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## Sun Shines on Burntisland Games



**O**n the third Monday of July, brilliant sunshine greeted residents and visitors alike who converged on the town to enjoy the many traditional activities associated with the staging of the 365th Burntisland Highland Games. Festivities started early with a civic reception in the Burgh Chambers, hosted by the Community Council.

This was attended by visiting exiles, the Provost of Fife, elected Fife Councillors, the Summer King & Queen, former and present Community Award winners and many invited guests. Community Council Chairman Alex MacDonald issued a warm welcome to all present who included former residents of Burntisland from as far afield as South Africa, Canada and Spain. He also used this special occasion to present a Lifetime Achievement Award to David Adamson for his long and dedicated service within the Burntisland Community (see page 11).

Following the reception, participants lined up behind Burntisland & District Pipe Band which included many

juvenile pipers and drummers, and paraded to the games arena along a High Street lined with hundreds of excited onlookers. At 12 noon, the Honorary Chieftain of the Games Stuart Nicol, assisted by Provost Jim Leishman, officially opened proceedings. Throughout the afternoon spectators were regally entertained by highland dancers, runners and cyclists and the physically huge competitors in the heavy field events.

At 3pm the large field of 26 runners in the Binn Race, open to competitors who are residents of Burntisland, and boosted by many young competitors, took to their marks. They set off on the ascent of the Binn which was particularly gruelling in the very hot conditions. The race was eventually won by 15 year old Cameron Lewis who narrowly edged out last year's winner Stuart Tite in an excellent time of 25.03 minutes.

In the meantime the many hundreds of revellers enjoyed the fun of the fair ground and the numerous food and drinks outlets, particularly the ice cream vendors who did a roaring trade. (see page 12)

# BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

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## From the Editor

This summer, both Civic Week and the Highland Games have been blessed with good weather. The diverse series of events in the extensive Civic Week calendar were enjoyed by young and old - from the carnival atmosphere of the parade following the crowning of the summer King and Queen ceremony, to the nostalgic rendering of golden oldies by Des and the Dingoes to many more golden oldies present at the Star on the final Sunday afternoon.

The Highland Games and Fair Ground attractions were enjoyed by hundreds of visitors to the town on a gloriously sunny games day.

Although sunny weather contributes greatly, none of these events would happen without the dedicated efforts of the many volunteers who give of their spare time and considerable personal expertise in maintaining these traditions. We extend our grateful thanks to all who have assisted.

However, it would be wrong to assume that everything is perfect. The most obvious problem relates to parking. The placement of traffic cones on main road arteries and the deployment of overzealous traffic wardens on market day is not the answer. Temporary parking is required throughout the summer when visitors flock to the town to enjoy our natural amenities and permanent parking facilities are urgently needed in the vicinity of the railway station.

The creation of parking facilities on the waste ground behind the station has been proposed in the past and would result in an increase in the daily station footfall. This would contribute considerably towards the argument for disabled access to the north platform. As regards temporary parking, the old red pond at Ross Point is an obvious area but could have road safety and traffic flow implications. These are problems that can be overcome and which require the urgent attention of our newly elected Councillors.

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## Community Council

### Appeal for New Members

After their successful election to Fife Council, two members of the Community Council have been forced to step down. The Community Council is now appealing to residents of Burntisland to fill these vacancies by joining our dedicated group. We have many exciting projects planned. If you can spare a few hours a month please come along to one of our monthly meetings in the Burgh Chambers (2nd Friday of each month). For further information speak to a member or contact the Secretary on

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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.

- With the recent election of two members to Fife Council our numbers are reduced, so we welcome expressions of interest from local people. It's essential to be on the electoral register for Burntisland and we recommend that potential members should first attend some of our meetings as members of the public. More information is available from the Chairman, Secretary or any other Community Council member.
- George McLauchlan has agreed to take on the role of interim Secretary, whilst Carole-Anne Paterson will be responsible for managing our Facebook page.
- The absence of a local post office continues to be of concern and we have formally advised Post Office Limited of our support for a new service in Burntisland.
- Together with volunteers from Lloyds Bank, a very successful beach clean took place on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- Work on the Spider Park has now been completed, resulting in two new playparks on the Links for this summer.
- Anti-social behaviour and youth disorder remain a key concern. Police Scotland have emphasised that each incident should be reported to the police via 101 or 999, so that there is evidence to justify any increase in resources which might be allocated locally.
- A "Just Bin It" campaign started on 1<sup>st</sup> May, with the support of the Safer Communities team. Their hotline 03451 550022 should be used to report fly-tipping or similar behaviour.
- Fife Council are progressing repairs to the sea wall between Burntisland and Pettycur.
- Concerns over the condition and availability of public toilets have been referred to Fife Council.
- Work on conserving the Kirkton Church continues and will reach a key milestone at the end of July.
- Since our last meeting we have learned of a proposal to close the Kinghorn Loch Road for 24 weeks from early August. In the light of feedback from our own members and also from our Facebook page we have strongly opposed the proposal. A decision from Fife Council is awaited.
- We have received complaints about cars being driven irresponsibly on the Links and the complaints are being progressed through our newly elected members of Fife Council.

## Your Community Council

Burntisland Community Council (BCC) is elected every four years to ascertain, coordinate and express to local and public authorities, the views of the community which it represents and to carry out other functions in the interests of the community.

Chair: Alex MacDonald  
 Vice Chair: Bruce Stuart  
 Treasurer: George McLauchlan  
 Interim Secretary: George McLauchlan

Members:  
 Christine Dewar Tim Hailey  
 Morag Douglas John Bruce  
 Lesley-Anne Cronin Andy Smith  
 Carol-Anne Crossan

### Elected Fife Councillors' Availability

#### Councillor Gordon Langlands

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Gordon will conduct surgeries to meet local constituents in the Burgh Chambers at 6.30pm on the second Friday of each month.

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#### Councillor Lesley Backhouse

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Lesley will hold surgeries in Burntisland in the Burgh Chambers at 6.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> September 10<sup>th</sup> November. After the New Year she will be available in Burntisland Library on Saturday mornings. Dates yet to be finalised.

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#### Councillor Kathleen Leslie

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Kathleen will hold regular surgeries in the town after the summer break. Details have yet to be finalised. She can be contacted by email or telephone in the meantime.

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## The Burgh Polis

By P C Elizabeth James



Hi,  
My name is Elizabeth James and I would like to introduce myself as your new Community Ward Police Officer. I will replace Bryan Weir who has moved onto another area within the Division.

I have 18-years' service with Police Scotland having spent 12 years serving the community as a response officer in the Cowdenbeath and Benarty areas. I then moved to another area of policing that had a Fife wide remit.

For the last year I have been based in Kirkcaldy getting to know the local area, including the surrounding towns of Kinghorn and Burntisland.

As a result of the time I spent in Burntisland, I'm aware that there

are issues with speeding motorists and general anti-social behaviour which often involves youths.

As a local community officer I, along with my colleagues, will do our best to uphold the law and deal with those who offend. PC Masterton and I will continue to work with the local speed watch volunteers and with their assistance strive to educate those caught so that they can amend their driving habits.

However, should an area be known for having the same problems on a regular basis, we will increase the police presence and deal robustly with anyone caught, especially repeat offenders.

Anti social behaviour involving youths is often associated with consumption of alcohol. Police have recently been made aware that this may be due to some parents supplying their children with alcohol to consume when out and about. All parents should be aware that the Scottish Government has made it an offence to give alcohol or make it available to anyone that is underage for them to consume in a public place.

Along with PC Masterton I intend to continue the good work already in place by supporting our licensed premises and encouraging them to refuse the sale of alcohol to anybody who is or appears to be under 18 years of age or whom they suspect to be purchasing it on behalf of those who are underage.

However it is not only the responsibility of the police to ensure that we keep our children and young people safe. It is also that of other adults, especially parents, and we would urge you all to support us and the local community by reducing the availability of alcohol to our young people.

Burntisland is a beautiful, vibrant town with so much going for it. Lets all work together to keep it that way.

The next Community Engagement Meetings are scheduled to take place at Burntisland Primary School as follows:

**28<sup>th</sup> August – Monday @ 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm**  
**16<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday @ 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm**



## Just Bin It – Burntisland

(1 May to 30 June 2017)

By Paul Coleman

Fife Council's Safer Communities Officers recently stepped up patrols in Burntisland to support the Just Bin It campaign in an effort to target dog fouling problems within the area. Safer Communities Officers carried out a total of 108 patrols, which equated to over 80 hours dedicated to tackling dog fouling in Burntisland. Encouragingly, no offences were witnessed by officers as all dog owners observed during the patrols responsibly picked up after their pets. As a result, this meant that no Fixed Penalty Notices were issued. Despite this, Officers received positive feedback from numerous members of the public whilst patrolling that their frequent presence in problem areas had made a significant difference.



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## Meet Your Newly Elected Fife Councillors



### Gordon Langlands

Gordon was born in Sommerville Street, Burntisland, the son of a Docker, claims to have had a fantastic education at Dollar Road and Ferguson Place Primaries before attending Kirkcaldy High School and then going on to Heriot-Watt University. On graduating he worked in electronics in the UK and Europe and travelled extensively to USA and Taiwan.

