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Pipe Band Championship Returns for a Third Year

Following on from its second successful year, when an estimated 2,500 visitors attended the event, the Pipe Band Championship returns to Burntisland.

This year, the event will take place on Saturday 22nd 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 third 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 with 18 bands attending last year and more showing an interest. 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

Another Title for Rhiannon

Local dancer Rhiannon Moore recently won an all expenses paid trip to Florida when she emerged as winner of the Champion Solo and overall Senior Champion in a major dance competition in Bridlington Spa. This is the latest of many titles that Rhiannon has won throughout her dancing career.

Since she started taking part in dance competitions Rhiannon has accumulated over 400 trophies which have included World, European, British and Scottish titles.

How long will it be before we see Rhiannon as a professional performer on "Strictly"?



BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

Featuring Local issues . organisations . events . people and more

From the Editor

As you pick up this issue of the Buzz, you will no doubt be contemplating who to vote for in the forthcoming Fife Council Elections. A full list of candidates can be found on the opposite page. The most important factor in this exercise is that you take the trouble to cast your vote. Your elected councillors will be representing you for the next four years and will be in a position to influence decisions taken in Fife Council that will directly affect you. Do not waste your vote.

As this Council term draws to a close, George Kay who has represented the town for many years, both as a Community Councillor and elected Fife Councillor, has decided not to stand for re-election. Over decades of public service George has never failed to stand up for any local issue or cause that he believed in. In this regard he occasionally conflicted with others who held contrary views, but he was always prepared to listen. He has dedicated his time and considerable efforts to improving local amenities and services and the quality of life of the Burntisland community.

Although George will be retiring as a Fife Councillor he will not be withdrawing completely from Burntisland public life as he remains actively involved in Town Twinning, St Joseph's Church and the Burntisland Common Good Trust which remains in its embryonic stages.

Our sincere thanks go to George for his past efforts and we wish him every success in his future endeavours.

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Burntisland Library

Burntisland Public Library reopened after a major refurbishment at 09.30 am on Tuesday 25th April.

The Library is an essential amenity in a town the size of Burntisland and provides valuable access to computers as well as offering the facility to borrow books.

Several libraries in Fife have recently been closed because they were assessed to have been underused and not giving value for money.

In this extended period of government austerity, it is essential that the Burntisland community makes maximum use of the public library and records a footfall which demonstrates its worth to the community. You can rest assured that the authorities will be monitoring its use:-

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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.

- Andy Smith has been welcomed as a full member of the Community Council. Some vacancies remain and anyone interested is very welcome to contact other members or the Chairman for more information.
- It is likely that both of the new play areas on the Links will be in full operation in time for the summer season. Recent grants from ExxonMobil and Shell at Mossmorran helped to ensure that the overall funding is now in place.
- Work is progressing on the Kirkton churchyard which is likely to be completed and opened to the public from late summer / early autumn, thanks to the combined efforts of the Community Council, Burntisland Heritage Trust and Historic Scotland.
- Plans are in hand for a beach clean by the Lloyds Bank Charity Team.
- Concern has been expressed about the signage and positioning of the traffic lights at the Kirkton. This topic will be included in a wider discussion about parking and possible 20 mph zones.
- A proposal for an additional pharmacy in Burntisland has been refused by the relevant NHS appeal panel and will not go ahead meantime.
- There are financial advantages for the Community Council if it were to become a charity. However, there are differences in terms of eligibility for Community Council membership and charity trusteeship. So alternative ways of gaining the benefit of charitable status will be explored.
- The Toll Burn has been cleaned by the Community Payback team and repairs to the fence are in hand.
- A campaign against litter and dog mess will be led by the Safer Communities team.

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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 Andy Smith

Fife Council Elections

Polling will take place between the hours of 7am and 10pm on Thursday, 4th May, 2017 for the election of **three** Councillors in Fife Council Electoral Ward No 9 (Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy).

Declared candidates are as follows:

Lesley BACKHOUSE (Scottish National Party)

Peter GEORGE (Independent)

Gordon LANGLANDS (Scottish Labour Party)

Kathleen LESLIE (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Susan LESLIE (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Roy William MACKIE (Independent)

Stuart MACPHAIL (Scottish National Party)

Bill MAIR (Solidarity—Scotland's Socialist Movement)

Scott RUTHERFORD (Scottish Green Party)

Fiona SWORD (Scottish Labour Party)

All registered voters in Burntisland are urged to cast their votes for their preferred candidates.

Burntisland Buzz

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The Burgh Polis

By The Editor



Contrary to established practice, I have not received a report from Police Scotland for this edition of the Buzz. I sincerely hope that this is not indicative of a growing trend of lack of positive action from Police Scotland.

Locally, the town has been well served by our two community police officers who, it must be recognised, have to share their services with Kinghorn and Auchtertool. They have established a useful liaison with individuals within the community and periodically conduct Community Engagement Meetings (CEM) in the local primary school. They provide statistical data on the local crime situation to these meetings and to the monthly meetings of the Community Council. At the CEMs they receive and discuss reports from the public on general law and order issues in the town. However, that seems to be as far as it goes. Action rarely seems to be taken on legitimate complaints which have been reported on a number of occasions.

Recent 999 and 101 calls relating to antisocial behaviour by youths in the High Street have received very poor response, to the extent that some elderly residents are reported to have been frightened to walk in the High Street after dark and one food outlet has been forced, on more than once occasion, to shut up shop. There also

appears to be a lack of liaison between our local police and the newly formed Community Safety Officers who were not represented at the most recent CEM.

However, as highlighted at the bottom of page 5, Community Safety Officers have recently mounted a campaign against dog fouling - I look forward to monitoring results, particularly the number of fines issued.

At a recent CEM, one elected councillor defended the lack of enforcement action by highlighting the paucity of official complaints made to the authorities. Perhaps residents are frustrated by the lack of response to their previous complaints and feel it is a waste of time and not worth while making further reports. The letter below is a prime example of inaction by Police Scotland.

The unified Scottish police force has experienced considerable teething problems but now that we are several years down the line, the implementation of best practice procedures throughout the country should be well established. This should be reflected in a more efficient service, particularly in community policing and response to emergency calls - this does not appear to be the case.

Be Aware

Dear Editor,

I would like to alert people to a despicable activity which has been going on in the town, particularly in the Castle area and the Collinwell Estate. A woman, sometimes assisted by her daughter, has been knocking on doors and falsely collecting for charity. This has been reported directly to the police and to a recent Police Community Engagement Meeting. Several victims are willing to testify but so far, no positive action appears to have been taken by the authorities.

The reason for this letter therefore, is to make you aware of this activity. If anyone does appear on your doorstep

asking for sponsorship for charity events or soliciting cash for charities such as Cancer Research or Race for Life, you must check the collector's official registration certificate which will contain the person's full name and registration number. If in any doubt, refuse to donate.

Unfortunately, this shameful and unlawful practice denies genuine charities valuable funds and takes advantage of the many generous individuals in our community who donate to worthy causes.

Please take heed of this warning.

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Community Award Presentation

On Friday 3rd February there was a new milestone when the Community Award was presented for the 36th time. The winner this year was Mary Brownlee, who received her award from Community Council Chairman Alex MacDonald. He explained that Mary had been a very reluctant winner - on learning of the award her immediate response had been "But it's not just me ... there's a whole army of people who do things".

