fayre (with legendary pancakes) at Erskine Church Hall	10.00 - 12.00 noon
NOVEMBER		
Thursday 3rd	BONFIRE NIGHT ON THE LINKS	from 6.15pm onwards
Saturday 12th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 19th	Messy Church in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 - 12.00 noon
DECEMBER		
Saturday 10th	Over 70s Christmas Lunch at the Kingwood Hotel	Lunch Time



Letters to the Editor

Seagulls!

Dear sir,

Sympathy for young gulls hit by cars? What about cars hit by gulls?

Anyone parking on the Links car park knows all about that, time and again having to clean off the splattered messes - which also falls on the children's play area and unsuspecting pedestrians. Much of this comes from people sharing their chip suppers with the gulls (despite the DON'T FEED THE GULLS notices).

Gulls are dangerously unhygienic. A bit of gull s.t in a cut can lead to often fatal gas gangrene. These are not nice birds; they are rats with feathers.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Sir

So claims Leo du Feu in his recent article in the Buzz called Burntisland's Gulls. He goes onto describe his feathery noisy, vicious, greedy, filthy friends in glowing terms

He claims that a swooping gull is protecting their chicks, they swoop to shoo us away from their young.

Well Mr du Feu I've got news for you, that description of living with gulls in Burntisland does not resonate with my experiences.

They are extremely unwelcome visitors in my mind or that of the many people I know in the town. Be careful Mr du Feu, not so long ago there was talk of dishing out an ASBO to an elderly lady with the same feelings towards these pests as you appear to have. They are more likely to swoop on a fish supper or an ice cream or a snack from a child's hands than swoop on

a real fish from the sea, they continually cause havoc by emptying rubbish bins, and they squawk and scream on rooftops as they pour their excrement all over the place with the only deterrent seeming to be the purchase and fitting of costly roof spikes

In spite of this some residents of the town do seem to delight in encouraging the birds by throwing out chunks of bread the size of which would frighten a sparrow but are a pure delight for the gulls. Its time Fife Council acted with legislation to ban this practise

I have looked up Mr du Feus pedigree and he is indeed a talented artist who spends an amount of time on the Isle of May. Can I suggest to him that the next time he visits there he has a word with his feathery friends and he urges them to stay in or around the Isle of May and swoop on real fish and we for our part will not venture out to their neck of the woods and cause the havoc and disease they cause here.

Fiona Thomson

..... and a copy of a letter received by the secretary of the Golf Club from a recent American visitor:

Alastair,

I am sorry we were unable to meet on Saturday so I want to drop you a note to express my appreciation.

Your staff, golf course and members made our visit a true privilege and a highlight of our trip. All week long I was astounded at the friendliness of the Scottish and Burntisland took it to a new level.

From me and Doug thank you for the opportunity to experience your golf club and the Burntisland people.

My best,
Brad Grogg

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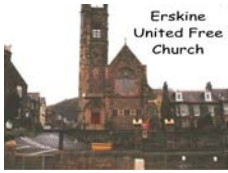
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Erskine News

by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

This summer we're planning four joint services with Burntisland Parish congregation on 24 & 31 July in the Parish Church, then on 7 & 14

August in Erskine. All of these start at 11am, you'd be made very welcome as we come together.

Praise on the Links was a bit damp this year, but we made the most of it despite the weather on the afternoon of Sunday 19 June. Once again, though, all four churches in the town took part which was very encouraging. By the time you're reading this, Games Day (18 July) will also have come and gone for another year. I'm praying for a glorious day and I hope the coverage of the event elsewhere in this edition of *The Buzz* bears that out!

The next coffee morning in Erskine halls is on Saturday 20 August from 10am till 12 noon. Then the Autumn Fayre follows on Saturday 29 October, again from 10am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and sample our legendary freshly-made pancakes.



News from St Joseph's

by Val Crossan

Fr Brian wishes to extend his thanks to all who attended another successful *Praise on the Links*, despite the rain! Over 80 people took part in

what was a joyful start to summer.

St Joseph's plated host to Fr Babychan who is visiting the UK to raise funds for the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. Fr Babychan thanked all for their generous contribution. Our cocktail night which was held in May was another very successful fund raiser, raising £2,300 for SCIAF!

St Joseph's has been privileged to help celebrate the ordination of the now 'Fr Jamie McMorris' which took place at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 24th June. Fr Jamie, a parishioner of St Joseph's who hails from Kinghorn, then celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving at St Joseph's the following day. The ceremony was assisted by the seminarians from Scots College in Rome as well as a significant number of priests. Fr Jamie said "the celebrations of Friday and Saturday were memorable and deeply moving:

moments which I will treasure for the rest of my life. As I begin my life as a priest, I rely on your continued prayers for me and for the people I will do my best to serve."

Keep Fr Jamie in your prayers.



A Very Proud McMorris Family



and from The Parish Church

by Rev. Alan Sharp

We have just come through a time of massive political upheaval which I suspect has not yet finished. Recent events have exposed deep divisions and inequalities in our

society. It remains to be seen how our political leaders will address these divisions.

For the Church, the priorities are clear from the teaching of Jesus, who worked to break down barriers between people and groups: cherish your families, love your neighbours wherever they are from, and help those who are really struggling.

The churches in Burntisland work to take these priorities forward in many ways. Recently people from several churches in the town helped to run a very successful Alpha Course in Potter About. An Alpha course is a great place to explore questions about the meaning of life - Why we are here? Why is there suffering? What does the Bible have to say to us today? All the big questions are discussed in a friendly and easy going way. Do think about going along next time you see Alpha advertised.