He has resided in his present house in Burntisland for 27 years and having retired early, now spends most of his time working towards giving something back to the community. His hobbies are golf and gardening.

Gordon has been a member of Burntisland Community Council for over 4 years, having served as secretary and acted as webmaster for the CC Website and Facebook page. As a Community Councillor, he has been involved in the creation of the Burntisland Community Action Plan, and for several years assisted with the annual Exiles Reception, Remembrance Sunday as well as the Play Park projects. Gordon's priorities for the next five years will be:

- To engage with police and partner agencies to increase public safety.
- Support action to establish a permanent Post Office.
- Campaign for improvements to the Promenade, Links, Seamill, Railway Station, High Street and Pharmacy Services in the town.
- Protect the local Heritage and Environment.
- Support the Burntisland Community Council and partner organisations to upgrade and make the best use of our Community facilities.



### Lesley Backhouse

Lesley, originally from Glasgow, moved to Fife when she was 16 and studied for her Highers at Madras College. She took her accounting degree at Dundee University and following graduation, worked for the UK Government in Birmingham and London as a Forensic Accountant for some 26 years. She has been an active Trade Unionist for 30 years with PROSPECT and a Volunteer and worker for the Breastfeeding Network for 20 years. She returned to Fife choosing to live in Burntisland as it is a lovely seaside town with good amenities.

Lesley has been a member of the Community Council for the past two years. She now runs her own business from home in Burntisland.

Lesley believes in helping individuals to help themselves by giving positive encouragement and being positive about their contribution to society. She also believes that no matter your background, if we choose to live in Burntisland, we need to strive to make the community better by playing an active role rather than just walking by. Pick up empty bottles or cans from our public places and put them in the recycling bins. Phone Fife Council when noticing dog poo on the pavement. They work for you. Don't denigrate the efforts of others but challenge constructively that which you consider wrong and offer positive alternatives. As your local Councillor, Lesley will listen to your views and will strive to ensure that Fife Council works more effectively and more efficiently.

Lesley's top priorities are:

- Adequate housing – ensuring that empty properties and plots of land provide the housing that is desperately needed in Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy.
- Social care that is truly joined up and follows the individual not just satisfying the provider.
- Accessibility improvements at our Train stations and Beaches to encourage additional tourism and businesses into our towns.



### Kathleen Leslie

Having lived nearly all my life in Fife and spending much of my childhood in Kinghorn, I was absolutely thrilled to be selected as the candidate for Ward 9. Prior to being elected, I served as a community councillor in Dalgety Bay and recognise the importance of local democracy. Therefore, standing for election as a ward councillor seemed like a logical progression for me. I want to be able to work for local people on issues that concern them and their communities. It is vital that people feel empowered and have a voice. As a councillor, I aim to ensure that people are heard. I am particularly enthused by the work of the Youth Action Group I recently met in Burntisland, as it is vital that young people feel they are stakeholders within their local community.

My background is in education as I have been a teacher for the past 16 years. I first taught History and more recently moved into working with pupils with additional support needs, a job I thoroughly enjoyed and found immensely rewarding. One of my main election priorities was addressing platform access at Burntisland Railway Station, something I know has been an ongoing issue for many years. It is precisely because of my work with young people with disabilities that I am aware of the difficulties that can face many railway users and I really would like to see the station accessibility issues tackled. I look forward to working with the other ward councillors on resolving this issue.

In my free time I have a very varied and somewhat unrelated set of interests, ranging from running and swimming to researching the Plantagenet dynasty and to the somewhat frivolous, following of fashion bloggers.

I hope to meet and speak with many more residents over the coming months.

## Burntisland Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition 2017

By Connie Plant

This year's exhibition is all about Burntisland's treasures past and present, covering hundreds of years. We see Rossend Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots once slept, as a complete ruin on the brink of demolition then transformed into the beautiful building it is today. There are outstanding photographs of the town showing our beautiful countryside, seaside and churches. There are also fascinating old pictures of our High Street and local industry such as the shipyard is also covered.

This exhibition is a treasure chest of information, past and present, where local people can learn so much more about their own town and its history. One room is set aside for the work of our schoolchildren and is well worth seeing. Some of their comments on what they see as treasure are truly heart-warming.

The exhibition runs until 26th August. Come in and enjoy!



Friends of the Trust who staff the exhibition



Photo by Mike Dooley

### Kirkton Church Restoration by George McLauchlan

Work on the stonework at the Kirkton Church is scheduled for completion by the end of July; pathways are being laid and the two benches kindly donated by Archway Metals installed. Work will then commence on stabilization of headstones and refurbishment of the gates. It is hoped to have a non-denominational, re-dedication service sometime in September/early October to which everyone is invited. No firm date has been established but it will be well publicised throughout the town.

### Award Winning Gardener Visits FAB Project by Scott Sweeton

Recently, ScotRail Ambassador John Yellowlees and Scottish Civic Trust Civic Champion Louis Wall visited Burntisland Station to view and advise on the progress of the Biodiversity project there. They were met by Bob Malcolm, Station Team Manager with Scotrail, and members and associates of Floral Action Burntisland.

Louis is the recipient of many awards for his work on stations in South West Scotland, including the Streets Ahead Best Community Initiative 2016. He was able to make recommendations to the group based on his long experience of floral planting in stations, and showed photographs of the 20 station gardens he is responsible for which included Dumfries, Largs and Ayr. These feature a 'Biblical' garden with figs and dates, an 'Incredible Edibles' garden and a 'Wedding' garden in Gretna.

Station Team Manager Bob Malcolm was on hand to advise the group on practicalities such as locating water butts and information signs, which local artist Leo du Feu will be painting specially for the project. Local wildlife-friendly gardener, Neil Madigan, has exciting plans to create a garden which will attract birds, butterflies and ladybirds. The biodiversity project, which attracted the highest funding awarded in Scotland under the Abellio/Keep Scotland Beautiful scheme, will be completed later this summer.

Relaxing in the Photograph, are: **Neil Madigan, Leo du Feu, Bob Malcolm, Margaret Caldwell, Louis Wall, Val Crossan**



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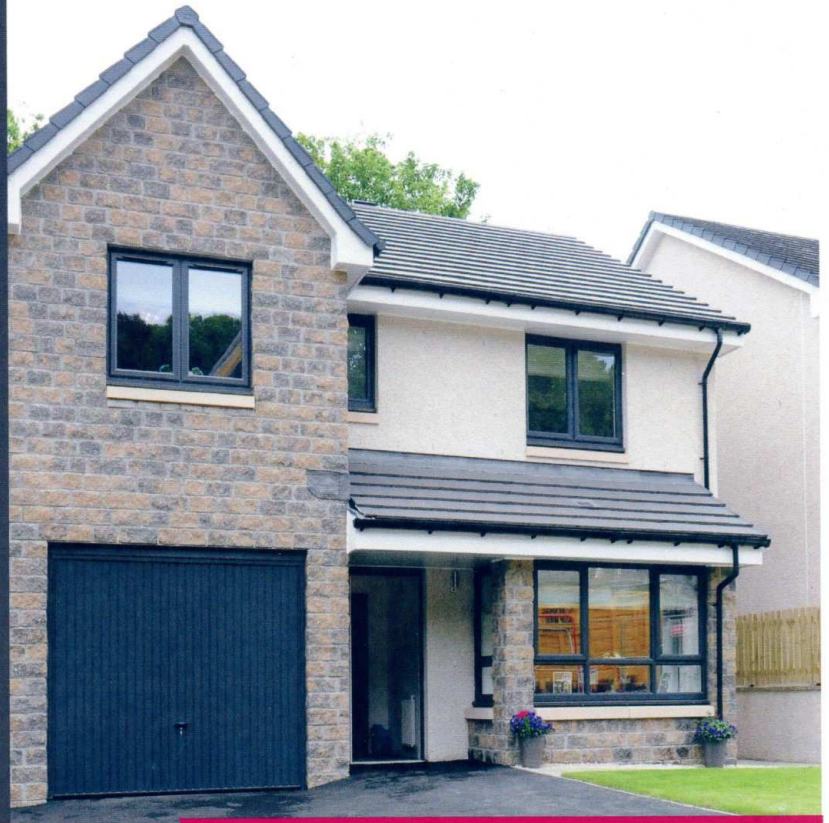
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## **BPS School News**

Written by: P6 pupils

**W**hat have boys and girls done?

When did they do it? And how did they do it? Get the latest Burntisland primary updates, here. To all those people out there, we hope you have had a good year in Burntisland and hope that another school year will be good for us.

**Nursery:** The Nursery children have been taught about Health and Wellbeing which included how to stay healthy by learning to wash themselves properly. Amongst outside trips were visits local butchers and vegetable shops. They also visited the beach where they learnt about measuring weights and sizes using rocks and rulers. The Nursery children took part in BPS sports day and recently won an award for bringing and riding bikes to school which was featured in a local newspaper.

