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## Historic Kirkton Churchyard Reopens



**O**n a bright Palm Sunday afternoon and under clear, blue skies, a congregation of over 70 witnessed the official reopening of the old church and churchyard at the Kirkton. The ceremony took the form of a simple service conducted by the leaders of all four local churches before they led the faithful on their traditional Palm Sunday walk, visiting all the churches in the town.

This event was the culmination of a four year, joint project led by Burntisland Heritage Trust and involving Fife Council and Councillors, the local Community Council and local organisations. Under the guidance of Historic Environment Scotland, the project group has saved the ruins of the 13<sup>th</sup> century church from complete collapse.

The conservation project had involved considerable research of the entire site before removal of invasive vegetation from the church ruin and careful restoration using traditional materials and techniques. Gravestones have also been researched, repaired and rendered safe. The entire area has been completely transformed into an attractive amenity with new paths, interpretation panels and benches

kindly donated by local firm Archway Metal. It offers a comfortable and relaxing environment for visitors to explore this national monument of considerable historical interest.

The Heritage Trust has produced a very informative leaflet which graphically explains the site's history, identifies gravestones of particular interest and touches on the extent of the restoration programme. This leaflet will be distributed to all of the primary school families in the next term, is readily available in the Public Library, in the Cooperative Stores located in the High Street and in Church Street opposite the site.

Any prospective visitor is advised to consult beforehand, the Heritage Trust website <http://www.kirktonoldchurch.org.uk> which covers in great detail all aspects of this historic site.

The project team must be commended for completing this difficult, and at times, contentious project, which has not only preserved a most valuable historic monument, but has also transformed a dilapidated eyesore into yet another attractive amenity for our town.

# BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

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## From the Editor

I commence this editorial with an apology to the Romano family for failing to include an appropriate obituary for Sergio Romano in the Winter issue of the Buzz.

Although the Buzz does not have a regular obituary column, a tribute to Sergio was discussed at a meeting of the Editorial Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. As the February issue of the Buzz would not be published for some three months, I considered that unless we received a request from the family, we would not include an obituary in that edition. Given the subsequent level of support from within the community to raise funds for a memorial bench, this was clearly an error of judgement on my part, for which I apologise.

In mitigation, I must point out that the Buzz editorial team is not made up of professional journalists chasing stories within the community. We are a small group of volunteers who every three months, spend many hours collating articles from regular and occasional contributors. We arrange distribution of the printed version throughout the town. Additionally, we seek advertisements, the revenue from which pays for the printing of the hard copy and expenses associated with the website. Any modest surplus is ploughed back into the community. We have resolved to continue to do so.

The principal aims of the Buzz are to promote community spirit, stimulate interest and debate on local issues, and to provide a free means of communication for local people and community organisations. I consider that my team in the main, achieves these objectives. We are always willing to publish letters of criticism provided the content is not offensive.

Speaking of which, my team did not deserve the negative and abusive rants that, in the weeks following the publication of our last issue, were posted on the Burntisland Facebook Group Page. Collectively as a committee, we can take these abuses on the chin. However, this episode has served to demonstrate how disrespectful and hurtful social media can be. The next occasion, and there will be one, may be directed against an individual who may not be so resilient.

Perhaps it is time for Admin of the Burntisland Facebook Group Page to review its standards.

On a more pleasant note, the Burntisland community is to be commended for the manner in which it collectively responded to the problems resulting from "The Beast from the East".

Neighbours looked after each other, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, and those with appropriate equipment and vehicles selflessly offered to help others. Walking routes to the school were cleared, though Fife decided to shut all schools. Although the town was virtually cut off for a few days - no buses or trains and few food deliveries - no major mishaps or tragedies occurred, due in part to our ability and willingness to help each other. Well done Burntisland.

**Bill Kirkhope (Editor)**

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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.

- We're delighted to welcome Phillip Atkinson as a new member of the Community Council.
- Healthy progress is being made in raising funds towards Christmas lights. A bingo night, coffee morning, raffles, counter collections and individual donations are all helping to bring the purchase of new lights a step closer.
- We're concerned at the lack of consistency from Police Scotland in their dealings with different Community Councils. We also regret the absence of meaningful information on crime prevention and detection. As advised by the Justice Secretary, we will be raising those concerns with senior officers.
- Local people responded superbly to the recent heavy snowfall by using social media to carry out good-Samaritan responses. Grateful thanks are extended to all who took part. In contrast, Fife Council officials did not trigger the local resilience plan which is in place for exactly that purpose. As a result, the well-being of vulnerable local people had been compromised. Basically, social media worked and the official channels didn't. Talks are in hand to prevent a recurrence.
- Flooding on Cowdenbeath Road and at Starleyburn is being investigated by Fife Council, the Community Council and other agencies in order that the best remedial action can be taken for the long term.
- We are awaiting sight of a proposal to develop part of the Roundhouse car park. It would mean losing even more seasonal parking spaces if it goes ahead and might also be an inappropriate development next to the Links Conservation Area.
- The project to conserve the Kirkton churchyard and re-open it to public access has now been concluded, with hugely positive responses all-round.
- The prolonged closure of the Kinghorn Loch Road has caused major difficulty but little surprise. We have made it clear that the process has been badly managed from the outset and must not be repeated in any future development in or near to the town.
- Thanks to Hurd Rolland architects, we now have outline proposals to improve the environment at the Lammerlaws and to make it more accessible as a viewpoint. We will be inviting comments from residents in the vicinity before taking the proposal further.
- A partnership has been selected to carry out a feasibility study on the development, conservation and potential use of the Burgh Chambers complex. The work comprises a mixture of enterprise and architectural skills and will be carried out over the next few months.

## Your Community Council

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

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# The Burgh Polis

By P C Elizabeth James



Over the last few months we are pleased to report that there has been a reduction of reported crime in the Burntisland area. This equates to a 52% reduction in March 2018, compared with the same time last year. We shall not become complacent with this however and will continue with our daily patrols and dedicated ASBO patrols at weekends.

Speeding motorists are still a concern for the Burntisland area and we will endeavour to be out with the speed gun as often as we can, in areas that have been identified as problematic. From the spring onwards we will be assisted in this work by the Community Speed Watch Team and we are always looking for new volunteers if this is something that any of our local residents are interested in.

In the coming month we are hoping to have the first of our drop in clinics which are replacing the Community Engagement Meetings. These clinics will be held for an hour initially however if there is a requirement, we will expand the hours. Once we have confirmed the location we will post this information along with the times and date on our Twitter page and also put up notices around the town.

In March 2018, PC Black (school liaison) and Amber Watch from Kirkcaldy SFRS visited Burntisland Primary school and carried out a fire safety input with the Primary 7 classes. This was well received by the pupils who asked some pertinent questions.

Contact email addresses for your community officers are as follows:-

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A School Visit

## Community Fund

Thanks to generous seed funding from Tom Courts Burntisland Butchers, the Community Council can offer small grants to local groups whose activities help to benefit Burntisland. We've topped up the fund with a modest contribution from our own reserves, so here is what's possible.

- Grants of £25 to £150 are available, though most will be at the lower end of that range.
- Groups must be located in Burntisland.
- Applications must be made in writing – either hard copy or e-mail – to the Secretary of the Community Council.
- Applications can be for any purpose except for projects which have already been completed.
- Applications should show how the grant would make a difference.
- Grants will be normally decided at Spring and Autumn meetings of the Community Council.
- Grants will not normally be made for personal items.
- There will be a maximum of one grant per group per year.