However, Alex explained to the gathering that every successful project needs a focal point - someone who can act as a catalyst and ensure that everything happens in the right way at the right time. Mary was exactly such a person, as shown by the many people who had nominated her.

In accepting the award, Mary was at pains to thank the numerous people who had worked so hard across the different organisations - from the Wednesday Club to Cancer Research and many points in between. In addition she extended her thanks to everyone who had taken the time to send her cards and messages of congratulations.

In a lovely, personal touch, the presentation was rounded off by Mary's grandson who delivered a superb, unaccompanied rendition of "You are my Sunshine", to tumultuous applause. Mary has since given her thanks to the Community Council for "a memorable evening" and says she is "ready for any civic duties!"



Burntisland Events Group - Urgent Plea

By Sarah Goodall (née Curle), Secretary.

The Burntisland Events Group organises the Bonfire and Fireworks evening in November each year. Funding for this year's event has been secured and it will take place on 5th November. The fireworks display will again be conducted by an experienced team from 21cc. Members of the Events Group are already making arrangements to ensure that the event progresses without a hitch..

However, the Events Group Committee is experiencing a transformation. The Chair and Vice Chair together with a few other committee members, many of whom have served since the beginning, have decided to call it a day and are retiring. There is an urgent requirement for new blood on the Committee.

This year, the Events Group Annual General Meeting will

be held at the Sands Hotel on the 21st of May at 2pm. Please come along and get involved. If we do not have new blood to join the committee going forward, this year **COULD BE THE LAST YEAR** that the event will take place. A wealth of experience remains amongst those remaining on the Committee and with all tasks shared, it is not such an onerous commitment for individual members. We cannot stress strongly enough the need for new people to join us. It would be a tragedy socially, financially and historically for the town if this is to be the final year of the event.

If you are unable to make the AGM, but wish to join the committee, please contact the secretary at

email burntislandeventsgroup@gmx.co.uk or Telephone: 07703 474 762



Anti Dog Fouling Campaign - Be Warned!

By Dawn Jamieson

A number of dog fouling hot spots have been identified throughout Burntisland. We'll be using lamppost signs, banners, pavement stencils and social media to raise awareness and encourage people to 'Just bin it'. Our Safer Community Officers will also increase patrols in these areas. They'll enforce the council's tough stance and issue fines to anyone not cleaning up after their dog.

Dawn Jamieson, Team Manager Safer Communities said: "Fife's a beautiful region and we want to keep it that way. We're working hard to improve the quality of life in our communities. We know the majority of residents take a real pride in their area but we're targeting a small group of people who act irresponsibly and we're asking them to 'Just bin it'. Last year a number of teams across the council came together and created our Safer Communities Team. We now have over 30 officers working throughout Fife tackling antisocial behaviour including dog fouling."

If dog fouling is an issue affecting your area please tell us exactly where and the best time to catch the culprits. Report it to us:

Email: safecomunities.officers@fife.gov.uk
or phone 03451 55 00 22.

BURNTISLAND'S GIFTS AND TREASURES

HERITAGE EXHIBITION 2017

Burntisland Heritage Trust's summer exhibition theme in 2017 is 'Burntisland's Gifts and Treasures'. Over the past 24 years the Trust has been fortunate to have been gifted large collections of photographs, paintings, drawings, prints, maps and scrapbooks. Many of these will be on display in this year's exhibition.

Burntisland is also very privileged in having more than its fair share of prized possessions and lost riches, from the town's priceless medieval and historic churches to the story behind the lost treasure of King Charles 1. All of these and much more reveal and illustrate in this extensive, informative display what the town has to offer

from its fascinating past to the present day.

The 10 week exhibition will run from 17th June to 26th 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.

The exhibition is housed at Burntisland Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate, Burntisland (just round the corner from the main door of the Burgh Chambers in the High Street). Also available for viewing and browsing are videos and large collections of other types of historical material relating to the town's fascinating history.

Admission is free



Museum of Communication

by a nostalgic
Dorothy Brankin

At the moment of writing, we are in the midst of preparations for the opening of our 2017 exhibition at the beginning of May – so things are a bit chaotic at 131 High Street, Burntisland.

This year, we've called our Exhibition "REMEMBER WHEN.....Looking Back 50 and 100 Years"

Because of very positive feedback, we are continuing to chart the course of WW1. By 1917, the war had reached absolute stalemate, with horrendous battles raging across mainland Europe, Africa and Asia, with little gain to anyone. The deadlock was broken exactly 100 years ago, in April 1917, when the USA declared war on Germany and the tide turned in favour of the Allies.

We thought it would be interesting to look back to 1967 and see just how much everyday life in Britain had been affected by two cataclysmic world wars (and many other lesser wars and conflicts), in the previous 50 years - Continuous Hardship? Poverty? Unemployment? Self-denial and Sacrifice?- Not a bit of it.

Fifty years ago, we were in the middle of the Swinging Sixties – and wow! Did they SWING! Gone was the drabness and gloom of yesteryear – this was a gaudy, noisy 'anything goes' time, when it was great to be young! The brash era of Flower-Power... Jobs were plentiful, so today's youth had lots of spending power, which fuelled a 'Permissive Society', doubtless assisted by recent media developments and the availability of drugs, as well as the introduction of the contraceptive pill.

However, there was a darker side to the sixties. It was a time of sharp contrasts... Whilst the Flower Power folk preached love, harmony and peace, the equally dominant gangs of Mods and Rockers fought violent, murderous running battles in our streets. Whilst we organised huge Peace Marches and 'Ban the Bomb' Rallies, we spent our evenings watching footage of our American allies doing their utmost to obliterate Vietnam from the face of the Earth. We stressed the importance to our Planet of conserving depleting natural energy sources, whilst we burnt more fuel more than ever before and introduced bigger, better, gas-guzzling cars onto our streets.

In the sphere of home entertainment, 1967 was something of a breakthrough year... On July 1st, BBC2 became Europe's first colour TV broadcaster, with live coverage of the Wimbledon Championships – TV was never quite the same again.

Meanwhile, over on BBC Radio, big changes were also taking place in 1967.... The familiar BBC Light Programme was re-badged as Radio 2. The Third Programme became Radio 3 and the dear old Home Service, Radio 4.

The biggest change of all was the introduction of a new pop music channel, Radio 1. Pirate Radio, which broadcast from specially equipped vessels moored off the British coast, had been officially banned and the BBC 'head-hunted' their most popular and well known presenters to appear on their new Channel, many of whom went on to become some of the BBC's most popular (and probably) highest-paid earners!

This was indeed the Swinging Sixties and for many of us, of a certain age, the nostalgia is overwhelming!

Burntisland Heritage Trust was recently awarded the certificate displayed below as official recognition of a Burntisland First



Kirkton Church Restoration Continues Apace

by George McLauchlan

Now that the long winter is drawing to a close work can resume on conservation of the Kirkton Church ruins. 'Phase two' is now underway and the contract for stonework has been awarded to Forth Stone Ltd. In 'phase one', the walls were stabilized and the wall-heads capped to prevent water penetration; 'phase two' will continue this work on the walls.

Work will also take place on landscaping and installation of the two benches kindly donated by Archway Metals. A Graveyard Consultant has been appointed to examine areas of interest within the graveyard and assist in the development of an educational pack.