**Primary 1:** Last term, all four P1 classes studied the sea and the seashore, frequently visiting the beach and searching for small creatures in the sand and rock pools. Amongst their finds were many different types of sea life including crabs, small fish, anemones, mussels and a large variety of shells. Class P1 H/S even created their own sea creatures; "Jellytulls", part jellyfish, part sea horse, part anemone and part turtle. All P1 children enjoyed an exciting outing to Deep Sea World in North Queensferry. They also worked hard at Maths which included working with money and even set up their own shop in the classroom. They tried hard to improve their reading and writing, concentrating on punctuation. P1F particularly enjoyed reading The Lighthouse Keeper book collection and P1T pupils invited their parents to join them in class to discuss their favourite fairy tales. At the end of

I had the very great pleasure of attending the P7 Leaving Service on the last Wednesday of term. I can endorse the sentiments of Head Teacher Julie Anderson when she asserted in her final address that the P7s are now fully equipped and prepared for the challenges of entering secondary education.

The leaving event in the assembly hall was attended by staff, parents and invited guests who all thoroughly enjoyed a very competent and confident performance by the P7 pupils. They recalled their seven years at BPS by performing sketches which at times included amusing but respectful references to the various idiosyncrasies of individual staff members ,

term all pupils enjoyed taking part in a variety of events on Sports Day which included sprints, mini hurdles, egg and spoon and sack races.

Last but not least, at the end of this term Mrs Fox (teacher of P1F) is leaving. Mrs Fox has been working at Burntisland Primary School for 39 years and we think we should make this special for her. We all wish her a happy future ahead of her and a good life. She worked very hard and long just to be with us and we are going to support her all the way. From us here, and the whole of Burntisland Primary School, happy retirement.



**Tripping through the Bluebells**

**Primary 2 :** The topic for this term was Food and Farming. All classes visited the seashore searching out sea-produce which can be eaten, such as mussels. They also had a visit from a local farmer who brought along "Bella the Coo", a plastic replica of a cow. Some pupils even attempted to milk her. They studied other farm animals and learned about crops and combine harvesters. Routine learning involved times-tables up to 9, fractions, money and learning numbers in French. Pupils also practiced joined up writing and were introduced to synonyms.

**Primary 3:** As a topic this term all P3 pupils studied Ancient Egypt which included Egyptian gods, the pyramids and mummies. They even made mummified apples. Other subjects included addition, subtraction, division and shapes in Maths. In Literacy they covered, punctuation, paragraphs and hand writing.

including the head teacher - I can't believe that Mrs Fox is retiring!

The children recalled their emotional experience of moving from the Ferguson Place building to the new school premises and their performances were enhanced by music, videos on the "big screen" and even gymnastics. The entire show was planned and scripted by the pupils and kept the audience enthralled for over an hour.

Very many thanks for giving me the privilege of attending this memorable event and best wishes to all at secondary school.

Bill Kirkhope

An important development in P3 has been the arrival of two new teachers – Mrs Busher in P3B and Mr Scott in P3S. Both have settled in well to the BPS environment.

**Primary 4:** Class topic this term has been The Environment. They have enjoyed making fidget spinner games in maths lessons. In a mock Dragons Den, they designed and made inventions to help the environment and have also carried out a science experiment with water jars and made the water evaporate (it was like something from Hogwarts).

**Primary 5:** The topic this term has been Healthy Living which pupils have enjoyed very much as they have been to the beach and visited Burntisland Heritage Centre. As a group P5 has enjoyed making smoothies, going on Rotary Rambles walks to Kinghorn Loch and through the Bluebell Woods on their "EXHAUSTING" way to the half way stop at Aberdour's Silver Sands beach.

**Primary 6:** Class topic this term has been 'Inventors and Inventions'. Pupils have worked hard on design challenges that have included designing lamps, chairs and a roller-coaster (we're

not sure they'll meet safety standards!). They have operated in pairs to research famous inventors but the thing that they have enjoyed the most was writing spookalishis, spooky ghost stories.

**Primary 7:** Finally the news from our fantastic **Primary 7** pupils, the top dogs of BPS soon to be the newbies of Balwearie High. The past weeks have been full of excitement, tears and preparation - from the induction days to the leavers show. Everyone looked tired (including the P7 teachers).

All in all, it has been a **VERY** successful year at BPS, many challenges have been conquered and many happy memories have been made. Everyone has now met their new teacher and are excited for the new school year. We wish the primary 7's all of the best in Balwearie, and everyone else a very happy and safe summer holiday!



By Jenny Roxburgh

This summer saw the end of another term and the end of the year for all the children at Burntisland Playgroup. They will move on to Nursery after the holidays. The staff are always upset to see them go, as by this time we have built strong friendships with both the children and their families. Over the past year the children have all become happy, confident little learners prepared to move on to the next step in their lives. We are grateful to the parents for choosing Burntisland Playgroup for their child's learning and development over the past year.

During this term we have explored the local forest, made transition visits to Burntisland nursery, a fun trip to Muddy Boots and enjoyed a "wet" visit from our local fire officers and fire engine. We had a great time at our sports day and finished off the term being entertained by Mr Barking. We wish the children and their families good luck in the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our new children who will be joining us after the summer holidays. The beginning of a child's pre-school education is always an exciting time, however it can also be an anxious time for both children and parents. Some children will happily come into Playgroup, waving "goodbye" as their parents leave, but others will take a bit of time to settle. Please be assured that at Burntisland Playgroup our experienced staff will work with you to ensure your child settles happily into the group.

The Playgroup still has a few spaces available for the coming term for children born between March 2014 and February 2015. We work in partnership with Fife Council so are able to offer funded places for eligible children as well as fee paying

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**Budding Firefighters**

places before funding begins. Please pop into the group any morning for an application form or if you require any information about Playgroup.

### *Playgroup Committee and Fundraising*

The playgroup committee has worked tirelessly to help raise a fantastic amount of funds during their time in Playgroup. Their last fundraiser, a Summer BBQ, was a great day out and raised over £200. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

A group of three friends are doing a self funded sponsored cycle trip from London to Madrid in July and will be splitting the proceeds between Burntisland Playgroup and Marie Curie. They hope to raise well over £3,000 for all their hard work and we are very grateful to them for supporting us as one of their nominated charities.

## **Fife Kinship Care Summer Gathering 2017**

Coinciding with the start of Burntisland Civic Week, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June Fife Kinship carers and their children gathered in Burntisland for their annual summer event.

This was organised by a partnership of Fife Council Kinship Care Support Team, Kirkcaldy Raith Rotary Club, Showman's Guild members in Burntisland and Exxon Mobil.

Over 400 people enjoyed glorious summer weather in and around the marquee on the Links, sponsored by Exxon Mobil. They were looked after by Rotarians and Exxon Mobil volunteers and entertainment was provided by clowns, balloon artists, face painters and 'Bonnie Beasties', the reptile owners display team. Delicious lunches were supplemented by endless supplies of tea and coffee.

The highlight of the event for many was the access at a reduced rate to the rides at the fair, due to the generosity of the Showmen.

"It's great to have the support of the Showmen – I don't think we could do all of this without them!" said Louise Lamont, Senior Social Worker.

Former Fife Councillor Susan Leslie added, "This was the most worthwhile event that I was involved in as a Councillor and it is wonderful to still be involved. The children, in particular, so enjoy their big day out!"

There was also advice on hand from the Kinship Support Team, CARF (Citizens Advice and Rights Fife) and Fife Gingerbread.



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

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

*Kinship Care may be formal arrangements, where the children are 'looked after' by the local authority, may be personal arrangements by way of a residency order or may be very informal. Every situation is unique. but all Kinship Carers face challenges by being different and feeling that they are the 'only ones'.*



# SCGOLI

By Morag Douglas



Over the past couple of months there has been a bit of a stir in the town about one of its newest residents, a wee blue knitted man with orange hair. Although he originates from a burrow up the Binn, he has over the past two years travelled far and wide and posted his pictures on Facebook for all his friends to see. On June 1<sup>st</sup> his first book was released which is aimed at children and tells the tale of how his adventures began.

Segoli was born in the corner of The Star one Thursday night where for a few years there has been a knitting club where some local ladies meet to knit, chat and drink a little wine. One Thursday night back in 2015 three of them were discussing the fact that some of the toys they had as children are no longer politically correct and that it is a shame you don't see them any more. One thing led to another and they decided to invent a Scottish version of an old favourite and

pretty soon they had written a pattern, been to Mad Murdoch's and bought wool and had him all knitted, stuffed and dressed. (not Mad Murdoch) As mentioned earlier, he set off around the world posting his adventures on his Facebook page and his creators wrote a little children's story about him and sent it off to a couple of publishers just to see what would happen. Nothing happened for a couple of months then back in February, an email was received from Black Wolf Edition Publishing saying that they had found it in their junk email and hoping they weren't too late. From there things took off with stories in the Fife Free Press and Daily Record and he even appeared on the Kaye Adams show on Radio Scotland.