We do want to make a difference, but clearly we're targeting small projects for groups which have limited reserves. Grants have already been made to the Over 70's Christmas Treat, Burntisland Heritage Trust, Town Twinning, Floral Action Burntisland, the Wednesday Club and Broomhill Community Garden Kids Club. So if your group has a small project in mind, we'd like to hear from you.

The next round of grants will be made in the autumn, so applications should please be with our Secretary by August.



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## Scott Receives Community Award



On the evening of 20th February a civic reception was held in our historic Burgh Chambers in honour of the 2018 Civic Award winner Scott Sweatton. As the 37th recipient of the award, Scott was presented with the Citizen's Shield and a unique, personalised certificate crafted by local artist and calligrapher, Duncan Gillfillan. In his address to the large gathering of dignitaries and guests, Alex MacDonald, Chairman of the Community Council, expanded on the valuable contributions that Scott had made to improving the quality of life of the Burntisland community over a number of years. Scott's principal achievement has been the establishment of Floral Action Burntisland (FAB), through which he has galvanised many individuals and organisations into helping to make the environment more attractive. Although floral enhancement is FAB's principal aim, Scott has proved to be the inspiration and catalyst for schools, youth organisations, local traders and community organisations to take pride in and maintain the town's

natural amenities. Scott, a nurse by profession, was also the driving force behind the fund raising for the establishment of a defibrillator outside the local Primary School.

In his acceptance speech, Scott explained that he had been involved in charity work since his early teens in Kirkcaldy and considered that his early experience with the Red Cross guided him towards a career in nursing. However, following graduation and having secured a permanent nursing post, this did not prevent him from continuing with his charitable work. He joined the Samaritans and rapidly became heavily involved in fund-raising and publicity. Eventually, pressure of work in a new nursing position forced him to give up voluntary work for a period. However, it was never far from his mind, as he settled down to raise his family in Burntisland some 11 years ago. Lo and Behold! - he was presented with an opportunity that he could not refuse when he attended a preparatory meeting of a floral enhancement group and was offered the chairmanship - this new appointment was easier to accept than to explain his acceptance of this new responsibility to his "very understanding" wife Leanne!

Scott humbly thanked those who had nominated him for the award but most of all his family and the very many members of FAB and the community at large, without whom he would have achieved nothing. Following the speeches, all attendees enjoyed a sumptuous finger buffet and light refreshments in an extremely happy and convivial atmosphere.

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## Central Burntisland Tenants and Residents Association (CBITRA)

by Iain Ralph

We are a newly formed Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) and our aims are simple.

We are attempting to improve the area we live in by working with residents of the TRA and in conjunction with Burntisland Community Council and Fife Council to make the whole town a better and safer place to live.

Our primary objectives are.

- Addressing waste management issues (bins, fly tipping, littering and dog fouling and seagulls).
- Parking, with particular attention to parking problems at and around the railway station.
- Underage drinking and vandalism, working with the Safer Fife Team and Fife Constabulary.
- Investigating the ownership and re-use for the good of the whole town, of the site on which the old Picture House once stood.

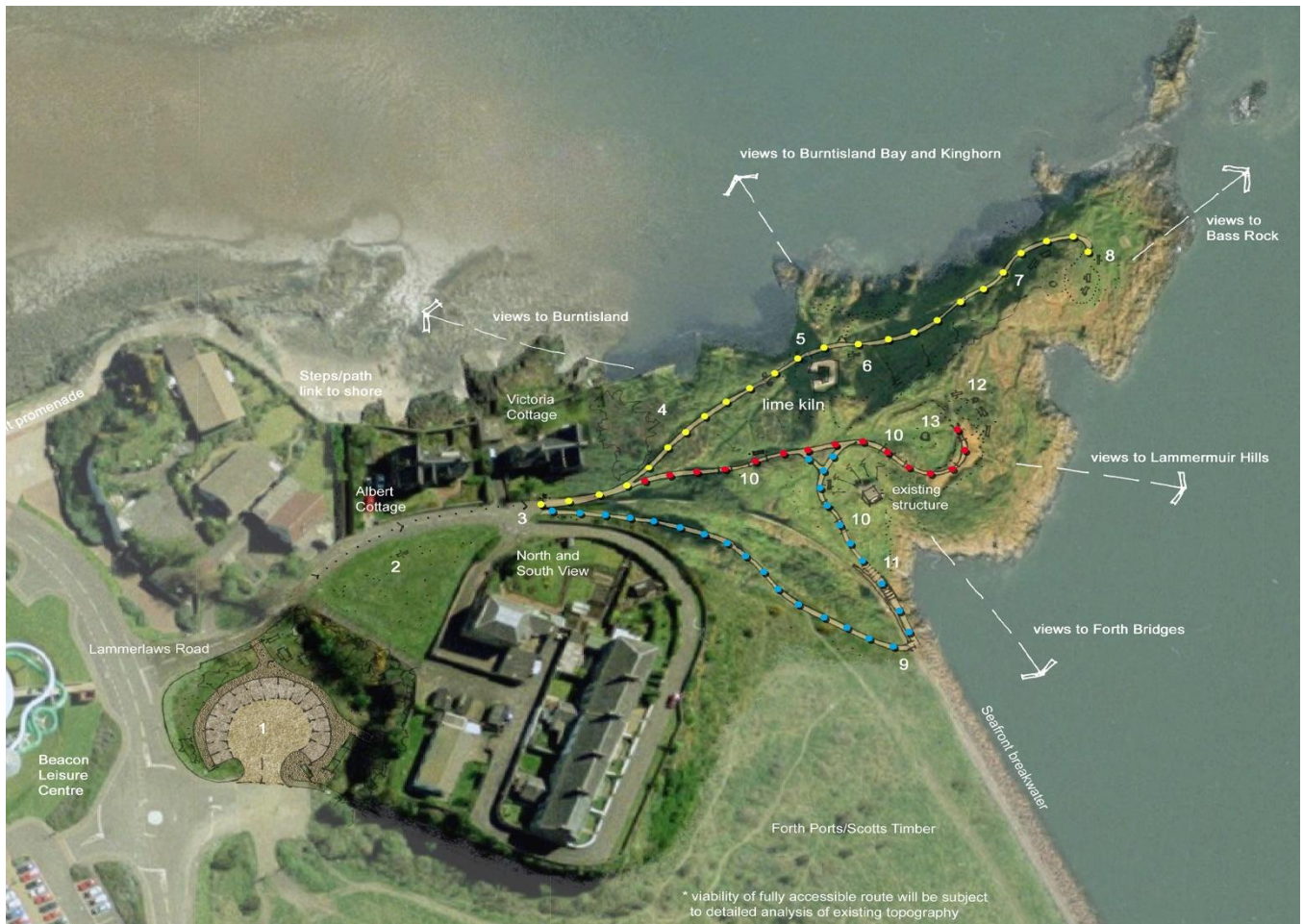
Central Burntisland Tenants and Residents Association covers the area from the Parish Church, down the Kirkgate and across the High St to the Museum of Communication, along the High St to the Railway Bridge, down Harbour place over the Railway Foot bridge and along West Leven St back to the Parish Church. If you live within the confines of these boundaries please come along to our meetings which take place in the Heritage Trust premises, No 4 Kirkgate at 7.00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month with the exception of July. Details of these meetings will also be posted on Face Book Burntisland page.