A number of stones have been identified as being of interest, such as an old 'Thruch Stane' dating from 1626 belonging to John Kent, a Bailey of Burntisland, and also the family burial grounds of the Young family and the Aytouns. We are also fortunate in having a relatively rare cast iron slab grave marker from the early 1800s.

It is hoped that the main stonework will be completed by the end of June and landscaping and stabilization of gravestones completed shortly after. The Working Group would like to apologise to residents in Church Street for any disturbance



they experience during on-going work and also thanks to the staff of the Co-op for acting as key holders. On completion this project will provide the town not only with a beautifully conserved medieval church ruin but an attractive space for quiet reflection.

A thruch or throwc stane is a flat or recumbent slab. They were in use in medieval Scotland and were popular in the sixteenth and seventeenth century. The inscription runs around the margin as well as on the central surface. A headstone reads like a page from a book You can walk round the recumbent slab reading the marginal inscription.

Take the Hedge Pledge

By Leo du Feu



"Robin in Nest" by Chris du Feu

Ideally trim hedges and trees out with the March-August bird nesting season but if you do need to do it over summer take care to thoroughly check for active nests. It's an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.

Hedges are a wonderful resource for our declining wildlife, including House sparrows whose populations have dropped by more than 70% nationally in the last 40 years. Take the Hedge Pledge this year to reverse these declines!

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BPS School News

Written by: Talia Fraser, Karis Halpin, Finlay Knight and Louis Christie (P7)

What a fantastic term we have had here at BPS. Also a very busy one. Panto, Burns and Speakers Competitions, and Ardroy is fast approaching for our Primary 7s. Let's just say that the upcoming term is going to have trouble competing with this one.

Nursery

This term the nursery children are working on their very own bug hotel, getting their hands nice and dirty and enjoying their outdoor equipment.

Primary 1

P1s have been busy with the fairies this term. That's right - their project is Fairyland. Also, they have been very active taking loads of local trips in the town to the beach, woods, and even to the shops.

Primary 2

P2s are whizzing around the galaxy this term - they are learning about space. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the panto and were amazing when performing their space song for the Erskine concert.

Primary 3

P3 topic this term is the Rainforest. Here's a quick joke—
Why did the frog go to the rainforest?
To get its RAIN BOOTS!

The P3's went to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh and had tons of fun. We hope some of them left with **GREEN FINGERS**.

To help raise money for the trip they held a bake sale in their own classrooms. They got plenty of DOUGH, for the trip!

Primary 4

P4 have been learning about the wonderful wizarding world of Harry Potter. They have been casting spells, making wands and putting "Potterful"



activities into their curricular work. There will be a big change in P4 too because Mrs Wood is leaving to have a baby. Their new teacher will be Mrs Fitzpatrick and we will look forward to welcoming her to BPS next term.

Primary 5

P5 have been learning about Scottish history, they love taking [JACO]BITES out of their learning. I'm sure they are looking forward to some FREEDOM from school during Easter. Even though

they love Schooltland! They have also enjoyed learning French and have tasted some French gastronomic delicacies but the twist was that they had to order them all in French.

Primary 6

The P6 topic is Natural Disasters and they are having a blast. They have done some art work on the Great Fire of London. They also had the chance to go to the great DYNAMIC EARTH on an educational trip. Everyone had a super day.

Primary 7

P7 have been learning about Greek Mythology. They have been flying high with Icarus and down low with Hades. There have been a lot of competitions this year including the Burns Competition, which was won by Finlay Knight who recited 'A Toast to the Haggis'.

There was also the Speakers competition with Talia Fraser winning it with her speech about what it is like to live in a family that fosters.

And how could we forget the pantomime? Was it good? - Oh yes it was

Get those fact books out as the Rotary Quiz is coming up which is going to be a challenge. And finally, our P7s are so excited about Ardroy and can hardly wait for all the wonderful activities awaiting them.

So, as you can see BPS has had one busy term and they are looking forward to nicer weather after the Easter holidays. We hope you have enjoyed a lovely holiday.



by Morag Johnston and Fiona Hill

We have had a busy and exciting time this term - we have visited the beach on a regular basis

and have had a trip to Kinghorn beach on the train, learning about our wider community. We explored the rock pools but unfortunately didn't see the whale in the Forth.

We received four balance bikes from Smart Electrics Contractors Ltd and the children have loved playing on these outside in the garden.

We recently had our annual validation visit from the Equate team at Fife Council; the playgroup received Grade 5's for areas 2.3 - Learning, Teaching and Assessment and 3.2 - Securing Children's Progress.

This term we held PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership) sessions at Playgroup; these were a huge success with the children and their parents, and the feedback we received was very encouraging, we hope to be able to continue these in the future.

Sadly, we are losing Kelly (Early Year Practitioner), we wish her all the best in her new job. We would like to welcome Christina, who will join the team after the Easter holidays.



Next term will be a busy one for all at Playgroup. We will start our regular Forest Kindergarten sessions in the woods across from the golf course. Here the children will develop their independence and self-help skills as well as being involved in risky and co-operative play. The children will start their transition visits to Burntisland Primary School Nursery during May - this gives them plenty of opportunities to get to know

the staff and school environment prior to starting in August. Playgroup staff will accompany them on their visits to help with this process.

At the end of term we will be going on our annual outing to Muddy Boots and will be taking part in the town's Civic Week Parade.

There is still time to apply for Playgroup starting in August 2017. If you would like your child to join us please pop into the Toll Centre any morning or email burntislandplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk

Children can start their year at playgroup from 2 years 10 months (if places are available) and funding is available from the term following their 3rd birthday.

The Committee have also had a busy term - we had a great time at our Family Ceilidh in February and raised over £270 at the same time, thanks to everyone who came along and joined in the fun and dancing.

We are in the process of planning our Summer Family Fun Day and BBQ for Sunday 25th June at the Toll Centre. Entry will be £5 for adults and £3 for kids which will include music and entertainment.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported us through the Co-op Local Community Fund - you helped us raise an amazing amount of just over £1000, this will



help us with our ongoing costs and to buy new equipment in the Playgroup, so very much appreciated.

Another big thank you to Gareth Andrews, one of our past parents, who has made the ultimate sacrifice by giving up alcohol for the last three months and hopes to raise £200 for playgroup in the process - hope you enjoy the celebratory drink at the end!

“Brandon’s Challenge”

Burntisland teenager Brandon Thomson is currently the youngest volunteer at the Museum of Communication. He is a third year student at Balwearie High School and encouraged and inspired by senior volunteers of the MOC, Brandon has decided to participate in a World Challenge to China in June 2018.

This challenge takes the form of an expedition in which participants are required to develop a wide range of skills, initially involving fund raising then researching and planning the expedition itself.

During the Challenge students will experience a number of mental and physical problems which will teach them to overcome adversity, cope with new and strange environments and identify their individual strengths and weaknesses

Participants will learn how to work as a team but at the same time, using their individual talents they will learn to accept responsibility, set objectives and gain the confidence to become positive decision makers. Finally, by exploring other cultures and diverse landscapes they will become more environmentally aware, from both a local and global perspective.

Brandon has already commenced the hard work involved in fund raising in the Burntisland community by car washing, hedge trimming, grass cutting, and has already held several car boot sales. He has permission to hold a “Bake Sale” at



Brandon at a Car Boot Sale

Lochore Meadows Country Park in July but prior to that on 10th June, he will do a sponsored climb of Ben Nevis with his Mum. This will help to improve his fitness and also his Mum's!