The book was launched in Potter About during Civic Week and is available from Hanselled Books and Mad Murdoch's as well as direct from the publisher and on Amazon.



## Town Twinning - Return to Flekkefjord



Last year we had a great success when the youth of our Twin Town, Flekkefjord in Norway visited Burntisland. In August we shall see the return journey as the youth of Burntisland will spend a week in Flekkefjord with their host families. A really packed programme has been arranged for the Burntisland youngsters by the team in Flekkefjord. They will experience what life living with a Norwegian family is like. The young people will also take part in the celebrations which are being held then to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Flekkefjord. In addition, six adults from Burntisland will be making private visits to Norway at the end of the exchange to join in the Flekkefjord anniversary celebrations.

In September we will be starting to search for a new group of young people to continue the Exchange programme in 2018 and 2019. We would encourage anyone with a child 13 to 15 in 2018 to consider taking part in this Burntisland tradition which dates back to 1946. Anyone interested should contact George Kay Tel: 874780



## First Aid update

by Alex. Macdonald.

Eleven hardy members are nearing the end of a challenging new course which will give them one of the most robust qualifications available to first aid volunteers. We have always set a very

high standard and it's something we will continue to do well into the future.

However, we know that everyone has to start at a simpler level. So our next public evening class – which starts in September – will lead to the equivalent of a 3-day certificate in First Aid at Work. It's widely recognised for employment purposes throughout the UK.

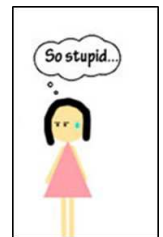
But all of those skills are useless unless they are put into practice. So since the last issue of the Burgh Buzz we have attended over 30 events in Errol, Bridge of Allan, Dunblane and Ingliston, as well as locations throughout Fife. We've dealt with physical injuries and medical conditions – including one person who stopped breathing until we intervened. Thankfully, however, most of our patients were less dramatic and their injuries could be resolved relatively easily.

More problematic – and mind-blowingly stupid – was the theft of our defibrillator from outside the Co-op. It's there for one purpose only and that is to re-start a heart which has stopped. It's completely useless to anyone whose heart is beating, but if it is to be used at all it must be within a very few minutes of a cardiac arrest. As a temporary measure the Scottish Ambulance Service has very kindly loaned a replacement defibrillator so there is still an immediate source of help in time of need.

The defibrillator was bought from a huge number of public donations so its loss has been felt throughout our community. Anyone with information should please share it with me or with the police, quoting incident number 2276.

On a happier note, we continue to be in great demand and already have bookings in our diary for June of next year. To some extent that makes up for the countless short-notice requests which we've had to turn down this year. It's a nice problem to have, but one which we can resolve only with more volunteers and more resources.

All enquiries are welcome, either to [alex\\_mac@btinternet.com](mailto:alex_mac@btinternet.com) or via our website at



## Toll Community Centre

After celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday last year the Toll Centre has reached another milestone this year by becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and the formal name for 'The Toll' is now the Toll Community Centre. The Management Committee hope that this better represents exactly what the Toll Centre is – a building that belongs to the Community of Burntisland.

The main priority for the Toll Community Centre this year is replacing the 41 year old, oil fired boiler and upgrading the radiators in the building so that heating can be better controlled. Currently the heating is either on or off, and can't be adjusted – which is costly and inefficient. We will be seeking grant funding to help meet the sizeable cost of a new system, but first we need to raise around £6,000 ourselves. So far this year we've held a successful indoor car boot and craft sale, and a fabulous fitness fundraiser. Later in the

summer (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August) there will be a Family BBQ and the brilliant No!Sun are back in November – look out for tickets from the Toll Community Centre office. In addition we are lucky enough to have the support of the Co-op Community Fund – please make sure that you apply for and use a membership card every time you shop in the Co-op so that local charities can benefit.

We appreciate that some people want to support the Toll Community Centre but can't make it along to our fundraising events, so we have set up a MyDonate page to make it as easy as possible for people to contribute to the Boiler Fund and support us with this project, which will be essential for maintaining the Toll Community Centre for many years to come. All donations, big or small are welcome and gratefully received.

The Toll Community Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 7 pm with refreshments after. Everyone is invited to join us and hear more about the Toll Community Centre.



## Burntisland & District Pipe Band

The 2017 pipe band competition season is well under way. This year Burntisland is being represented by a Novice juvenile band which is the first season we have competed in this category for a long time. If you watched the band play on Civic Week parade in Burntisland and Kinghorn or on Games Day you will have seen these children proudly marching in the ranks along with a few adults.

So far the competition band has played at two venues, Markinch and Edinburgh (Princess St Gardens). They intend playing at the Burntisland competition then onto Dumbarton to play in the Scottish championships. This will be followed by The World championships at Glasgow Green in August before completing their season at Pitlochry in September.

It is great once again to see so many young members of our community taking an interest in the band. We would like to encourage more of you to come forward and try for yourself. If you or anyone you know may be interested in being taught either pipes or drums by top grade tutors then please do get in touch via our Facebook page, drop in and meet us or call for more information.

The current age of our novice band ranges from eight to sixteen, both boys and girls, so why not come along and try?

After taking a season out from competing, our adult band has regrouped with the intention of competing in the 2018 season in grade 4A. If you are interested in joining a group of committed players who want to enjoy their hobby and being involved in a team environment, this band is for you! We are especially interested in both pipers and drummers who have not been playing and feel they would like to get back into competing, or just playing in the town band.

## Lifetime Achievement Award for David Adamson

The first recipient of the Burntisland Lifetime Achievement Award is David Adamson. He was presented with his award by Alex MacDonald Chairman of the Community Council, at the civic reception for exiles held on the morning of Games Day.

David received the award in recognition of his energy and selfless dedication in promoting health and well being in Burntisland, particularly amongst the young, for over sixty years. He began his involvement with youth in the Boys Brigade in the 1950s. A keen athlete, he was a regular participant in the sprint competitions at the Highland Games and later passed on the benefits of his experience through the Youth Athletics Club. He served as Chieftain of the Highland Games for many years and although he has given up this post he remains involved in the organisation of the athletics events on games day.

David's sporting activities are not restricted to the athletics field as he remains a keen golfer and is a former captain of the local Golf Club.

One of David's proudest moments was in 2014 when he was afforded the honour of carrying the Queen's Baton through the centre of town on it's way to Glasgow for the opening of the Commonwealth Games.

David was surprised but overjoyed to be the first recipient of this award and expressed satisfaction at having been able to play an active role in the community over an extended period.



# Market Day



Photos courtesy of Ian McCracken

## Live on the Links 2017

**A**fter the successful return of Live on the Links last year, we're back to do it once again on Saturday 12th August from 12-8 pm on the Links bandstand.

This is Burntisland's music festival - Please come along and support this great free event!

Live on the Links began on the bandstand in 1983, with the event continuing off and on at the Links until 2000. We made a comeback in 2008 at the Civic Week marquee and since then we've kept it going in local indoor venues. In 2016 we returned to use the bandstand for its intended purpose, and it was great to have a good turnout from locals.

This year we've put together a line-up of nine acts playing various styles of music, including rock, blues, punk, ghetto acid and acoustic numbers as well. See our Facebook page for the full line-up - [facebook.com/liveonthelinks](https://www.facebook.com/liveonthelinks)

We'll also have a beer tent available for refreshments. So bring your family and enjoy some free live music - of course it's going to be a lovely sunny day!



## A Bright Future for our Champion Golfer

**P**orscha Wilson, the recently crowned Ladies Champion of Burntisland Golf House Club, as well as retaining her home title is enjoying an extremely busy and successful season. She kicked off by playing in glorious weather in the Cyprus Youth Open, coming 21<sup>st</sup> and gaining valuable European ranking points. This was followed by a trip to Dublin where she took part in the Irish Girls Open in very windy conditions. Other results included coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Under 16 Tour at Turnhouse and 18<sup>th</sup> in the Munross Trophy at Montrose. However, a highlight of the season was representing Fife in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuthbertson Cup (inter-county) when Fife won both sets of singles 4 - 0 to lift the trophy for the first time since 2005. Porscha's season continued with participation in the Scottish Women's Amateur Championship at Royal Aberdeen where atrocious weather led to the cancellation of the second round. Nevertheless, her 34<sup>th</sup> position saw her qualify for the match-play, knockout stage in which she lost at the nineteenth hole, despite playing very well. In early June she finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the Stephen Gallacher Foundation Trophy at MacDonald Cardrona. Also in June she retained her Fife Schools Championship title at Kirkcaldy Golf Club. This was followed by continued success at her home club in which she retained her Ladies Championship title against seasoned veteran Dorothy Peterson.



Porscha's busy schedule continues with participation in the Scottish and English Girls Championships and in the English Girls Under 16 competition. Later, she will play in the Alfred Dunhill Links Schools Challenge on the Dukes Course at St Andrews and by the time this issue of the Buzz is distributed she will have played in the Pro-am tournament prior to the Scottish Ladies Open held at Dundonald Links. Invitation to play in this latter event was issued by Scottish Golf in recognition of Porscha's commitment and considerable progress.