Burntisland residents from outwith this area are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings but only residents living within the TRA boundary are eligible to vote on issues concerning the Tenants and Residents Association. Find out more on Facebook (Central Burntisland Tenants and Residents Association).

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# Proposals to Open Up the Lammerlaws

By George D McLauchlan (Secretary, Burntisland Community Council)



Over the years the Lammerlaws has become seriously neglected and overgrown. This once popular walk has been denied to all but the most fit and able.

The Community Council has proposed to open up the area whilst retaining its natural beauty. Our plans include reclaiming the vacant land opposite the Beacon Leisure Centre, currently used as a waste tip, to create a new car parking area and providing a 'gateway' to the Lammerlaws with interpretation boards, seating area and picnic tables. As can be seen from the attached plan, three pathways are envisaged replacing worn trails already present.

**Pathway 1 (Yellow)** Leading from the entrance at Victoria Cottage would terminate at the point (Clayness). This pathway would be suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters and lead to a viewing and seating area.

**Pathway 2 (Red)** This would allow access to the summit and would be a stepped pathway (not suitable for wheelchairs

or scooters), leading to a viewing platform and perhaps some visible landmark. This pathway would also lead down to pathway three at the breakwater via steps.

**Pathway 3 (Blue)** This would take the right-hand path at Victoria Cottage and lead gradually down to the breakwater. This is a badly neglected piece of land currently within the dock area.

These pathways will be interconnected and although not offering total access for those less able, will open up the area to many more people than at present.

These are tentative proposals and we are looking for comments and support before starting the difficult task of seeking funding. If you would like to comment or offer support please visit our website, [www.burntislandcc.org.uk](http://www.burntislandcc.org.uk) or come along to our monthly meeting in the Burgh Chambers on the second Friday of every month at 7.00 pm.



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# Toll Community

## Centre by Bridget Fraser

The Toll Community Centre has had a busy start to the year with fundraising continuing for our Boiler Fund. We need to replace the oil fired boiler with a new, cleaner and more efficient (cheaper!) alternative. We would like to thank the local community for all of their support so far, whether it's coming along to a fundraising event, putting some spare change in our bucket or local organisations that have made generous donations. We are well over half way to our target, so look out for more fundraising activities as the year goes on.

Over the next few months we will be getting involved in Civic Week celebrations, hosting a family disco on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30-10.30pm. Tickets are £3 for adults, £2 for children, or £10 for a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children). No charge for under 3s. We are also planning another Fitness Fundraiser on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, with new classes and outdoor activities. Come along and try out as many classes as you like for a small

donation. All proceeds from both events will go to our Boiler Fund. Our Music Project is also looking to have a live band event on the evening of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Music Project is open to all 12 and overs. Come along on a Friday night if you would like to try an instrument or get involved in a band (term time only).

Senior Youth Club is held on Thursday evenings during term time, this club is for young people P5-P7. We also have our Kids Club for P2-P4 on Tuesday evenings. All Youth Clubs are £1 per session but please note that Kids Club is currently full.

Don't forget that our hall and meeting room are both available for hire. The meeting room is perfect for small groups, training sessions and committee meetings. The main hall is ideal for parties, fund raising events and public meetings – use of the kitchen is included in the hire of the hall, contact us on 01592 872 854 to book.

If you would like to donate to our Boiler Fund please look us up on MyDonate, also please 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with all our news and events.



By Jenny Roxburgh

The past few months have been very busy at playgroup. All the children have settled well into the playgroup routine and have been building lots of friendships with the

other children. We have covered a variety of themes and topics which have included Rabbin Burns Day, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Easter. The children's own interests have covered many other topics including hospitals, babies and our bodies, fire engines, pirates and holidays.

Last term we had a couple of visits to the beach to explore in the rocky pools and on the seashore. We also visited the forest to discover all the fun we could have exploring amongst the trees. We were lucky enough to time it perfectly to witness all the beautiful snowdrops and crocuses lining the pathways. The children climbed trees, rolled in the leaves, helped each other up and down the muddy slippery slopes and even discovered a "fairy door" on one of the tree trunks!

The summer term will be filled with lots of different activities. We will make more visits to the forest as well as transition visits to the local nursery, prior to some of our children moving on after the summer. We will also be busy in our outdoor area

planting and growing plants in our raised beds, playing in our mud kitchen and looking for bugs in our "bug hotel". We will be looking forward to our sports day and summer trip.

The playgroup committee has been busy organising events to raise funds for playgroup. The latest big fundraiser managed to raise a fantastic amount of over £1,000. Many more events are being planned and will be advertised around town

We are currently allocating our places for 2018 – 2019. If you would like to register interest for 2019 – 2020, please pop into Playgroup any morning to see us and complete an application form. We accept applications anytime from birth onwards!



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## Burntisland Primary School News

(By Dean Loughran and Abbie Nicoll)

What a busy term it has been here at BPS. From walks to the woods to Parents Evenings, visits from the Fire Service to star gazing, and even filling in a time capsule to be placed in a tunnel near the Forth Bridge – we have had a really super time. Our Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group are still busy working towards achieving our Level 1 Rights Respecting Schools Award. The group recently led a whole school campaign to collect donations for Kirkcaldy Foodbank. We were totally overwhelmed by the support for this project and really appreciated all donations.

Also this term, our great achievements in sport have continued with our senior Athletics Team having huge success in both the Fife and Regional finals. Our athletes travelled to Dundee to compete against schools from Fife, Dundee, Angus, Tayside and Perth – and they won the whole competition - a massive achievement. Our footballers travelled to Edinburgh to compete in the next round of the Soccer 7's Scottish Cup and played incredibly well. Several P6 and P7 pupils also participated in the Fife Primary Badminton Championships – securing some excellent results. We have also been lucky enough to participate in a Handball competition for the first time and we continue to play both netball and football in the Balwearie Cluster Leagues. We are so proud of our all round sporting achievements here at BPS and very much look forward to Sports Day next term.

### Primary 1

In Primary 1, the topic has been Fairyland and in Maths pupils have been learning to tell the time and have been subtracting from 20.

In Literacy, they have been learning all about stories and using simple connectives.

In Primary 1/2, the class topic has been Superheroes and children have created superhero booklets with their peers.

### Primary 2

Space has been the topic in Primary 2 and pupils have had a

visit from the NASA Space Academy. They have also used *My Hamster is an Astronaut* by Dave Lowe for imaginative writing in Literacy.

### Primary 3

Ancient Egyptians has been the focus in P 3 this term. In Maths they have worked on Data Analysis and have been very creative in their lessons. For Literacy, they have just started to read their new class novel, *The Boy in the Dress*.

### Primary 4

Primary 4 have been studying the Victorians and in Literacy, their work has focussed on using openers and interesting WOW words to make their writing more exciting. In Maths they have continued their work on multiplication and division.

### Primary 5

In Primary 5 the topic has been the Titanic and pupils have built some truly fantastic 3D models, including some delicious cakes. What a talented and creative bunch. In Maths pupils have been working on fractions and how to find equivalent fractions. Their Literacy work has focused on reading *Kaspar*, *Prince of Cats* by Michael Morpurgo.

### Primary 6

In Primary 6, the class topic has been the Caribbean in which pupils have researched the Caribbean reef. There is some stunning artwork to be seen across the P6 corridor – sometimes we feel we have been transported directly to the Caribbean. Some pupils have also entered competitions this term, including the 100 word Toy Story competition.