This is a fine example of a local youngster taking the initiative to improve his knowledge and his character through hard work and a unique experience. You can lend your support by donating through the following website:

<https://www.myworldchallenge.com/make-a-contribution.asp?femid=943865&ch=m0Kmm7>

To discover more about the World Challenge itself visit www.myworldchallenge.com

Erskine Art Club by Judith Marsh

The Art Club has been meeting in Erskine church hall for over ten years now. The members are all keen amateur artists with varying interests. We are a club and not a class but beginners are very welcome and members would be happy to help with getting started. Numbers are low at the moment but with an increase in membership we would be able to have more tutorials from professional artists. You don't need a lot of equipment to start off, just a drawing pad and some pencils. We have a small amount of equipment that we can lend to anyone who wants to try their hand before buying paints etc.

We meet on Monday mornings from 10 till 12, stopping midway for coffee etc. and are really keen to welcome new members. If you have always thought about trying drawing or painting, why not give it a go. For further information email marshyjem@gmail.com



Burntisland Civic Week

Royal Party Announced

Way back in March, at a very successful fund raising disco organised by Andrina Wallace at the Toll Centre, Mary Brownlee, Citizen of the Year 2017, proudly announced Blair Thomson and Ana Doherty as our new Summer King & Queen.

The full Royal Party as pictured was announced as:-

King: Blair Thomson

Queen: Ana Doherty

First Attendant: Sarah Fehr

Second Attendant: Holliana Wallace

King's Trainbearers: Rudy Munro and Joshua Coull

Queen's Trainbearers: Spencer Davies and Finley Henderson

Flower girls: Grace Mathewson and Mia Munro

Posy girl: Emily Bryce



This year we look forward to welcoming Carol-Anne Crossan as the new Master of Ceremonies for the Crowning Ceremony due to be held in the Parish Church on Saturday 17th June.

Civic Week events will take place between Friday 16th to Sunday 25th June. The 10-day programme of events begins with the traditional shop window competition, and once again finishes with the ever popular Des and the Dingoes!

After an appeal for volunteers earlier in the year, a new committee has been formed and is working hard to ensure Civic Week goes ahead smoothly. As ever, the committee is grateful to the local businesses who provide the financial support which makes Civic Week possible.

The theme for this year's parade day is "TV & Film". We look forward to seeing the costumes local groups and individuals will come up with - whether it's based on a classic TV

programme, blockbuster film, or a character from the small or big screen.

After the crowning ceremony at the Parish Church the newly crowned royal couple will lead the parade along the High Street. Fingers crossed for some sunshine on Parade Day.

Look out for further details in the Civic Week programme leaflets which will be delivered to households at the beginning of June. Keep up to date by visiting our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/BurntislandCivicWeek - where we'll be posting news and photos of the events. You can also get in touch with the Civic Week committee with any questions or suggestions via email: burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com

Any offers of help please get in touch with Andrina Wallace at adrinawallace@gmail.com. Thanks to all those who have supported, and continue to support, this tradition in the town.

Provisional Civic Week Programme

Friday 16th June

3-4 pm Shop Window Competition on the High Street

Saturday 17th June

10 am -12 pm Messy Church at Solid Rock, High Street
11 am Heritage exhibition opens - "Burntisland's Gifts and Treasures"

12:00 pm Crowning of the Summer King & Queen at the Parish Church

12:30 pm Parade along the High Street to the Links
1-3:30 pm Party on the Links hosted by Kingdom FM
Music in the Marquee, The Links tbc

Sunday 18th June

1:30 pm Civic Week Pairs competition, Burntisland Bowling Club
2 pm 5-a-side Football Tournament hosted by Burntisland Shipyard

Monday 19th June

7 pm Burntisland Sailing Club - Civic Week Cup

Tuesday 20th June

6:15 pm BASC Civic Week sprints at the Beacon Leisure Centre
8 pm Dominoes Competition (over 18s) at the Crown Tavern

Wednesday 21st 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

Thursday 22nd June

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

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

Friday 23rd June

1:30 pm Outer Heritage Walk - free extended guided tour around Burntisland, includes a walk to the summit of the Binn - approx. 3 hours. Meeting place: Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate
7:30 pm Open Mic Night at Potter About - talented musicians playing a variety of music. Buffet supper available.

Saturday 24th June

Beach day
11 am Sandcastle Competition
12:30pm Treasure Hunt
3 pm Raft race across the bay

Sunday 25th June

1-4 pm Toll Centre community BBQ

3-6 pm **Des and the Dingoes (over 18s) at The Star**



Living History comes to Kinghorn Loch! Defending Fife (1651) – 19th & 20th August 2017 Sponsored by Barn at the Loch



Did you know that during the summer of 1651 Burntisland & Kinghorn and the whole of Fife was on the front line during the Wars of the Three Kingdoms?

In Scotland Oliver Cromwell with his 'New Model Army' was to the south of the River Forth & the Scottish Royalist forces were on the North shore. The main Royalist army was based in Stirling, which was a strong strategic position to hold the invaders at bay. Cromwell tried on a number of occasions to 'tempt' them out of their defensive positions to fight but to no avail. This left him with no alternative other than to try an amphibious landing somewhere in Fife. Attempts were made to land troops in Burntisland but were unsuccessful. His forces eventually established a bridgehead at Inverkeithing and after a brisk battle broke out he advanced on Perth. Fife was subdued and occupied for the next nine years.

The Erskine's First Captains Company (an experienced re-enactment group) who specialise in this time period will be visiting Craigencaft Farm in Kinghorn to represent a small company of Scots preparing for the invaders. The company operating from their camp beside Kinghorn loch will give visitors a feel for the life, uniform, weapons and drills of Scots soldiers whilst describing the events of the 1651 invasion. The team share an enthusiasm for Scotland's 17th century history but also each member has specific interests such as ; domestic life: medical, uniforms, weapons, religious history and politics. This range of passions gives depth to the displays and delivers something for everyone to enjoy. The company's displays include a range of parades, pike and musket drills, living history camps, and combat.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS FROM YOUR LOCAL CO-OP

A sunny afternoon provided the ideal setting for the local Co-Op to thank members who have raised a staggering amount of cash for local charities.

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The following sums were raised for these chosen charities:

£2,214.00 Burntisland Play Group

£2,246.00 Burntisland & District Pipe Band

£2,082.00 1st Burntisland Guides



New Sections

by Group Scout Leader Kerry Laing

February saw the Scout group welcome two new sections into our midst. A new Monday night Beaver Colony and a Cub Pack were opened and we welcomed 24 Beavers & Cubs from our waiting list with another 24 starting after Easter. The new sections were made possible with help from the Parish Church who enabled us to move Explorer evenings to free up a Monday night in the church halls for the new sections. A big thanks to five new leaders who have come on board.

We have already held a combined sleepover with the Monday & Thursday Beavers where everyone earned their Space activity badge. We presented 15 Beavers with their first Nights Away badge in Scouting. The Cubs are looking forward to a combined Adventure Camp at Fordell Firs in May.

Looking to the future these Beavers and Cubs will soon be moving on through to Scouts and Explorers so we will need to consider new sections for these. In order for this to happen we will need new leaders for these sections so if there are any adults out there who would be interested in helping then please get in touch 11thfife@gmail.com

Scouting Centenary

Although we have found newspaper evidence of scouting in Burntisland since 1909, the first official document we have is dated the 19th October 1919, so we are fast approaching our centenary which we would like to celebrate in numerous ways throughout 2019. In order to help with these celebrations we are looking for any information held by people in Burntisland, If you have any stories, photos or memorabilia that you are willing to let us borrow and document then please get in touch by email or phone. 11thfife@gmail.com or 07517374459.