We wish Porscha every success in her blossoming career in golf and feel sure that she will achieve honours at national level in the near future.

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# Burntisland Civic Week



This year saw a new committee take on the challenge of organising Civic Week, and we were rewarded with brilliant sunshine on parade day. The parade route was extended down to Harbour Place and it was wonderful to see so many people out along the length of the High Street supporting us.

The colourful TV & Film themed parade featured some great costumes and characters, with the Scouts, Guides, and Playgroup all playing a prominent role. A youthful Pipe Band and the ATC led the parade to KingdomFM's roadshow in the Links car park.

Thanks to Adrina Wallace for organising this year's Royal Party, and to Citizen of the Year Mary Brownlee for crowning the Summer King & Queen in the Parish Church.

Civic Week began with the shop window competition which saw Wid Tinks winning 1st prize for their excellent Wizard of Oz display, ahead of Potter About and Boho Chic. Other highlights included the packed quiz at the Sands Hotel, and a busy open mic night at Potter About.

Des and the Dingoes rounded off Civic Week with another full house at The Star on a sunny final afternoon. King Blair & Queen Ann also performed their duties by opening the Bowling competition, and overseeing the Sailing club race.

We had a good turnout for the sandcastle competition and scavenger hunt on Beach Day, but unfortunately the raft race couldn't take place due to strong winds. Inclement weather of rain and high

winds again prevented the rescheduled race from taking place on 22nd July.

A provisional date of 5th August has been set for the race to take place but keep track of developments on Facebook.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Civic Week funds through our collection buckets on parade day, at Des and the Dingoes or in our tins in shops and pubs.

As ever, we are grateful for the support from all our sponsors: Arnold Clark, BiFab, Briggs Marine, Call-Clean Dry Cleaners, C&M Seafoods, Exxon, Fife Council, Jubilee Tavern, Lodge Dunearn, Print & Sign Centres, Romano's, Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn, Scott Pallets and Tom Courts Burntisland Butchers.

We're always looking for additional volunteers to help with the smooth running of Civic Week. If you wish to help in any way or if you have feedback/suggestions, please message our Facebook page or email us: [burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com](mailto:burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com)





Photos courtesy of Michael Booth

# BEAVERS\* cubs\* SCOUTS\* EXPLORERS\*



Both Beaver sections have been working on their Health & Fitness Activity Badge, learning how to keep healthy, looking after their teeth and discovering what foods are good for them. We took part in an exploration walk around town where beavers learned about the air raid shelter under the railway and the roll-on roll-off rail ferry.

By Beaver Scout Leader Kerry Laing



This term the Cubs have worked hard on our Cyclist Badge and spent a lot of time working on the different elements of our Scottish Challenge Badge. One of our activities involved a visit to a place of religious significance and with the Parish Church next door, having an amazing history of its own, we were delighted to pay a visit there. We had a camp at Fordell Firs where both Monday and Thursday Cubs camped together and enjoyed a great weekend. We were also busy preparing for the civic week parade making our pirate flags.

By Cub Scout Leader Michelle Paton.



Our summer term had a real outdoor theme as we ventured outside as much as possible to experience the joys of the Scottish weather. We began with a Patrol camp at Wemyss Firs where our Scouts developed their traditional Scouting skills, cooking their own meals on open fires while putting their knife, axe and saw skills into action. The main focus of this term has been the You Shape Award, where our Scouts took the lead in shaping their own program of activities which included a sausage sizzle and a team baking challenge.

Towards the end of term we camped at Crook of Devon where our Scouts worked on navigation skills during a hike, had a mini beast hunt in the local river, took part in archery sessions, and generally had lots of fun.

We are also looking forward to welcoming new members to our growing Scout Group when we start an additional Scout Troop after the summer. Anyone who is interested in helping to support this or any other section please get in touch at [11thFife@gmail.com](mailto:11thFife@gmail.com) as there is a role for you.



EXPLORERS

The Explorers had an exciting term working on their Survival Skills badge. We did some map reading and route cards and we spent several weeks helping to prepare for the civic week parade and building and decorating our soap box for the first ever Scout soap box race which took place in Beveridge Park this year. Our soap box proved to be the fastest there. Our teams did us proud on the day and lots of fun was had by all.



11th Fife (Burntisland)

All Sections took part in the Civic Week Parade with a very successful year winning the best Group Fancy Dress for our Pirates of the

Caribbean theme. We had a fun night for the End of Term that had to be moved indoors due to the rather soggy weather, but lots of new members were invested, top awards distributed and new leaders were invested having completed their initial training.







## Burntisland Amateur Swimming Club Update

by Derek Burke

It's been a very busy first-half of 2017 with Burntisland swimmers involved in the following competitions: East District Age Groups, Carnegie Open Meet, Glenrothes Spring Meet, IM Tough, Incas Distance Meet and four of the five annual Novice & Fife League Meets. The club also held its annual Civic Week Sprints competition on the 20th June at the

Beacon Leisure Centre. In addition to many individual 'personal best' swims, these events have produced some notable results.

### New Club Records:

Girls 50m Backstroke, Grace Kellas, 39.41secs

Girls 100m Backstroke, Grace Kellas, 1 min 26.84 secs

### Civic Weeks Sprint Winners:

7 and Under Girls Champion, Leanne Murray

7 and Under Boys Champion, Sam Milroy

9 and Under Girls Champion, Eilidh McNicol

9 and Under Boys Champion, George Burke

11 and Under Girls Champion, Eilidh McKelvie

11 and Under Boys Champion, Robbie Burke

12 and Over Girls Champion, Ailsa Kellas

12 and Over Boys Champion, George Mansfield

For many of our younger swimmers the East District Age Groups meet was their first time competing in a 50-metre pool at a higher level competition. The Novice & Fife League meets also gave them a chance to showcase their water skills with many personal best times achieved. Their hard work is paying off!

And congratulations to some of our more experienced swimmers: Ailsa Kellas, Andrew Norby, Hayley Nimmo, and George Mansfield have been selected to represent Fife in the 13th Twin Town Olympiad in Boblingen, Germany. They are just about to head off to this competition (at the time of writing) where they'll be competing against swimmers from across Europe. Look out for an update on their European adventure in the next issue of the Buzz!



The club is also delighted to publicly announce that Martin Turner was appointed head coach at the start of 2017. Martin is a well-kent face at BASC as he began his involvement thirteen years ago when his two children, Rebecca and Greg, joined the club. A volunteer, Martin began as a timekeeper and poolside helper before progressing to a teacher then a coach. During this progression he achieved teaching and senior coaching qualifications that have allowed him to play a senior role in training camps at home and abroad as well as regional swimming programmes.

"I am thrilled to be the new head coach at BASC" said Martin. "We have an excellent group of enthusiastic swimmers and volunteers helping, teaching and coaching. We have strong foundations to build upon and I'm looking forward to a period of sustained success for the club".

And finally, BASC is always looking for new swimmers. If you're five years or older and can swim one full length of the pool then why not come along to the Beacon any Tuesday night from 6.15 -

7pm for a chat or even an assessment. A Masters swimming squad is also available and more info about the club can be found at [www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk) or contact us at [bascenquiries@hotmail.com](mailto:bascenquiries@hotmail.com)



**BASC at East District Age Groups Meet**

## Burntisland Shipyard AFC

by Andrew Beveridge



A huge amount of work has taken place over the ever shortening close season as the management team go about building two squads, yes two squads, as the Club will run an Under 20 team in the

Lowland/EOS U/20 Development League alongside the first team.

The matches take place on Friday nights which unfortunately means the games will have to take place out of town due to the need for floodlights. The Club has secured a slot at New Central Park, Kelty where the games will be played. To help with the running of the U/20 team the Club has appointed John Shaw and Gary Cunningham to the coaching staff. John has a wealth of experience having been involved in youth football for many years. Gary coaches the Fife schools U/18 team therefore,

he is well aware of the young emerging talent which will hopefully stand us in good stead in the future.

Additionally, Ryan Connor has joined the Club to coach all the goalkeepers. It goes without saying that everyone will be hoping for a vast improvement on last season's disappointments and early signs are very encouraging given the calibre of the players signed and the performance of the team in the pre-season friendlies that have been played so far.

As was hinted at in the last Buzz article, our League has received a massive boost with local big guns Kelty Hearts joining the pyramid structure and they will provide formidable opposition to not just the Shipyard but every club in the league. Hopefully with a more competitive team on the park and a more attractive league we will see more of you at "The Shippy" over the coming months.

Off the park the Club is endeavouring to upgrade access and cover for disabled spectators and we would hope to have the work completed by the end of September.



## 775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

Cadets and Staff have been busy over the past few months, participating in a wide variety of events and activities. During April, several cadets assisted in a hedge planting in Kinghorn with the Fife Bat Group. Some of these cadets also participated in the Inter-Squadron Athletics. During June, many cadets helped out at the Thirlestane Vintage Car Rally that was held in Lauder.