### Primary 7

In Primary 7, pupils have been studying Conflict as their topic. Their focus has been on using more complex connectives and openers in their writing, which is making their written work really engaging and exciting. They have also enjoyed their Health and Wellbeing work at the Beacon which includes Step, Pilates and joining in at the gym.

We're all very excited for the Summer Term, hoping it brings lots of sunshine and more fantastic learning.



## BPS Speech Competition

The final of the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Primary 7 Speech Competition took place at a recent meeting of the Burntisland Speakers Club. A full house of club members welcomed the five finalists who had successfully negotiated a very competitive selection process involving the three primary 7 classes at BPS. Also present as guests were Deputy Head Emma Clunie and all three P7 teachers.

The speeches of the five finalists covered a very wide variety of topics: Walt Disney, Scotland, The Elements of the Periodic Table, Rainforests and finally, Tornadoes. All of the speeches were very well researched, carefully constructed and confidently delivered. After the final presentation, members' score cards were collected and as they were collated by the adjudicators, Fraser Reddick, an experienced club member, gave a critical appraisal of each of the presentations. In an extremely close contest Iona Clarke was declared the winner for her talk on Walt Disney. She received the trophy, medal and a certificate whilst the other finalists received well deserved medals and certificates. In summing up the competition, President Simon Payne expressed the view that the standard seemed to improve year on year which is a great credit to the staff as well as the pupils themselves.



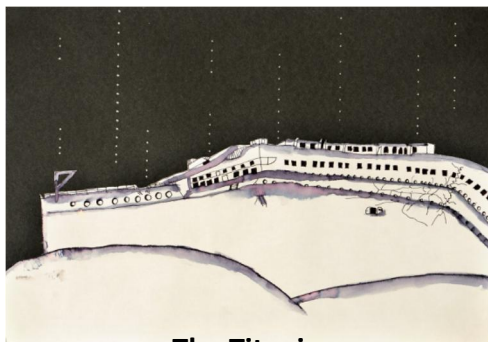
**Finalists: Aimee, Kate, Iona, Daisy and Lucy**



By  
Andrew Kennedy

## Art Department

Our Art Department entered one of our pupils, Shaun, into a National competition organised by the Royal Scottish Academy. We are proud to announce that Shaun won the first prize. The prize comes with a whopping £250 and the work is displayed in National Gallery's exhibition. Shaun painted his favourite subject which is the Titanic. This picture is of the Titanic lying at the bottom of the ocean. Shaun's achievement of being shortlisted was tabled as a motion in the Scottish Parliament by our local MSP, David Torrance.



**The Titanic**

## Tracy's Class - Primary

Tracy's class are working on a project called, 'Those Who Help Us.' So far, they have visited the vets in Pets at Home in Kirkcaldy, who showed the kids the services they provide and gave a demonstration on how certain pieces of equipment are used to help pets. They have also had a visit from the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who taught the pupils how to look after animals correctly.

The last two visits have been to the emergency services in Kirkcaldy. Firstly, they visited the Police Station and were excited by the tour of the station. They were also thrilled to see and try the technology that deals with the finger printing.

At the Fire Station all their dreams came true because they were given a birl on a Fire Engine, and a shot at using the hoses. It is commendable that these organisations, who are very busy, are willing to give up their time to educate youngsters on what happens behind the scenes. Next on the list is the RNLI.

## Craft and Design Department

There has been some excellent work in the Woodworking Department. Recently, Ewan finished a bench for his dad. He has been working on this project for a couple of months and in the last week it was loaded into the back of a van and is now sitting in his dad's garden.



In the past, pupils from Starley Hall have linked with Floral Action Burntisland (FAB) to make mosaics for the Beacon's car park. The call has come in for another few pieces to brighten up the car park. So far, the kids have created a helter-skelter and a sea horse. They are due to be installed any time soon.

## Shane's helter-skelter



## Skills for Learning, Life and Work

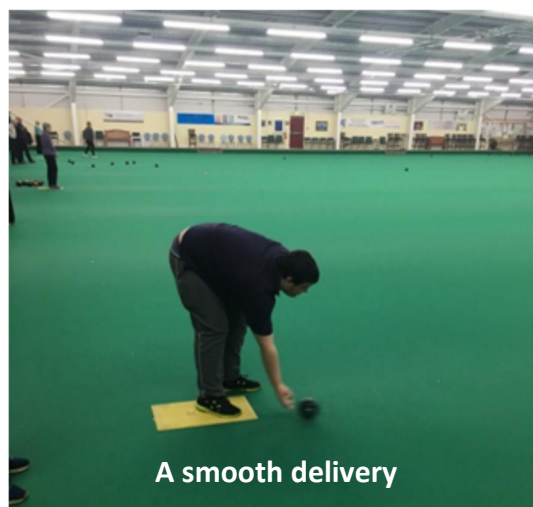
A couple of our senior students, Ewan and Anthony are being taught skills that will be put to good use when they move into their own houses in the not too distant future. They have been wallpapering and tiling.



**A before and after shot of Ewan's room wall.**

## PE Department

We may have some future sporting champions here at Starley! As part of PE, some of our kids have been honing their skills at Dunfermline Indoor Lawn Bowls. The staff at the centre have been great in teaching our staff and children the basics of bowling. It is a lot more difficult than these guys are making it look.



**A smooth delivery**

Finally, we would like to wish good luck to one of our senior pupils who is preparing for an interview for the Art course at Fife College.

## BPS Pupils Visit Westminster Abbey by Julie Anderson

Commonwealth Day Service March 2018

**W**e were incredibly honoured and lucky to be the only Fife school and possibly only school in Scotland to be invited down to London to be part of the One Hundredth Commonwealth Day Service in Westminster Abbey.

A group of seven Primary 7s, Evan, Rosie, Kate, Fern, Alice, Arran and Isla along with staff flew down to London, all expenses paid, to experience an amazing day out.

On arrival at the Abbey we were given a 'back stage' tour getting incredibly close to the spot where all Royal Coronations take place and learning about the history of the Abbey. At the same time the press, cameras and security staff were making preparations for the big ceremony. We also spotted Shayne Ward, previously from One Direction, who was there to rehearse before his part in the service.

After lunch, we re-entered the Abbey through security to take our seats for the service. This unique occasion was attended by many religious leaders, world leaders, politicians and of course the Queen and other key members of the Royal Family. We were given excellent seats and the children were right next to the dignitaries as they walked the length of the Abbey to their places. The Prime Minister Theresa May, Opposition Leader

Jeremy Corbyn, and Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon were all in attendance and those of the Royal family included Princess Anne, Prince Charles and Camilla, Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry with his fiancée Meghan Markle, whom we met and chatted to afterwards.

They were really lovely and spent a great deal of time talking to our children and showing a real interest in where we had come from, how long it had taken us, what we'd thought of the service.

The ceremony itself was a real celebration of the Commonwealth and there was representation from every Commonwealth country in their national dress and carrying the flags of their country. It was a wonderfully colourful service with performances from a choir from New Zealand, Shayne Ward and speeches from religious leaders, the Prime Minister and of course, the Queen.

The whole service was broadcast live that afternoon and we were able to spot ourselves later on television which made us appreciate how extremely lucky we had been to have been part of such an event. This was a day we will never forget and a real privilege and honour have been included.