I am trying to build a leaders timeline for the group and have quite a few gaps. If anyone can let me know who your Beaver, Cub, Scout or Rover/Venture leaders were and in what years that would help a lot.



Burntisland & District Pipe Band

After a busy winters practice Burntisland will be competing with a new Novice Juvenile band later on in the season. The kids have been practicing hard and are still gaining confidence and experience by playing in local solo competitions with many prizes being picked up they are now coming together as part of a team. We will keep you updated with their progress.

We are always on the lookout for talent, and would like to invite anyone who either currently plays the bagpipes or the drums to come along to have a chat with us. Also, anyone aged 7-18 who would love to learn to play either the bagpipes or the drums should come along, as we have a great group of very experienced and talented tutors who

are all to eager to pass on their knowledge and skills. We are actively looking to encourage adult players to join our ranks again either to play in street parades or to compete in a new grade 4 band that we hope to develop. Should you or someone you know be interested, or you would like more information, please contact Stewart Birrell at sbirrell@btinternet.com, or find us on the Burntisland and District Pipe Band Facebook page. Alternatively, come and speak to us in the new Burntisland Primary School every Monday night from 18:30 onwards and in the Pipe band hall on a Thursday evening from 18:30. – we look forward to seeing you soon, Craig Hooper (Pipe Major).

Make sure you keep up to date with the band and like our Facebook page.



Floral Action Burntisland

by Scott Sweaton

Spring is here which means that everyone at FAB are busy getting organised for the

summer ahead.

Over the last few months we have held another successful raffle raising around £800, finalised the works within the Allan Court garden and organised a coffee morning with the residents to celebrate its completion. We were also pleased with securing additional sponsorship, contacting potential garden designers for the Community Garden, purchasing new and additional baskets and planters and commencing the new biodiversity area at the railway station.

We aim to take delivery of our baskets and summer planting at the end of May, beginning of June. Fingers

crossed for a warm and sunny summer!

We will be participating in this year's Beautiful Fife campaign. We aim to secure our Gold Award again for this year. The judging normally takes place in July so keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page, where the date will be confirmed.

As we pull together our watering and maintenance schedule for the next coming months, we are looking for extra support to ensure Burntisland is looking fabulous. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to support our group please get in touch via our Facebook page or by emailing floral-action-burntisland@hotmail.co.uk

Here's hoping for another successful summer for FAB and Burntisland as a whole.

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Amanda's Podiatry.....

was set up two years ago by Burntisland resident Amanda Cork. She has been an HCPC registered podiatrist since 2013, and her cosy, welcoming clinic can be found in the Old Station House on Forth Place.

Amanda leapt at the chance to take an office in the building due to her love of the old house – she was delighted when the property was fully refurbished a few years ago and a



space became available to rent. Her clinic is now a bright and immaculate room and Amanda herself is a key reason for the warmth the space exudes. Her background in community care prior to becoming a podiatrist means she is well-practiced in approachability and friendliness – appreciating that her patients may be nervous or perplexed about how best to improve the problems they are experiencing with their feet.

The extensive training Amanda went through during her BSc in Podiatric Medicine at Queen Margaret's University means that she is qualified to offer a wide range of treatments for a number of foot-related ailments – whether these be nail-cutting, athlete's foot treatment, corn removal or callus reduction, among others. She also offers a biomechanics assessment to help dispel pain from changed posture or mechanics, plus a more luxurious medical podicure – a massage and foot pampering service for those who want to be purely self-indulgent!

Amanda is really proud to be one of the many high-quality local businesses serving the local people of Burntisland and the surrounding area, and her aim is to make her patients comfortable and relaxed – for them to truly enjoy the treatments she provides. She is always available for people who want to reach out for advice about their feet, and can be contacted on 07960 314061 or corkamanda@icloud.com.



The Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn

The club has recently been much involved with local matters. Scott Sweaton made us aware that, not only does FAB keep the town looking florally colourful, but also does invaluable community liaison services of many sorts. Local resident Joanie Robins gave an inspiring insight into how simple 'tools' can be profoundly 'restorative' to young people's self-esteem and behaviour towards each other, through her 'KitBag'.

We also had hands-on CPR training, and a glimpse into the professional life of an accountant. The primary school's Rotakids filled 15 of the club's 55 'shoeboxes', full of good things for people in need abroad. A Rotary volunteers' quiz raised £130 for the SSPCA.

The 12th round of Rotary Rambles starts on 26th April with a walk for P5 through the Bluebell Woods to Aberdour, with 3 more walks following. And then there's the annual plant sale/coffee morning in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall on 6th May.

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Burntisland Golf House Club by Dave McPherson

It has been a busy old winter for the Club, with a good deal of work being done both on the course and in the clubhouse. It's now time for the members to make use of and enjoy the facilities available.

The recent spell of good weather has seen a rise in the number of players and long may that continue. One group who didn't enjoy such a good day weather-wise was the Midland Alliance. Following an hour's delay for frost, a full field battled through the snow and rain, and finally completed their annual event. They heaped praise on the greens and clubhouse staff for their efforts and have already booked for the same week next year.

Immediately following the Alliance, Stevie and his team worked into the darkness on consecutive nights to complete the early season hollow coring. The benefits of this will come to light soon, when the average temperature rises

a degree or two.

The season got under way with the annual Captain v Vice-Captain match where there was a great atmosphere in the Club following the golf, and bragging rights were settled. The result is unimportant but the Captain wants you to know – he won.

We continue to help where and when we can with various charities, and just recently the Clubhouse was used for a successful night, which raised around £1300 for Macmillan Cancer, and another member had a charity day, which raised funds for the Maggie's Centre. Congratulations and well done to the organisers of those events.

A sub-group continues to work hard in the hope of encouraging more junior members. A 'blue tee' course of 8 holes has been set out and there's also a 'wee 3' layout available. With a number of interested parents/grandparents helping we are sure that a vibrant junior section can be established.

Burgh Buzz readers may not have been

aware of the Club's 'Masters' offer, so we will extend that offer for a period of time to BB readers only. Full membership is only £399 on this deal and other golfing memberships have a pro rata reduction. Anyone looking for a membership deal should quote BB Masters when enquiring, but don't leave it too long.

A busy social period is coming up where we are having a Race Night, a Sportsman's Dinner and a Cabaret Evening on successive weekends (22/4, 29/4, 5/5). These should be popular nights so phone the bar to arrange tickets. Social memberships are available at only £20, so if you are not a golfer but would like to be able to make use of the clubhouse facilities for food, drink and entertainment then please get in touch. Let's hope we all have a good spring and summer, and make use of course and clubhouse.

For all details please email info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk or telephone 01592 874093.



Burntisland Shipyard AFC by Andrew Beveridge

As we come to the end of what has been one of the most difficult seasons in the Club's history I think it would be fair to say that a sense of relief is being felt throughout the Club. It has taken a great deal of patience and resolve from everyone at the Club to pick up the pieces from the situation we found ourselves in at the start of pre season training. For the vast majority of the previous season's squad and management team to leave was extremely disappointing. Great credit has to go to the current management team and players for their perseverance and commitment during the season, suffering many heavy defeats and only enjoying a few highlights along the way. At this moment it would be appropriate to thank our many sponsors for their kind backing throughout the year as without their

support it would have been an even more difficult season.