They also paraded as part of the Crowning of the Summer King & Queen festivities in Burntisland and joined with the Glenrothes and Thornton Squadron at the Benarty Gala.

Armed Forces Day saw Cadets and staff bag packing at Morrisons in



Banner party at the Summer Queen Parade.

Cowdenbeath to raise funds for Horseback UK which is a charity that helps wounded servicemen and women by introducing them to horses. Through working with the horses amongst a like-minded group, service personnel who had been mentally and physically scarred can regain their confidence and dignity, especially in the case of amputees' mobility.



Cadets at Thirlestane Vintage Car rally

Activities planned for the future include fundraising, Camps at JHC Aldergrove, East Fortune Airshow and the Royal International Air Tattoo. The squadron is currently recruiting cadets and staff, so if you are interested in finding out what we have to offer, come in to the squadron HQ at the Unity Hall which is located at the Junction of Links Street and East Leven Street. We parade on Monday & Thursday evenings from 19:00 to 21:30.

## The Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn



As the current Rotary year comes to an end, president Rita Attewell can look back on yet another successful and active 12 months in terms of service to others and internal sharing of interests and

of Rotary Rambles.

Speakers at the Club's weekly meetings have taken the members all over the world – from the Wild West to Ethiopia, from the Atlas mountains of Morocco to NW Canada, from Spain to Uzbekistan.

experiences.

The club raised some £7000; while £2000 was spent on international Rotary projects such as the elimination of polio, the remaining £5000 was spent on initiatives centred on young people, and especially on local community groups. In the primary school, Rita's Rotakids raised more than £400 for Children in Need from their art work. And seventy-two pupils from P5 were awarded impressive certificates for their eager participation in the 12<sup>th</sup> round



Rotary Rambles at Kinghorn Loch

Most importantly, however, this year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's foundation. In 1982, founding president Walter Anderson, who remains a very active member, presided over the Charter Dinner in the Hotel Ambassador in Kirkcaldy. Current members Alick Grant and Jim Murphy were also founder members. (Jim's parachute jump in 1988 raised £750). The Club meet every Tuesday in the Sands at 6.30. Potential members are always welcome.

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## Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub

**A** Community Sport Hub was first formed in the area in 2012, it's main aim having been the establishment of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Beacon Centre. Once this was achieved the Hub became inactive but has recently been reformed under the leadership of Jamie Moffat.

### Community sport hubs provide a home for sport.

Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub brings together sport clubs and key local partners who want to develop and grow the sporting offering in the community. The group focuses on sustainable, community-led approaches that get clubs working together to develop welcoming, safe and fun environments for sport. A community sport hub is focused on the clubs around a sports centre, community centre, school, park or a playing field pavilion. In Burntisland & Kinghorn, the community sport hub combines a number of these places. The 'hub' is essentially a collective of progressive sport clubs working together in a local community.

Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub develops its own vision and values in a clear and simple plan, following these five principles:

- Growth in participation
- Understanding community need
- Supporting community leadership
- Offering a range of sports
- Ensuring all the right people are working together

The community sport hub officer plays a fundamental role in bringing key people together. Working in partnership helps to develop community sport hubs and clubs in a sustainable way.

Some of the outcomes that community sport hub officers work towards are:

**Profile** - Raise the awareness and profile of Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub in the local community, Share and promote opportunities to participate in the hub, Celebrate the success of the hub in local communities.

**People** - Support the Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub workforce to develop their knowledge, skills and behaviour. Recruit, retain and develop volunteers to maintain a sustainable community sport hub. Encourage and support the hub to offer leadership opportunities to young people in a range of roles including decision makers, deliverers/coaches, event/competition organisers and technical officials.

**Participation** - Engage with the community to understand local need. Offer a range of sporting opportunities for people to take part in sport. Support and develop effective sporting pathways between schools, education and club sport. Engage with people who may experience barriers to participation to support their inclusion in activity.

### Current Sports Clubs & Organisations involved in the hub:

Active Fife, Active Schools, Beacon Runners, Burntisland Bowling Club, Burntisland Civic Week Organising Committee, Burntisland Golf House Club, Burntisland Primary School, Burntisland Sailing Club, Burntisland Shipyard Football Club, Burntisland Swimming Club, Burntisland Taekwondo, Burntisland Youth Action Group, Craigencait Trust, Kinghorn Bowling Club, Kinghorn Community Centre, Kinghorn Gala Committee, Kinghorn Golf Club, Kinghorn Tennis Club, Kirkcaldy Canoe Club.

Involvement in the Community Sport Hub is open to all clubs and organisations, please contact Jamie Moffat (Community Sport Hub Officer) for more information.

E mail : [jamie.moffatt@fife.gov.uk](mailto:jamie.moffatt@fife.gov.uk)  
Tel: 03451 55 55 55 (ext. 402507)



## Burntisland Golf House Club by Dave McPherson

### Local Golfers to the fore



**Alistair**

**T**he season is now very much in full swing at Dodhead and the Club Championships have just been completed.

This year it was two Inchgarvie Avenue residents who took top honours in the Club's main events.

In the Gents, Alistair McLeod survived the arduous week and came out on top in the 36-hole final against David Thom, the reigning champion. Alistair has come close in previous years and was a relieved man to finally get the 'job done.'

In the Ladies Club Championship it was young Porscha Wilson who successfully defended her title, beating

Dorothy Peterson in the final. Without

being unkind to Dorothy in revealing her age, she had remarked that she, (Dorothy) had been retired longer than Porscha had been alive !!

In the other divisions – Gary Robb won the 'B' Championship, beating John Cooper jun. in the final; Robbie Thom won the Seniors, beating Graham Turzynski; and Sean Hawkins beat Joe Meldrum in the Juniors final. The Ladies Bronze champion is Nicole Smith who took 20 holes to see off our Ladies

Captain, Carol Morrison.

Stroke-play Champion – Scott Brownlie; Handicap Stroke-play champion – Frank Gibb.

Congratulations to them all, and mention should be made about the spirit of friendship that all the matches were played in.

The course remains in great condition thanks to Stevie McAughey and his team, and if you're new to the town and not been up yet, please pay us a visit either for a game or coffee, food or even just a look round.

New memberships are now half price till the end of 2017 so, only £240 for a full member or £200 for a 5-day member / under 30; £137.50 for under 21; £62.50 for under 18.

In particular it would be great to see more ladies playing the game. It's a great way of getting active, enjoying the fresh air and meeting new people at the same time.

For all details please email

[info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk](mailto:info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk) or telephone 01592 874093.



**Porscha**

## Kinghorn Coastal Rowing Club (KCRC)



The Kinghorn Coastal Rowing Club (KCRC) has returned to the sea for the summer and is looking for new members.

We're a very friendly and active club that would welcome new members of all abilities.

We'd love to hear from you whether it's just the rowing you're interested in or if you'd like to help out with some boat maintenance or organising our social calendar. There is a busy summer of training sessions, regattas and social events planned so don't delay, drop us a line and get involved!

For more information including summer rowing times please email us:

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**B**urntisland Bowling Club recently hosted an afternoon of fun and games as a fundraiser for Cancer Research. The 10 teams taking part all had a great time, with lots of laughs throughout the day. Our thanks to Norrie, Jim and Margaret and Jeanette for organising such a great afternoon, and to all the members who gave so generously.

The magnificent sum of £371-50 was raised on the day. Our next event is "Des and the Dingoes" on Sat. 11th November in Burntisland Golf Club. This is always a "Sold Out" evening so be sure to get your tickets early.

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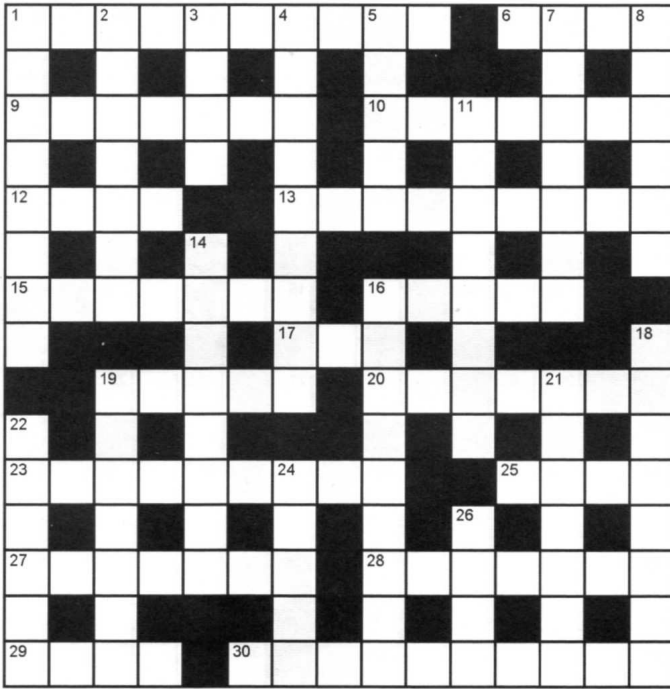
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## ACROSS

1. Self-satisfied (10)
6. Male Deer(4)
9. Ice cream flavour(7)
10. Apart(7)
12. Den(4)
13. Quarrelsome, cross (9)
15. Stress (7)
16. Large scholarly books (5)
17. Weep (3)
19. Drainage channel (5)
20. Go over again (7)
- 23 Large breed of dog (9)
25. ——and means (4)
27. Savoury fruit (7)
28. Paper folding art (7)
29. Twilight (4)
30. Very emotional (10)

## DOWN

1. Politeness (8)
2. Allude to (7)
3. Swinging rhythm (4)
4. Garden bird (9)
5. African Antelope(5)
7. Boring (7)
8. Very gaudy (6)
11. Last (8)
14. London terminus (8)
16. Despotic (9)
18. Sweat (8)
19. Doubtful (7)
21. Southern state (7)
22. Eight English kings (6)
24. Hawaiian greeting (5)
26. Luxurious car, for short 4)

### Solution to Spring Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1 Malefactor, 6 Odds, 9 Chateau, 10 Hearsay, 12 Iris, 13 Tarpaulin, 15 Anguish, 16 Early, 17 Ill, 19 Chimp, 20 Estonia, 23 Costa Rica, 25 Gait, 27 Elected, 28 Oddball, 29 Mind, 30 Exasperate.