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Lovely to meet you!

## Educating Probus by Julie Anderson

**W**e were really fortunate to have been invited along to the Probus Club last month where Roan, Sarah, Jayden and Rebecca all did an amazing job speaking with me, to around 70 ladies, on the subject 'Education Matters'. The whole presentation lasted 47 minutes where we explained how different schooling is nowadays.

The children spoke about the importance of learning 'skills for life', including mindfulness, growth mind set, using fluid groupings and learning how to be resilient, reflective, reciprocal, resourceful, confident and kind. Their presentation was delivered beautifully and we received exceptional feedback from the audience. We were really proud of the fabulous four.



# Burntisland Civic Week

This year's Civic Week events will take place from Friday 15th to Sunday 24th June - look out for the programme of events which will be delivered to households at the beginning of June.

Scott Sweaton, Citizen of the Year, helped reveal the names of the Summer King and Queen at a fundraiser disco last month. The full Royal party is as follows:

**Summer King: Leo Fawcett-Hall.**

**Summer Queen: Alice Mair,**

**First Attendant: Aleece Sinclair.**

**Second Attendant: Mia Gibson,**

**King's Trainbearers: George Kent & Sam McGill**

**Queen's Trainbearers: Reid Sweaton & Cameron Mora**

**Flower girls: Elise Ryan & Jessie Fyffe**

**Posy girl: Maiya Smith**

On Saturday 16th June the 2018 Summer King and Queen will be crowned at the Parish Church, before parading along the High Street to the Links. The theme for our parade day is "Music Through the Decades". We hope to see some fantastic, fancy- dress outfits from local groups and individuals in the parade. Remember it's not just for kids - we want to see more adults raiding their dressing up boxes!

To continue the musical theme, we're bringing back the Band Night at the Toll Centre, which features Cousin Ken's Nephews. Also returning is the adult 5-a-side football tournament and hopefully this year, we'll have calmer seas for the raft race.



**Citizen of the Year, Scott Sweaton, with the Royal Party**

We are fortunate to have a number of new and enthusiastic committee members to help take Civic Week forward. As ever, the committee is grateful to the local businesses and organisations who provide financial contributions which make Civic Week possible. You can keep up to date by visiting our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/BurntislandCivicWeek](https://www.facebook.com/BurntislandCivicWeek), and to get in touch with the Civic Week committee with any questions or suggestions send us an email at: [burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com](mailto:burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com).

Fingers crossed for some good weather!

## HERITAGE NEWS by Ian Archibald

Burntisland Heritage have been fortunate to have received a donation of 7 Andrew Young paintings to add to our existing collection of 4 paintings. Andrew Young (1854-1925) lived and worked in Burntisland and was a professional artist, photographer and local historian. The paintings were donated by Elizabeth Rodger who lives in East Sussex and has a family connection to the artist. A collection of 11 of his other paintings belonging to Burntisland Common Good Fund was already on display in the Burgh Chambers. In order to make our paintings more accessible the heritage collection has now been added to those in the Burgh Chambers. The 22 paintings give a unique insight into views and people who lived in the town at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century.

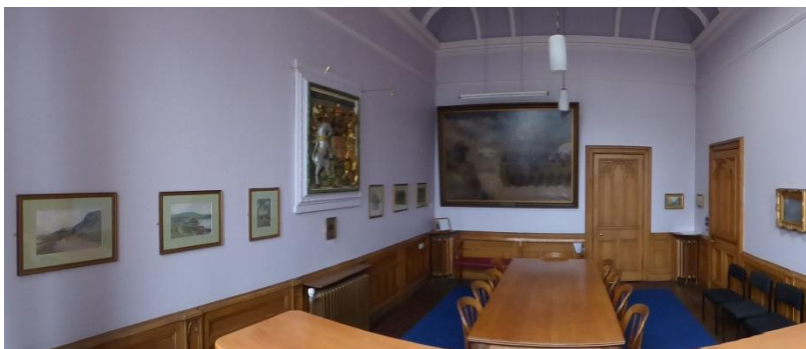
It has been a busy start to the year with the re-opening of the Kirkton churchyard and the preparation of a five panel display of the project which will tour the library, churches and the

school before returning for the opening of the summer exhibition at the start of Civic Week on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

This year is a special year for us as it marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our summer exhibitions. To celebrate this an extensive panel display will present the projects, publications and many themes covered by our exhibitions over the past two and a half decades. These will highlight and illustrate the town's rich legacy of social history and events.

The 10 week exhibition will run from 16th June to 25th 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). Admission is free. We look forward to seeing you in 2018.





## Burntisland Amateur Swimming Club News by Bridget Fraser

Since the beginning of the year our swimmers have been busy training hard and taking part in timed swims, the East District Age Group meet at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh, Carnegie Spring Meet, Glenrothes Spring Meet and 2 rounds of Fife Leagues. As I write, we have one first club swimmer (Ailsa Kellas) and 2 second club swimmers competing in the Scottish National Age Groups at the Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow – an amazing achievement.



**Can you identify these swimmers?**

[www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk) or contact us at [basenquiries@hotmail.com](mailto:basenquiries@hotmail.com)

In February competing at the East Districts and doing pre-race stretches alongside some of the swimmers who are now in Australia preparing to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games was a fantastic experience – all of our swimmers made the Club proud.

Numerous PBs have been broken at every event, with some brilliant swims for our younger swimmers – some competing the first time

During the Easter holidays a number of swimmers attended a 2 day swim camp at Glen Almond College, they all had the opportunity for some fun in between training! Many thanks to Tom Courts Butchers and Morag Douglas from The Star for their generous donations in support of the camp.

In June the Club will hold Civic Week Sprints, with club members competing in Backstroke and Freestyle events at the Beacon Centre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Burntisland Swimming Club is open to anyone that can swim at least one length of a recognisable stroke. Swimmers progress through our teaching groups to coaching squads aiming for District and National times. We also have a Masters squad for the 'more mature' swimmer who may be looking to swim for fitness and/or compete. For more information please check our website



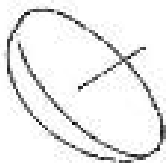
**Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub**

## Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub

Burntisland Primary School and the local Community Sport Hub continued their strong partnership at a recent school assembly. Pupils of the school were treated to an excellent presentation from the School Sport Committee covering the full range of sport and physical activity that is on offer to children in the community. The committee is supported by Mr Hubbard of Active Schools and Active Fife. The pupils on the School Sport Committee are each taking on a separate task as part of their individual roles in order to maintain the schools 'Gold Status' School of Sport Award as presented by sportscotland. The group of 14 pupils each presented information on the clubs

represented within Burntisland & Kinghorn Community Sport Hub as well as Balwearie Gymnastics and Burntisland After-School Netball.

Information was given on individual club activities, training arrangements, how to become involved and most importantly how much fun can be had. The Sport Committee members were proud to represent their affiliated local clubs. This was clearly evident through their enthusiastic and professional presentations to their fellow pupils. Following this sports featured assembly the School Sport Committee members have been very busy fielding questions from interested pupils about everything sport related in Burntisland.



## Museum of Communication

by Dorothy Brankin

The usual story from the Museum of Communication....although this is our closed season, we're very busy, beavering away and preparing for the next exhibition.

We are once again turning the clock back one hundred years and will describe the events leading up to the signing of the Armistice in November 1918, and so bringing the horrendous war to a close.