As we look forward, Chris and Craig have already lined up some experienced players to add to the squad for next season, a season that could become very attractive if the rumours are true about the clubs considering applying to join the East of Scotland League. It goes without saying the Club will be in a much stronger position come the kick off in August.

Adding to the committee and finding volunteers is something that the Club is still seeking to achieve, in particular finding local people, who may wish to give up a little bit of their time to assist in the running of the Club whether it be administration or pitch maintenance etc. A strong committee along with a team that is competitive in the East of Scotland League can only be good for the town.



First Aid Update by Alex. MacDonald (Chairman)

It's always nice to receive a letter of thanks when our members have given excellent service, and one such occasion followed a recent event in Stirling. Three of our volunteers were covering an event when a life-threatening accident occurred.

First person on scene (in seconds) was local member Gary Cummins. He expertly managed the conflicting demands of serious facial injuries and the patient's airway, whilst more kit was brought to the scene. Within minutes, the patient was on

high-flow oxygen and our three volunteers worked closely with an off-duty GP who was nearby. Transfer to the ambulance service was completed about 30 minutes later.

Commenting afterwards, the event organiser described their actions as being "superb" and also passed on the grateful thanks of the patient's family. We've been advised that although specialist surgery will be required the immediate threat to the patient's airway was averted, and longer-term complications were therefore avoided.

All in all it was a very satisfactory outcome to a challenging incident.



Over 70s Christmas Treat

By Frances Allan

As the warm weather approaches (hopefully), the farthest thing from most peoples' minds is Christmas

- not so those members of the organising committee of the Over 70s Christmas bash.

As the population grows older, attendance at this traditional function increases - some 150 guests attended last year's event. The requirement for funds also rises and the committee will be holding a variety of functions throughout the year to help raise essential revenue..

As well as our regular coffee mornings we plan to have a Quiz/Bingo evening in June and a Cabaret evening in October. Please look out for local advertising and further notices in the Buzz for details and lend your support.

Finally, the Committee would like to extend a belated thanks to the Guides, Brownies & Rainbows for making gifts for our elderly citizens at the 2016 Christmas Treat.

Date of Birth - Party Trick

Dorothy Brankin of the MOC, when raking through old material recently uncovered a formula originally formulated in the 1930s by Ernest Neill of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, for calculating the day of the week on which you were actually born - Try it – it actually works!

Step 1: Take the last two digits of the year of the birth.

Step 2: Add one quarter of this number (ignoring any remainder)

Step 3: Add the date of the month of the birth

Step 4: Add the following number, according to the month of birth:- January – 1 (or 0 in a leap year); February – 4 (or 0 in a leap year); March – 4; April – 0; May – 2; June – 5; July – 0; August – 3; September – 6; October – 1; November – 4; December – 6.

Step 5: For the 1700s add 4; 1800s add 2; 1900s add 0; 2000s add 6

Step 6: Divide the total by 7. The remainder gives the day of the week on which the person was born:-

Sunday = 1; Monday = 2; Tuesday = 3; Wednesday = 4 ; Thursday = 5; Friday = 6; Saturday = 0

Example..... Date of Birth: 30 June 1969

(1.....69) + (2.....17) + (3.....30) + (4.....5) + (5.....0)

Total = 121 121 divided by 7 = 17 remainder 2....

..... so the person (Dorothy's daughter!) was born on a Monday – as indeed she was. - Amazing!

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offer an efficient service to those who needed it. The agency currently employs some 30 cleaners who serve over 60 business and domestic clients throughout Fife, in particular some thirty holiday homes stretching from Aberdour to Crail.

A recent development in the operation has been the acquisition of the former chip shop premises at the Kirkton which has been tastefully transformed into a laundrette. The company already provides washing and ironing services to existing clients from these new facilities and with the approach of the summer months, hopes to open to the general public. Cleaning products will also be on sale.

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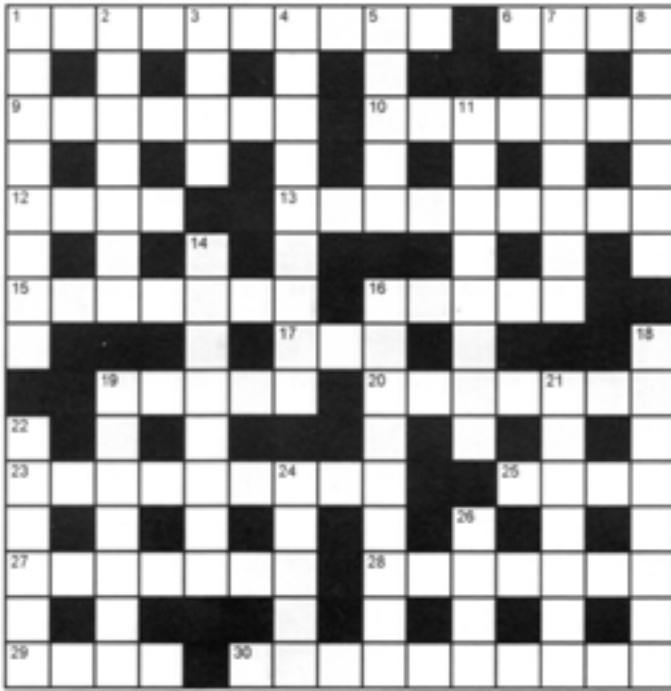
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ACROSS

- 1. Wrongdoer (10)
- 6. Probabilities(4)
- 9. French Castle (7)
- 10. Rumour(7)
- 12. Part of the eye (4)
- 13. Waterproof cover (9)
- 15. Agony (7)
- 16. Premature (5)
- 17. Ailing (3)
- 19. Monkey (5)
- 20. Baltic country(7)
- 23 Central American Country (5,4)
- 25. Way of walking (4)
- 27. Voted into office (7)
- 28. Eccentric (7)
- 29. Take care of (4)
- 30. Vex(10)

DOWN

- 1. Great Lake (8)
- 2. Idling (7)
- 3. Professional charge (4)
- 4. Wooing (9)
- 5. Different (5)
- 7. Exhibit(7)
- 8. Espionage (6)
- 11. Cheerful enthusiasm (8)
- 14. Watchful (8)
- 16. Lifts(9)
- 18. Historic French prison (8)
- 19. Water tank (7)
- 21. North American Falls (7)
- 22. Loud piercing cry (6)
- 24. Guide to book contents (5)
- 26. Woodworking tool 4)

Solution to Winter Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Anthracite, 6 Apes, 9 Paprika, 10 Austere, 12 Once, 13 Petrified, 15 Calypso, 16 Cycle, 17 Woo, 19 Feign, 20 Mistake, 23 Cautioned, 25 Quid, 27 Rotated, 28 Abridge, 29 Eire, 30 Aristocrat.

DOWN: 1 Approach, 2 Typical, 3 Rain, 4 Clampdown, 5 Trait 7 Precise, 8 Speedy, 11 Suitcase, 14 Optimist, 16 Comedians, 18 Dead beat, 19 Flutter, 21 Asunder, 22 Scarce, 24 Nadir, 26 Ergo.