**DOWN:** 1 Michigan, 2 Loafing, 3 Fees, 4 Courtship, 5 Other, 7 Display, 8 Spying, 11 Alacrity, 14 Vigilant, 16 Elevators, 18 Bastille, 19 Cistern, 21 Niagara, 22 Scream, 24 Index, 26 Adze.

**CONGRATULATIONS—Our Spring Crossword winner of £25 in vouchers is:**  
**Mrs Carol Herbert,**  
**27 Carlin Craig,**  
**KINGHORN**

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Completed entries by: September 15th 2017 to:  
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 The next issue of the Burgh Buzz.

## Events Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Friday 11th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 12th	Live on the Links	12.00 - 8.00 pm
Sunday 13th	Family BBQ at The Toll Community Centre	Afternoon
Saturday 19th	Messy Church at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Saturday 19th	Coffee and Pancakes morning in Erskine Church Hall	From 10.00 am
Saturday 19th	Defending Fife at Kinghorn Loch )	<b>Historical re-enactment weekend - See page 27</b>
Sunday 20th	Defending Fife at Kinghorn Loch )	
Friday 25th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from Heritage Trust Office, Kirkgate	1.30 pm
Saturday 26th	Summer Reflections at SCI Earthship, Kinghorn Loch	11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Monday 28th	Police Community Engagement Meeting at Burntisland Primary School	6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Friday 8th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Thursday 14th	Toll Community Centre AGM at the Centre	7.00 pm
Saturday 16th	Messy Church at Burntisland Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Friday 29th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from Heritage Trust Office, Kirkgate	1.30 pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Friday 13th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 28th	Messy Church at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Saturday 28th	Harvest Themed Event at SCI Earthship, Kinghorn Loch	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday 28th	Erskine Church Autumn Fayre in the Church Hall	From 10.00 am
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Sunday 5th	Bonfire Night on the Links	6.30 pm onwards
Friday 10th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Thursday 16th	Police Community Engagement Meeting at Burntisland Primary School	6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Saturday 25th	Messy Church at Burntisland Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.30 pm


  
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**Letters:** Set out below is an abridged version of a letter to the CEO Edinburgh Airport by a Burntisland resident which was also given wide distribution to councillors and local and national press. This is a topic of considerable local interest and a response is eagerly awaited.

Dear Mr Dewar,

I urge you to please tell us the current situation regarding Edinburgh Airport flight path trials.

When we moved to Burntisland in Jan 2014 this town suffered little to no noise from passing aircraft. It was lovely, calm, peaceful... the sounds of birds and the sea.

Occasional aircraft noise started which I assumed were one-off re-routings due to weather/air-traffic/etc but it soon became a frequent occurrence. I became aware through other residents that new flight paths were being trialled and it appeared that residents of Fife coastal towns had been kept in the dark by the airport authorities.

Since then there have been two public consultations. I have responded to both and still patiently await the outcome.

The 1st consultation indicated that a large number of people were concerned about aircraft noise. Your campaigns claim to seek and listen to public opinion yet if anything, noise from planes has increased here over the months.

Daytime aircraft noise became more frequent and as I wrote my response to the 1st consultation we experienced a passing plane approx. every 3-10 minutes - I noted each time. I work from home and this is extremely distracting and disturbing to my work and peace of mind.

Annoyance during the day was bad enough but more recently I have been wakened by planes at night, regularly hearing noise for a period of time from around midnight then again

from around 4am. Totally unacceptable. Additionally, there seems to be no pattern to those noisy overhead flights. We do not understand what is going on.

We have no information of what is happening or what is planned. Your lack of communication encourages us to think that views expressed during the consultations have been totally ignored and cast aside as insignificant.

The 2nd consultation was not as easy to respond to as you claimed. It was a complicated online exercise giving no obvious alternative for those less computer literate. A consultation of this magnitude should involve the circulation of relevant information by post to every affected household. Your consultation procedures were confusing and at times evasive.

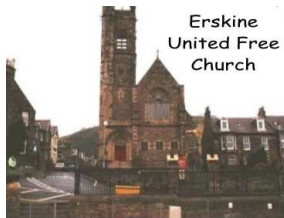
Your plans to alter flight paths from Edinburgh Airport appear predetermined to benefit airport operations with total disregard for the adverse impact on residential areas of Fife. It is widely known that frequent and often intense noise can affect quality of life and mental health.

I urge you to enlighten our communities as to the decisions that are being made regarding long-term flight path operations from Edinburgh Airport.

I look forward to your response.

Jennifer Alexander

**Editor's Note:** The results of the 2nd consultation have recently been announced and can be found at : [letssofarther.com](http://letssofarther.com).



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## Erskine News by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

**F**or some reason everybody's talking about ice cream in Burntisland just now! In days not that long ago, it was a vanilla, strawberry or banana ice cream cone with (maybe) a

chocolate flake for extra excitement, but things have certainly changed in the flavour department since then.

The choice is simply overwhelming, so much so that you have to stand looking at the menu board with your powers of concentration at 100%.

It reminds me of how the church looks from the outside. So many flavours on offer, each one with different traditions, but all still carrying the same message. Here in Burntisland we do work well with each other, at major festivals like Christmas & Easter, but also in just simple stuff like holding our worship services together. That's exactly what the Parish & Erskine

congregations have been doing over 4 Sundays in July.

Summer means holiday visitors to the town, Games Day and that burst of colour and flavour around the Links which only seems to last for such a short time. So what's happening in Erskine?

Next coffee & pancakes morning on Saturday 19 August from 10am in the halls. Then our Autumn Fayre on Saturday 28 October, again from 10am. Everyone's welcome to join us at these events for the usual smorgasbord of Erskine flavours & delights! Keep an eye on the notice boards and Facebook.

I hope you'll find the churches to be a bit more flavoursome than just plain old vanilla. Personally I like salted caramel, though I'm not sure if either Mr Sharp, Mr Norby or Father Brian are quite that exotic — or maybe they are!

Enjoy the summer...

## The Crossing

**The day has arrived! The moment we have all been waiting for is here! The bridge will be open on the 30<sup>th</sup> August!!** Economy Secretary Keith Brown revealed the date the Queensferry Crossing will open to traffic is on the August 30, 2017. This is a day we all in Fife have been looking forward to. In celebration, a 'Once in a Lifetime' opportunity is being given by ballot to 50,000 people to walk over the new bridge on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. Within hours of the ballot opening, 50,000 people had applied from more than 25 countries. Congratulations to those who have been chosen.

Being a Civil/Structural Engineer prior to becoming a minister and living in Fife, I have enjoyed watching the bridge go up and have found some facts about it as listed below:

- Cost of the Bridge was £1.35bn.
- It is 1.7 miles long with its longest span being 650 metres (2,133 ft).
- It is a cable-stayed bridge and is the longest triple tower cable-stayed bridge in the world.
- It has 23,000 miles of cabling that suspends the bridge from three towers - almost enough to wrap around the circumference of the earth.
- It is 207 metres above high tide; that's 50 metres higher than the Forth Road Bridge.
- Construction began in September 2011 and it took 6 years to complete.
- It is considered to be part of the motor way so motor way rules apply.
- It has a state-of-the-art Intelligent Transport System (ITS) which runs along the length of the Queensferry Crossing and connecting roads which is designed to increase the efficiency of the road, reduces congestion and improves road safety. So watch your Speed!



**Throughout September in honour of the opening of the Queensferry Crossing the All Souls Churches (including St Serf's in Burntisland 9:00am) will be doing a series on Sunday Mornings entitled 'The Crossing.'**

*This series will focus on the Lord's Prayer  
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**In it we will look at well-known aspects of the Lord's Prayer such as...**

*Our Father who art in Heaven...*

*Thy Kingdom Come...*

*On Earth as it is in Heaven...*

*Forgive Us as we Forgive Others...*

Come along and explore with us how to connect with God and enjoy the New Bridge when it opens.