We're also celebrating the centenary of the RAF, by displaying various artefacts from our extensive collection – some tiny, some huge – (like the complete radar from a Lightning bomber) As well as radio equipment, we'll show some interesting items from WW2, such as compasses and direction finders from Spitfires and a bomb-aiming computer from a Lancaster. Lots of pictures, models, flags, emblems, books,

music - and various hats and uniform jackets for the kids to try on! We're very grateful for all the help and support we are receiving from the Grangemouth Squadron of the RAFAC (Air Cadets), and also the Kirkcaldy and Leven Squadrons.

The exhibition will be open from the beginning of June until the end of September between the hours of 1100 and 1600 on Wednesdays and Saturdays (but we are happy to cater for group visits, on other days / times by arrangement).

We're always on the look-out for new exhibition helpers! It really is interesting, rewarding and fun! You don't need to be 'technically inclined' (there's always a technical person somewhere close to hand) The main thing is to be enthusiastic, happy to interact with the public, make them feel welcome and share their stories.

So, why not volunteer? Make new friends, learn something new and enjoy meeting and talking to our interesting visitors... you can also serve them coffee in the lounge! Hope to hear from you!!



## Burntisland Golf House Club by Dave McPherson

**A**s I write this the weather continues to conspire against us and we can only hope that takes a turn for the better soon.

The season got under way on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March with the traditional curtain-raiser match - the Captain v. Vice-Captain. Despite the weather, all reports about the putting surfaces were very positive.

Much work has been done by the greenkeeping team over the winter and the extent of their labour throughout these months shouldn't be underestimated. Well done Stevie, James and Alex.

Juniors – for the first time, we kept the juniors interested and active throughout the winter with coaching up at Cluny Clays. Local lad Owen Meldrum, now a qualified coach, helped us with this. We will revert to coaching at Dodhead now that we are back in season.

Any interested parties should bear in mind that there is a 'blue tee' course of 8 holes set out and also a 'wee 3' layout available. Any parents/grandparents who think that their children could benefit from both the exercise and the life-skills that growing up with golf brings, should contact the Pro's Shop for details (01592 872116). You don't have to be fully kitted out to get started. Equipment is available for those who would like to try it out first.

On the social front we had a great night with 'The Hipple People', a fantastic 60s cover band, and this was followed the

next weekend with Chef Colin's St Patrick's Night menu. At only £30 per couple this was great value, and everyone left well fed and "watered". The kids weren't left out of the social scene as they enjoyed an Easter Party with the help of Rosie's Disco. Much fun was had and the parents revived themselves at Colin's Carvery (fully booked) immediately following the party.

Don't wait to read about the next social or catering event. Come along and try it for yourself. Telephone 01592 874093 (ext. 3) to find out times / what's on and to make bookings. Or catch Colin on his mobile to discuss any of your catering needs 07833 290647.

Any Burgh Buzz readers who love a bargain can have access to an exclusive deal if they want to get involved at the Golf Club, and for a short time can save over £100 on a Full Membership. The normal rate is £529 but we can offer it for only £425 on this 'Buzz' deal, with other golfing memberships having a pro-rata reduction. We will even throw in a Social Membership for your partner. Other membership categories are available from £125.

Anyone looking for a membership deal should quote BBMasters18 when enquiring, but don't leave it too long. Let's hope we all have a good spring and summer, and make use of course and clubhouse. Visitors most welcome. For all details please email [info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk](mailto:info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk) or telephone 01592 874093.



### Burntisland Over 70s Christmas Treat Committee

would like to take this opportunity to thank those who made the 2017 lunch such a fantastic success. They are - Tom Courts, Macauley's Fruit & Veg. Shop, Co-Op, Romano's, Keystore, The Star, The Crown, Library & Guides/Brownies & Rainbows.



Our next fund raiser is a Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th May in the Parish Church Hall from 10am - 12 noon price £2. All usual stalls.

Please watch local advertising for further fund raisers towards the 2018 treat.

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## Burntisland Bowling Club



125th Anniversary Celebration

At its AGM in March, John MacDonald was elected President and Margaret Farnes made Vice President of Burntisland Bowling Club. The Club's Management now includes Linda Nimmo (Treasurer), Richard Perry (Club Secretary) and Janette MacDonald (Match Secretary) along with, Alan Lascelles, Ian McKay, Alan and Sue Williamson.

Having celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year, and undertaken a refurbishment of its clubhouse, the Club seeks to build on those achievement in the coming season with its internal competitions, games against other clubs, other competitions locally and nationally and a programme of social activities.

New members are very welcome, and the Club provides free tuition for its members. It will, once again, be holding a 'Come and Try Day' on Sunday 13 May so that individuals and families can come along and give the game a try, see the club's facilities and meet its members. The event will run from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 2 June 10.00 am and the Club's annual fete on Saturday 21 July starting at 1.00 pm. All welcome.

Keep up-to-date with the Club's activities at [www.burntislandbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.burntislandbowlingclub.co.uk) Enquiries can be emailed to [info@burntislandbowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@burntislandbowlingclub.co.uk).



## Burntisland Shipyard FC

by Andrew Beveridge

Things have been up and down for the Club since the last edition of the Buzz but with results on the pitch steadily improving with several victories recorded over that period, most notably a

10-3 win over Eyemouth United at Recreation Park. The manager has brought in some experienced, quality players which has helped boost the squad considerably. Next season we can expect the strength of the squad to be tested to the full as the East of Scotland League (EoS) looks set for a big expansion. Following the Kelty Hearts successful move from the juniors to senior football, a significant number of clubs have applied to join the EoS, including several from Fife. This is good news for the Club as the standard and profile of the EoS goes from strength to strength.

The Club hosted a "Groundhop UK" fixture back in March, on what must have been one of the coldest days ever, with snow showers and a biting easterly wind resulting in a smaller than

anticipated attendance. However, those Groundhoppers who turned up and braved the elements, were treated to a very entertaining match which the Shippy narrowly lost 2-1 to Preston Athletic. Everyone was most complimentary about the hospitality and welcome to Burntisland they received.