CONGRATULATIONS—Our Winter Crossword winner of £25 in vouchers is:
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Events Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
MAY		
Thursday 4th	Fife Council Elections	All Day
Saturday 6th	Rotary Coffee Morning/Plant Sale at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00am - 12 noon
Friday 12th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 13th	Ecology Centre Summer Festival at Kinghorn Loch	12.00 – 4.00pm.
Sunday 21st	Events Group AGM at the Sands Hotel	2.00 pm
Saturday 25th	Messy Church at Burntisland Parish Church Hall	10.00am - 12.30 pm
JUNE		
Friday 9th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 17th	Messy Church at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00am - 12.30 pm
Saturday 17th	Burntisland Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition Opens	11.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 17th	Crowning of Summer King & Queen and Civic Week Parade	12 noon onwards
Sunday 25th	Playgroup Summer Family Fun Day and BBQ at Toll Centre	Afternoon
Sunday 25th	Des and the Dingos at the Star	3.00pm - 6.00pm
JULY		
Friday 14th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 22nd	Messy Church at Burntisland Parish Church Hall	10.00am - 12.30 pm
Monday 17th	BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES	12 noon onwards
Saturday 22nd	Pipe Band Championship on the Links	10.30am - 5.30pm
AUGUST		
Friday 11 th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 20th	Messy Church at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00am - 12.30 pm

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Make a micro-pond for nature by Leo du Feu

One of the best things we can do to help nature in our gardens is to make a wildlife pond. Even if you have only the smallest of spaces it's quick and easy to make a micro-pond:

- 1 - Get an old washing-up bowl/plastic box/any non-leaking container.
- 2 - Dig container into ground or sit it on patio slabs or even put it up on a raised bed. I put a liner of old carpet under mine but that's not vital.
- 3 - Use stones/planks to allow hedgehogs and other wildlife to get in and out without drowning.
- 4 - Fill from your water butt or allow rainwater to fill it over time - "don't" use tap water as its high nutrient levels and chlorine,

although good for us, are harmful to freshwater wildlife and gradually encourage duckweed and algae to swamp out all other plant life.

Your reward will be birds and hopefully hedgehogs coming for a drink. It's likely that frogs/toads/newts will appear in your garden too, maybe even damselflies or dragonflies. The more of neighbours you encourage to put in wildlife ponds the more chance of all these species coming back to your area. If you're worried about children playing near ponds secure sturdy wire mesh over the top and consider siting pond in good view of the house.

Google "*micro-pond wildlife*" for loads of inspiring ideas and photographs.

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Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Easter was, well, Easter. We had our Palm Sunday walk (9 April), midweek services and early morning Easter Sunday events on the beach and atop the Binn (16 April). It's

always good when local churches work well together-locally.

Erskine's next coffee & pancakes morning will be held in our halls on Sat 20 May. The following weekend (Sat 27 May) takes us to the Parish halls for a Christian Aid coffee morning-joint between the churches and for such an excellent charity. This will be Burntisland's main opportunity to contribute towards Christian Aid Week.

Thereafter another Erskine coffee do on Sat 19 August. All these events run from 10am-12noon. I know it's a lot of caffeine-but a lot of good is being done too. Please come along and support us! My daughter recently wanted a Creme Egg as a treat. Unfortunately it melted in her hand, inside my car. Aargh! Christians understand the Easter message of forgiveness, new life and eternal hope as something very real and substantial. I trust something of it will stay with you and not disappear.

Look out for summer stuff. We may be organising a joint Praise on the Links service once again, so keep an eye on



Easter worshippers on the Binn

posters in the usual places and undoubtedly some extra information on Facebook pages. A warm, bright & sunny afternoon this year would make a pleasant change...

Finally, on a personal note, let me sincerely thank all those in the Burntisland community who wished me well during my year as UF Moderator. Busy, but lots of good visits & trips. Meeting faithful people doing fab stuff for others does so much to refresh your own faith. I'm free again at the end of May.

Have a great summer...



News from St Joseph's by Fr Brian Gowans

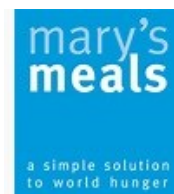
Fr. Brian and all at St. Joseph's wish all our readers a very Happy Easter. Holy Week was certainly a busy period for everyone at St. Joseph's where all the ceremonies were very well attended. We were pleased to join with all the churches in Burntisland for the Palm Sunday Walk which saw members of all our parishes walk and pray together as one.

This Easter St. Joseph's welcomed two new members who were welcomed into full communion with the church. They are Martin Wilson and Brian Doig pictured in the church shortly after the ceremony.



Mary's Meals

by Ann Smith



Mary's Meals - Rags to Riches

Recycle your unwanted goods

Mary's Meals is an international movement that sets up school feeding projects in places where hunger and poverty stop children from gaining education. A daily meal brings children to a place of learning and without it they might have to beg. You can help feed more hungry children by recycling your unwanted goods.

Donate - clothing, rags, towels, curtains, all bedding, blankets and any other textiles plus shoes, handbags and belts. Just two bags of textiles can feed a child with Mary's Meals in Malawi for a full school Year.

Donations can be delivered to: Parish Church Hall, East Leven Street, Burntisland

Monday 15th May - Thursday 18th May, 10 am - 4 pm

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Thursday 18th May, 10 am - 12 noon

Collection of items can be arranged by contacting Mrs Ann Smith, Tel. 873994



Craigenalt Trust News by Marilyn Edwards

In March when the barley straw rafts on Kinghorn Loch get filled up by our volunteers, it is always a sign for birds to start building their nests for another year. Soon visitors can spot the new offspring; ducklings, goslings and cygnets. Spring kick-starts many hundreds of toads and occasional frogs to journey from the nooks and crannies to the loch to spawn. Nature provides lots to see on a walk around Craigenalt and the loch side. The Trust also gets busy after the quiet of the winter, with some tidy up jobs and maintenance of paths. This spring saw the Walking Group trying something new, a 'Mini Walking Fest'. Folk were invited to join us on long and short walks in this beautiful area of Fife.

There were 8 walks in all. The weather was really good and consistent throughout the two weeks of the festival, and I am

sure the event will be repeated.

The festival began under glorious blue skies with a walk up to Stoneyhall Hill and Kilrie Woodland. The views from the top were panoramic and we returned via Glassmount House where we enjoyed a very warm welcome indeed. A long walk along the coastal path as far as Coaltown of Wemyss, and another from Kinghorn to Burntisland returning along the beach with a very low tide allowing us to walk around the Black Rock with ease. The walk up Dunearn hill to the Iron Age Fort site had an added bonus when we reached Dunearn Farm where we were invited to take a peek at the new born lambs. We would like to thank all the landowners for the welcome we received on their properties.

The Trust also has a regular Walking Group that meets on the first and mid month Wednesday in the summer months, walks lasting for 2 hours. If you would like to come along please contact Marilyn on 891330.



The Happy Wanderers

This year is the tenth annual 'Come and Try Day' to be held at Kinghorn Loch. It all began in 2007 to celebrate the completion of a new jetty and this free event was so popular that it has continued ever since. It is a great way to try out a new sport or leisure activity. This year it takes place on Saturday 6th May between 1 - 4pm. There is a chance to try canoeing, sailing, radio controlled model yachts, coastal rowing, and bird watching and even open water swimming or just spectate.

On 11th June, the Trust is organising a visit to 'Solar Ripe' herbal garden at the loch, with Simone, who runs herbal workshops at the farm, showing off medicinal plants. All are welcome to come along at a charge of £3/person.