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## Craigenalt Trust News by Marilyn Edwards

**A**lthough Kinghorn Loch is active all year round, the wildlife really steps up a gear by late spring when new broods of duckling, coots and many other birds appear. Folk may have heard through the local press that our

resident male swan got caught up in fishing line and died, leaving the female swan to hatch her eggs and rear cygnets on her own. The good news is that she has five healthy cygnets that follow her closely around in the water. Extra vigilance from local helpers and support by the SSPCA, the canoe club and one of our Trustees has helped produce this excellent result. The sports clubs too are busy with competitive events and regattas in the summer months. Visitors can watch a range of weekend sports activities and relax with refreshments at the 'Barn at the Loch' cafe, making it a great place to come.

The annual meeting for Friends of the Trust was held in May. This year the emphasis was on making it a social event with some quizzes, mystery places to guess and the annual photo competition.

In June the Trust visited the medicinal garden of Solaripe at



Craigenalt Farm. There were lots to take in about the therapies that many herbal plants offer. It proved a very relaxing afternoon strolling through the garden and finishing with sampling some herbal teas prepared by Simone.

Also in June, the Walking Group visited Wemyss Castle Gardens and the nearby School of Needlework. This was a walk with a difference with the garden resplendent in glorious colour and the lily pond stocked with some sizeable carp. The visit finished with a look at the needlework on display at the school before walking back to West Wemyss. Our latest visit of the summer was to a local nature reserve at Puddledub, hosted by Gerald Lincoln, to view a busy Sand Martin bank, and other interesting projects run by this local enthusiast.

Trust volunteers are always busy throughout the summer months, as this is a time of high maintenance when paths become overgrown and project work continues. We always require extra hands to help with this, so if you like to become involved in the work we do and can spare a few hours of your time please get in touch by phone on 01592 891330 or contact us on [info@craigenalttrust.org.uk](mailto:info@craigenalttrust.org.uk) or visit our website [www.craigenalttrust.org.uk](http://www.craigenalttrust.org.uk) if you would like to learn more about us.

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### The SCI Earthship

SCI at the Earthship at Kinghorn Loch is looking forward to seeing you at their community events this year – the summer event, Summer Reflections is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 11-3pm. A day of games, stories and activities to connect with nature in the wildflower Life Labyrinth. Food and refreshments provided.

The autumnal event on Oct 28th 2-6pm is a Harvest-themed family-friendly free event with hot food, storytelling and music. Donations are always welcome. People will be gently

encouraged to look at their footprint on the Earth whilst re-using materials and meeting new friends at the same time.

For more information please contact [paula@sci-scotland.org.uk](mailto:paula@sci-scotland.org.uk), 01592 891884, [www.sci-scotland.org.uk](http://www.sci-scotland.org.uk).

In addition to the community event we are also delighted to offer Autumn outdoor adventures for 7-12 year olds at Wolf Ways Oct 17th-20th inclusive. 9-5pm £25/day. Look out for their Xmas Fair too on Dec 9th at the Barn at the Loch.

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### Mary's Meals - Clothes Collection by Ann Smith



**F**rom 15th -18th May, the Parish Church Hall and Solid Rock on the High Street were open to receive all types of unwanted textile goods. The collection was a great

success with 270 bags being donated, which raised £780. Good clothing items were taken to be sold at Mary's Meals charity shop in Inverkeithing.

Recycling these materials generates money which Mary's Meals can use to feed some of the world's poorest children. It costs £13.90 to feed a child at a Mary's Meals centre for a year, which is equal to three bags of recycled rags. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

Pictured are Anne & Alec Taylor, along with Ann Smith and the bags donated to Mary's Meals



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## News from The Ecology Centre

by **Jenny Robertson**

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**W**e would like to thank everyone who came along to our Summer Festival in May. It was a great day and we were pleased that the drizzly weather didn't put people off! As well as the Summer Festival we've been keeping the kids entertained during the holidays with our programme of activities, from Mud Dragon Parties, Pirate Puzzle adventures to Unicorn Magic - it's all been going on!

### Andy Pay wildlife blogger

We're excited to have local Burntisland resident Andy Pay on board as our first 'blogger' – he's bringing us regular insights, pictures and information about all the different types of wildlife around Kinghorn Loch.

Andy has recently moved to Burntisland with his wife Helen - all the way from Cornwall! Andy is a keen bird watcher, but in recent years he's branched out into other wildlife, especially butterflies, moths, dragonflies and (his current passion) hoverflies! After a visit to The Ecology Centre and chatting to him about the site and all the different types of wildlife here, he was keen to get involved. You can find his latest blog on our website.

### The Ecology Centre's Tool Shed – great sewing machine hunt!

The Ecology Centre in Kinghorn operates a Tool Shed, which is part of the fast growing Men's Sheds movement.

The Tool Shed runs three tool refurbishing workshops every week. These workshops are facilitated by a workshop supervisor and a fantastic group of volunteers. The Tool Shed primarily refurbish tools, but they also refurbish sewing machines. There's a shortage of Singer sewing machines just now, and the Tool Shed are on the hunt for any unused, unwanted or broken ones that could be refurbished and recycled.

The Tool Shed works with Global Concerns Trust, a Scottish based charity that aims to reduce poverty and empower vulnerable people through partnering organisations that implement sustainable grassroots development projects.

The refurbished sewing machines are shipped to Malawi and are used by Global Concern's partners MACOHA and KODO, to provide vocational tailoring training. If you have any old or broken Singer sewing machines lingering in the loft, even the old 'hand cranked' or treadle style black Singer sewing machines – then we would love to hear from you! Any Singer sewing machine donated will be considered for refurbishment or their parts will be re-used.

Sewing machines can be dropped off at The Ecology Centre between 9am and 4pm,

### Starting from scratch

Our Starting from Scratch – beginners guide to growing your own vegetables drop in sessions are proving popular! Our gardener Eliza has been growing an array of tasty fruit and vegetables and sharing her top tips on how to get your vegetable garden started. The remaining sessions for the season are on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August** and **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. These sessions are **FREE**, fun and family friendly. Everyone is welcome! Please book on our website or call us to confirm.

### Photography competition

We will be finalising the photos to be used in our calendar shortly, but if you've taken a great picture at The Ecology Centre or around Kinghorn Loch there's still time to submit one. Send your picture to [admin@theecologycentre.org](mailto:admin@theecologycentre.org)

### Family Sundays at Kinghorn Loch

Our Family Sundays for the summer are on the first Sunday of the month. We will be creating something beautiful from Recycled Paper Beads on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August and making bird feeders and paper pots made from recycled newspaper on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - all for just £1. These events are popular so early booking via our website is recommended.

### Finally...

Come and join us on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August for our FREE 'Eco-fest Fun Day' from 12 noon – 4pm. Create your own energy on our blender and generator bikes, watch worms at work, enjoy local fruit and veggies and much more. This is set to be a great family fun day out just in time for the end of the summer holidays. Hope to see you there!





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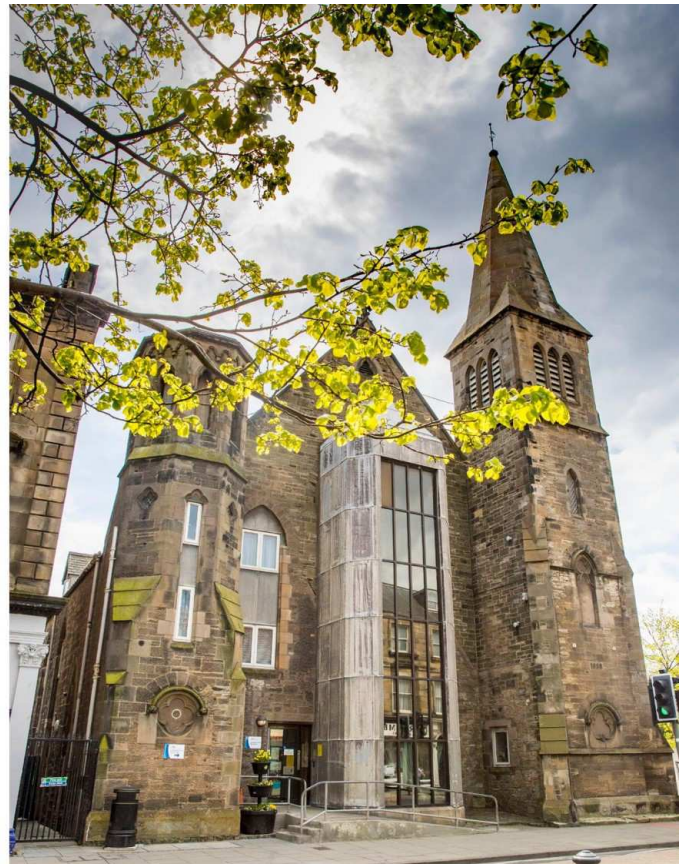
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**Tuesday**

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**

Pilates	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
Pilates	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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