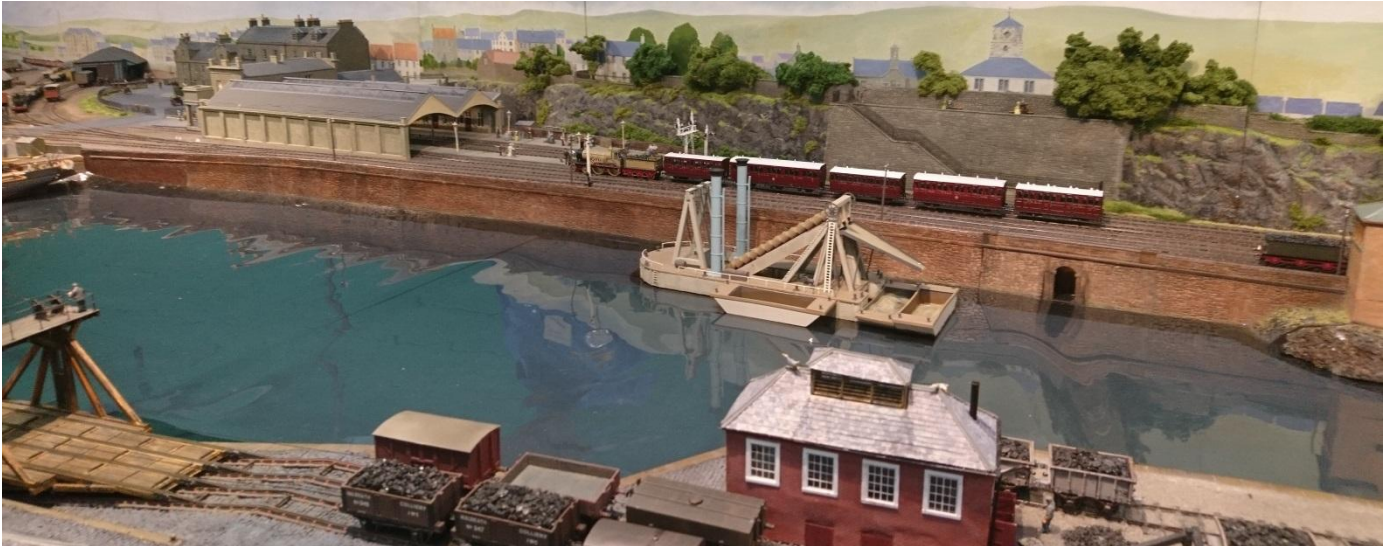
On the down side the Club regrettably had to fold the under 20 team that had been competing in the Lowland/EOS Development League. On reflection it may have been a step too far or too quick for the Club. Despite an excellent start to the season, problems soon began to appear both on and off the pitch. These problems worsened as the season progressed resulting in both players and coaches losing enthusiasm and direction. Lessons have been learned and noted, should the Club decide to venture into the under 20 set up again.

Once again, the Club is appealing for volunteers to join the committee or help out on match days or help with maintenance of the pitch and around the ground. If interested Contact Secretary Drew Beveridge on 07856728634 or email at [abeveridge.shipyard@sky.com](mailto:abeveridge.shipyard@sky.com)



A Goal Celebration

## BURNTISLAND 1883 MODEL RAILWAY



**North British Railway locomotive No. 224 and carriages approaches Burntisland Station in 1883**

The Burntisland 1883 model railway is paying a return visit to Burntisland this Autumn. The railway shows many aspects of the railway in Burntisland as they were in 1883 before the Forth Bridge opened in 1890. The terminus station in Forth Place is featured along with the 'round house' engine shed with its huge conical roof opposite the Links. There are working models of a West Dock coal hoist and of the train ferry terminal link span ramp which was a world first in its day. The railway has probably one of the finest collections of Victorian period carriages and wagons as well as locomotives. One star is North British Railway No. 224 which was the engine that went down with the first Tay Bridge and was afterwards recovered from the Tay and put to work again. The award winning model extends over 13 metres and shows very clearly what a busy and important place Burntisland was in the 1880's.

Burntisland 1883 is presented by the East of Scotland 4mm Group and Burntisland Heritage and is open to the public at the Parish Church Main Hall on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00am to 4.00pm on both days.

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## Burntisland & District Pipe Band

By Stewart Birrell

### Novice Juvenile Pipe Band:

Last year, when the band attended engagements, we included many children in our ranks. This was achieved through the hard work and dedication of both tutors and kids, working together to establish the Burntisland Novice Juvenile Pipe band. We competed in our first ever competition at Markinch Highland Games, then progressed to playing at the World Pipe Band

Championships in Glasgow, before ending the season at Pitlochry where we picked up our first silverware.

Our tutor team has been strengthened with Stephen Graham on the side drumming and Neil Cameron to the piping teams. Both have impressive piping and drumming credentials and we welcome them to join our incredible collection of world class tutors who have established Burntisland as the band to join for youth piping and drumming tuition.

In an effort to recruit more children we have been running well advertised 'Come and Try' Sessions. This offers every child the opportunity to learn our national instrument within the unique environment of Burntisland Pipe Band. We continue to be indebted to our local sponsor, Briggs Marine, without whose help and continued support this project would not be possible.

If you are interested in joining us in the Band, come along to Burntisland Primary School on a Monday from 6:30 pm, or to our Band Hall on East Leven Street on a Thursday, also from 6:30pm.

Since joining the band, many of the children have gained musical qualifications in both piping and drumming. With help from the RSPBA (Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association),



nine young pipers and drummers, and two tutors, attended courses run throughout Scotland. All eleven participants from the band passed their courses with flying colours and gained officially recognised SQA credits. It is the hoped that more members from the band can gain SQA qualifications.

The Novice Juvenile Band has already started its indoor competition season. They have competed in the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships and the Lothian and Borders RSPBA Championships. While no trophies have been won, the band has made progress over the winter, and we are confident of future success. Many of our children have been competing in various solo competitions with Chloe Wallace and Heather Balfour coming first in their respective categories – well done to both girls.

The Novice Juvenile Band will be competing at four out of the five Major competitions this season, as well as a long list of Minor competitions, local Highland Games and Gala events - it will certainly be a busy season and fingers crossed for more silverware.

The band has booked Pettycur Bay function suite for Saturday 1st December. This will be a chance to showcase the talent we have within the band by performing at our very own

concert. This will be followed by special guests Journey North who will also be playing. It promises to be a great night of Scottish music and entertainment. Remember to keep the date free as you really don't want to miss out.

### Adult Pipe Band:

After taking two seasons out from competing we would encourage any adult pipers or drummers who would like to return to playing again,

whether competing or just for enjoyment, to please get in touch through our Facebook page or drop in and speak to us. Burntisland has a long tradition of piping and drumming and it would be great to see the adult band returning to its past glory, or even to help the new kids when out on parade. Burntisland Pipe Band is one of the oldest civilian bands in existence and requires fresh and familiar faces in its ranks to keep this tradition going.

### Band Future:

With so many learners, we have been hiring the new Primary School once a week. This has proved to be a great venue as it gives us badly needed space which we can use for teaching in smaller groups. Looking ahead, we would love to have our own hall that is fit for purpose and to this end, we have started to make enquiries into new premises. Currently we are searching for suitable land in the town where we could construct a purpose built hall. At present we own our own hall, which is a great asset to us, but it no longer fulfils our requirements. If anyone feels they can help us with this project in any way please come forward, it would be greatly appreciated.

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# Christmas Light Fundraising

By George McLauchlan (Secretary)

Fundraising by the Community Council for this years Christmas Lights, continues apace. Carole-Anne Crossan has organised raffles and collecting tins in the Co-op; Joan Dewar received the £100 flyer prize at a very successful bingo evening hosted by Dave Henderson at the Jubilee Tavern. Over £400 was raised on the night and a very generous donation of £500 by Collieson Briggs has given a huge boost to our efforts.

Christmas Lights are expensive to purchase and to maintain so fundraising efforts will continue apace to ensure that the town can build-up an energy efficient, low maintenance display. Our target for 2018 is to raise £2500 and we are well on our way to achieving this. If you feel you would like to make a donation towards the fund, go to the Community Council page on facebook or visit [www.burntislandcc.org.uk](http://www.burntislandcc.org.uk) to make a direct donation. Please support our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Brian Dunsire, manager of the Co-op, is doing a sponsored walk of the first 100 miles of the "Hebridean Way" taking 5 days to walk the length of North and South Uist and the island of Barra starting on 13th May to raise funds for the Christmas Lights. Visit the Co-op in the High Street or Dollar Road and sign your pledge of financial support for Brian and this very worthwhile cause.