If you would like to know more about the Trust or volunteer your help on one of our workdays our website is www.Craigenalttrust.org.uk or contact info@craigenalttrust.org.uk.

Beacon Runners by David Lyon

Even though the running race season is only just starting to get into full swing, the Beacon Runners have not been idling on the couch watching Netflix during the winter months. As well as the ever popular Devils Burden Relay in the Lomond Hills at the start of year in which we entered 3 teams, the Beacon has also been represented in strength at the Glentress Marathon (3 runners), half Marathon (7) and 10k (1) back in February, the John Muir Way 50k Ultra on 1st April with 6 Beacon Runners – two doing the full distance and two pairs completing the course as a relay. As well as these longer distance events, Beacons have also taken part in the Devilla Forest 5k and 10k trail races, the Gartmorn 10k, numerous Park Runs and the Arbroath Smokies Ladies 10 mile race where ten Beacon women successfully completed the course. In fact it's the Beacon women who have been doing most of the racing, most notably Karen Young and Shelagh Davidson who between them will have completed one 50k ultra, 3 marathons, a 16 miler, a half marathon and a 10k all in the first 6 months of this year – makes me feel exhausted just thinking about it! Also special mention to Dawn Watson who only started running 18 months ago but completed her first 30 plus mile ultra – the D33 – in March.

Future events at which the Beacon will be represented include the Highland Fling Ultra at the end of April, the

inaugural Stirling Marathon in May (good luck to marathon first timers Clark Christie and Jennifer Winning) and the West Highland Way relay race in June. Nearer to home we are expecting a good turn out for the Black Rock 5 on 23rd June and the Donkey Brae Run on 30th July.

The Beacon Runners meet every Monday at 7.00pm at the Beacon Leisure Centre. We are a very mixed ability group of runners and new members are always welcome. So whether you are thinking of doing your first Park Run or are an experienced marathon runner we will be delighted to see you.



Relay in the Lomonds



The SCI Earthship

Sustainable Communities Initiative at the Earthship at Kinghorn Loch are looking forward to sharing the rest of their seasonal community events with you this year - Summer, Autumn and Winter. They are all family friendly and free, with donations always welcome.

Each activity encourages people to look at their footprint on the Earth whilst having fun and meeting new friends at the same time. For more information see below, or contact inquiry@sci-scotland.org.uk, 01592 891884. Please check our website for times and more details www.sci-scotland.org.uk.

Saturday August 26th. Summer event at the Wildflower Life Labyrinth at the Earthship. Reflect through games, stories and wild wandering—a gentle look at life! Refreshments and fun activities for children.

In addition to the community events below we are also delighted to offer Summer & Autumn outdoor adventures for 7 -12 year olds. Wolf Ways will run July 24th - July 28th, dates in October TBC.

Saturday October 28th. Autumn event - details to be confirmed.



News from The Ecology Centre

by Jenny Robertson

It's been another busy spring at The Ecology Centre. We've been continuing to develop our new site and we've been planting lots of fruit and vegetables that will (hopefully!) bring us a bumper crop come summer! The site was very busy over the Easter holidays with our Eco Adventures Holiday Club activities as well as our popular Family Sundays. We've got even more planned for the summer, starting with our **Summer Festival on Saturday 13th May from 12 – 4pm**. Come and join us for an action packed afternoon of outdoor family fun with live music, games, den building and fantastic food. This year the Festival also features our guests Round the Horn who will be offering a fantastic range of art workshops for kids and adults. It's a **FREE** event and we hope you can join us.

Summer holiday adventures

We've got the summer holidays sorted for keeping the kids busy! Our popular Eco Adventures Holiday Club is returning for a week in July and a week in August and we've got a Mud Dragon Party, Unicorn Midsummer Magic, Pirate Puzzle and Fairy Perfume Making to keep the wee ones entertained for a couple of hours too. Definitely something for everyone! To find out more and to book visit our website.

Family Sundays at Kinghorn Loch

Our Family Sundays for the summer are on the first Sunday of the month. We will be making Wind Dancers, Memory Jars and creating something beautiful from Recycled Paper Beads all for just £1. These events are very popular so early booking is recommended. Book direct on our website.

Fit for Purpose

We launched our 'Fit for Purpose' project involving collecting, refurbishing and redistributing old tools and further developing our food growing activities. Eliza Twaddle has recently started as our new part-time Community Gardener. She has lots of experience (we think she was probably born with green fingers!) and has already worked closely with the community at the Broomhill Community Garden Kids Club. She will be sharing her knowledge of gardening with volunteers to grow



The Team

From left to right:- Eliza Twaddle (Community Gardener), Caro Kemp (Climate Challenge Development Officer), Yvonne Gilfillan (Volunteer), Eric Mowat (Volunteer), Simon Hendrikse (Volunteer), Douglas Ward (Volunteer), Jo Hobbett (Project Manager)

fruit and vegetables on our site. Some of this fresh produce will be used by our team of kitchen volunteers to prepare a meal for staff and volunteers every Wednesday – our main community volunteering day. We are looking for gardening and kitchen volunteers to get involved with the 'Fit for Purpose' activities. If you are interested in helping for a few hours every Wednesday please get in touch.

Finally...

Are you a budding photographer? If so, it would be great if you could take part in our monthly photo competition. Every month one picture is selected that best captures the beauty and diversity of Kinghorn Loch and its inhabitants at that time of year. Send your picture to admin@theecologycentre.org To find out more about all our summer activities and all the latest news about The Ecology Centre check out our website www.theecologycentre.org, like and follow us on Facebook or call us on 01592 891567.



Blood Donations

by Caroline Tutt
(Donor Programme Organiser)

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion service extends sincere thanks to the 88 volunteers who offered to give blood in Burntisland on 21st March which resulted in a total of 80 donations.

Encouragingly, there were 9 new donors.



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Tuesday

Circuit Training	10.30am - 11.15am	Johnny Miller
Abs / Core	11.30am - 12.15pm	Johnny Miller
Kettlebells	7.30pm - 8.15pm	Adrina Wallace

Wednesday

Kettlebell Fusion	9.30am - 10.30am	Rory Young
BodyPump	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jill Johnston
Circuit Training	6.00pm - 6.45pm	Johnny Miller
Abs / Core	7.00pm - 7.45pm	Johnny Miller
Aquaerobics	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Lauren Mullen

Thursday

Plates	9.45am - 10.45am	Susan Spowart
Aquaerobics 50+	9.45am - 10.30am	Lauren Mullen
BodyPump	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Jill Johnston

Friday

BodyPump	9.30am - 10.30am	Jill Johnston
Aqua Deep	9.30am - 10.30am	Lauren Mullen
Plates	10.45am - 11.45am	Jill Johnston
Kettlebells	6.30pm - 7.15pm	Adrina Wallace

Saturday

Circuit Training	9.00am - 10.00am	Johnny Miller
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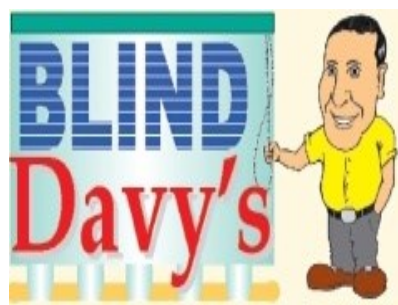
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