In May the churches worked together on Christian Aid with a very successful coffee morning in the Parish church hall. Over £2000 has been raised to help those in greatest need overseas. Meanwhile at home the churches and the community continue to support the food bank and help those who are struggling.

There was a great feeling of unity when the clergy and members from all the churches in the town came together in June at the end of Civic Week for *Praise on the Links*. As always we had the praise band, excellent drama and musical solos, a short talk and a couple of large tents - which were very useful when the rain started! It's great to see so many events taking place on the Links, on the beach, in the bay, the High Street and in churches and halls, and this year's Civic Week was a wonderful way to celebrate our town and foster community spirit.

Over the Summer Erskine and the Parish Church are holding 4 joint services. We are in the Parish Church on the 24th and 31st July when Alexander Ritchie will be preaching, and then we move to Erskine Church on 7th and 14th August, with Alan Sharp preaching. All services are at 11 am and all are welcome. (continued on next page)

Over the past months we have had a number of "Cafe Church" evenings in Potter About - these have been very full and lively, they will start again in September. Look out for information about dates.

Finally, as a minister I visit local hospitals most weeks and I am happy to visit anyone from Burntisland (church member or not). Please just call me, Alan Sharp, on 874303 with details. I am also willing to conduct funerals for anyone in Burntisland - there is never a charge for the services of a parish minister. There were so many great Civic Week events this year and Messy Church was delighted to be on the Civic Week programme with a session on the Civic Week theme of The Four Seasons. Solid Rock was bursting at the seams!

There will be a special 'Messy Church in the Mercat' in Kirkcaldy, in the community space, on Saturday 27th August from 11-3. This is open to all, you can drop in at any time, listen to exciting stories of Bible heroes and have fun making crafts. Tea and coffee are available and you'll be made most welcome. This is organised by several Messy Church groups from the Kirkcaldy area, including Burntisland and Kinghorn.

Messy Church in Burntisland and Kinghorn resumes its usual pattern of monthly sessions in September. Details are in the Events diary on Page 18. Please come and join us, all are welcome, it's a great opportunity for families (of all ages and generations) to enjoy themselves together. It is church, but not as we know it! Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Prospects, for people with learning disabilities and their friends, meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Parish Church hall. We have a great time sharing together, singing, learning from the Bible and craft activities, followed by a simple bread and soup lunch.

Finally, an Afternoon Tea in aid of the refurbishment of the Children's Nursery in the National Trust's Georgian House in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, will take place in the Parish Church Hall between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Saturday 24th September. A 15 minute film on Georgian family life will be shown, together with a talk tour of the house by Ann Smith, a National Trust volunteer. Tickets-£2.00 (children 50p) from Ann Smith, Chapter & Verse, or pay at the door.

The Ecology Centre Summer Festival

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This year why not leave the car at home and take part in a treasure hunt starting at Kinghorn High St and ending at the loch. It's a great way to work up an appetite for Fife's famous Puddledub sausages and burgers cooking on the BBQ and you might even win a prize!

You can keep up to date with the many events and activities going on at The Ecology Centre by visiting our website

www.theecologycentre.org where you can also sign up for our e-bulletin and link to our Facebook page.



Step forward for the Craigencalt Trust Walking Festival

by Marilyn Edwards

Preparations are underway for the Trust's third Walking Festival, which will be held from 3rd to the 11th September. There will be interesting walks of varying length, in and around Burntisland, Aberdour, Kinghorn and Auchtertool. There is some wonderful scenery to share and coastal public transport is really good. The programme will be finalised by the end of July. Walks are free but please register with us so we know numbers to expect for each walk. Information can be found on posters and our website. September has had good weather, and we hope for more of the same this year.

The new visitor facilities on the loch and at the lochside are now in place. Erosion of the jetty area has been stopped, with extension of the jetty, and the replacement barley straw rafts (required to eradicate blue-green algal blooms) have proven to be a hit with breeding swans and ducks. The swans are raising a family of five cygnets this year. Soon, there will be specific platforms for them to build their nests on, that will also delineate the "wildlife only" areas of the loch. We now

have a boat mounted weed-cutter to control blanket weed growth in the loch, which can be hazardous for sports and leisure users over the summer season. On *terra firma* the new woodland path is proving to be really popular with families and disabled users who can now travel, with ease, right to the top of Rodanbraes Path, with great views over the Firth to Edinburgh. Surprisingly it has also proved very popular with joggers, giving circular runs without obstacles. New information boards, to accompany the walks, tell visitors all about the loch, wildlife and history.

The Trust held its annual get together with Friends at the end of May and for the first time this was held at the new "Barn at the Loch" cafe, which is a lovely welcoming venue with great atmosphere.

Sports clubs have been holding their own events. In June the Radio Controlled Yacht Club held its first competition at Kinghorn Loch and the Canoe Club held one of their regular regattas, the first of the year. Open water swimming seems to be becoming a "must do"! Our sports clubs are pleased to have the new car park available for their visitors.

The summer months present the usual tasks of maintaining the paths to keep them trimmed back. If you would like to volunteer your help to develop our facilities further, please look on our website.

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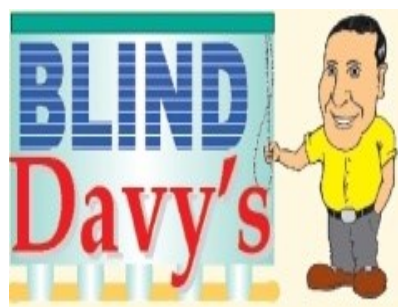
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