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## The Museum of Communication's

popular regular lectures continue on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm. The next three are:-

**22nd May:** "Telling Lies During Wartime" in which Ian Garden shows film and discusses German propaganda during WW2.

**19th June:** "The Evacuation of Dunkirk". Historian Roy Johnson describes this momentous event on its anniversary.

**17th July:** Dr Peter Dryburgh of Edinburgh University talks about "The Morningside Chemical Industry"

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



The Beavers have been learning about Global Issues with a visit from Wild Planet Explorers. They met Orsom the Octopus and learned about the trouble he has with plastic in the seas. To complete the badge we needed to learn about Water Filters, Endangered Animals, Recycling and Fairtrade. Over the weeks we covered these by making animal masks, learning about fairtrade chocolate, items which can be recycled and which bins they all go in. We also discovered how some children need to get water from muddy springs and how they filter it to make it safe to drink.

By Beaver Scout Leader  
Kerry Laing



Scouts had a very chilly camp at the beginning of March with snow, howling winds and freezing temperatures, but they all braved the weather and took part in some fun activities. Additionally, they have worked on perfecting their Navigation and Emergency Aid skills. They also took part in the District 5-a-side football trophy and a patrol Bake Off Challenge.

By Scout Leader David Laing



WOW! Where did that term go? We visited Tesco to take part in their Farm to Fork programme. We came second in the District Cub Football Trophy and we continued working towards our Fire Safety Badge. Despite the snow, we managed to squeeze in some baking and later, went on to enjoy a slightly muddy Easter Camp with lots of adventures. The Easter Bunny even managed to find us on a chilly Easter Sunday at Wymess.

By Cub Scout Leader Michelle Paton.



Explorers had a great weekend in the New Sir Garth Morrison Lodge at Fordell Firs. They also enjoyed a day trip to Edinburgh which included visits to Edinburgh Dungeon and Mary Kings Close. This was followed by some climbing activities at Fordell. They enjoyed working on navigation, cooking and fire lighting skills. A night hike to Kinghorn was rewarded on arrival with a well-earned sausage sizzle.

By Group Scout Leader Kerry Laing



11th Fife (Burntisland)

## Appeal

In 2019 Burntisland Scout Group is celebrating its official centenary. As part of our celebrations we would like to create a small history of the scout group so we need your help. If you have any old stories, names of leaders or any other information about your own, your parents or your grandparents times with the group or old photos and memorabilia that we could scan or photograph, can you please get in touch with Group Scout Leader Kerry Laing on [11thfife@gmail.com](mailto:11thfife@gmail.com) or 07517374459



Spring is nearly upon us which means FAB volunteers are busy planning this summer's floral displays. This year we have decided to go with a red, orange and yellow theme for the hanging baskets and planters. We have used this colour theme previously and we felt it was very vibrant and effective. The High Street will be blooming marvellous this summer as we have installed a further 8 brackets aiming to 'fill in the gaps' that have appeared over the last year or so.

We will be participating in this year's Beautiful Fife campaign with the aim on retaining our Gold award. Fingers crossed for a dry day!

A grant has been applied for through Fife Council to refurbish the benches on the High Street, paint the railings at the putting green and paint the bus shelter at Bendameer. If we are successful Community Payback carry out the work in time for the summer months.

Our annual raffle was a great success raising over £900. All money we raise is kept within the town to enhance the floral aspects of our beautiful environment.

At the end of March we held a very successful Gardeners Question Time in conjunction with Kinghorn in Bloom at the Sands Hotel. It was attended by over 50 people all of whom had the opportunity to ask our expert panel any gardening questions. These were answered with great knowledge and humour. Due to the success of the evening it is now being considered as an annual event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community for all their support over the past 5 years. Your praise, financial contributions and input has enabled FAB go from strength to strength. There is no doubt that without the backing of Burntislanders we would have been unable to achieve all that we have to date. Thank you all.

Scott Sweatton



## TOM COURTS - BURNTISLAND'S BUTCHER

Older residents may recall, that in 1973 Tom Courts Snr. opened his original butchers shop in the town. He moved his family to Burntisland in 1977 and his children (Lorna and Tom) grew up here. The young Tom Courts served as a policeman, during which time he was project manager for implementing the CCTV network that covers all the major town centres in Fife. He left the police force in 2003 due to his father suffering a bout of ill health. Young Tom then joined the family business, at that time centred in Cowdenbeath. A second outlet was added in Lochgelly in 2013. From the very beginning, Tom concentrated on quality rather than price and still uses the same suppliers as used by Harrods and The Savoy Grill. In June 2015, Tom Courts Jnr. sold the two businesses, family illness having driven his decision.

It was no great surprise when Tom purchased a butcher's business in his home town. After a complete renovation in November 2016, there followed an astounding rise in turnover, which Tom puts down to having a great team at his side. Matthew is the Shop Manager, John Day, a runner up Young Butcher of the Year in 2011, Lorna Blake, Tom's sister runs the bakery side of the business which secured 'Best Sausage Roll in Scotland' in 2017 followed by a runner up second place in 'World Scotch Pie Championships' in 2018. Nephew Calum has taken time out from University to complete an apprenticeship in Craft Butchery. More recently, Tom's daughter Ellen has started on a part-time basis. The pinnacle of Tom's career came in November 2017 when the business won the UK's 'Best New Butchers Shop' at a ceremony in London. The family business is always busy and his Dad does make the occasional appearance. No big surprise there!



## 775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

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

**Air Rifle Shooting:** The cadets have

taken part in 3 range days with Cadets Ryan McLaren, Keira Young and Sergeant Owen Sharp all gaining impressive Marksman awards.

**Flying:** In March, Cadet R McLaren, Corporal Robbie Couser and Sergeant Owen Sharp all took part in the Flying Aces Scheme. Flying out of Dundee Airport they had a 1-hour flight in a Piper Warrior aircraft. .

**Sports:** Cadet Keira Young represented South East Scotland Wing at the Inter-Wing Netball

competition. The SE Scotland team won the competition and were awarded with Gold medals and Wing Blues. Cadet Young has also been selected to represent Scotland & Northern Ireland Region at the Inter-Regional Netball competition.

**Qualifications:** All cadets are busy with course work that will lead to the award of a National 5 in Leadership.

The Squadron is currently recruiting cadets and staff, so if you are interested in finding out what the Air Cadets have to offer come in to the Squadron HQ at the Unity Hall which is at the Junction of Links place and East Leven Street. The Squadron parades on Monday & Thursday evenings between 19:00 and 21:30 hrs. Details can also be found on the Squadron Website:

[775burntislandsquadron.weebly.com](http://775burntislandsquadron.weebly.com) and on the Squadron Facebook page.



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## Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in the Toll Community Centre on Tuesday 29th May at 7.00 pm (6.30 pm for current committee)

Members of the community are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to support the local branch of Cancer Research UK and find out what's happening with CRUK in Burntisland.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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### 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are underway!

Our first 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event is fast approaching – we're holding a Family Ceilidh at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm – 10pm**. Everyone is welcome to this event, whether you are someone who has volunteered, a previous member of staff or one of the many thousands of people who have enjoyed the Centre over the last 20 years.

It's set to be a great evening with a fantastic ceilidh band. Tickets are £10.00 per adult and children under 12 are FREE. Tickets are available from our website

### Tool Shed news

Thank you to everyone who popped up to the Tool Shed's 'Big Tool Sale' held in April. The Tool Shed staff and volunteers refurbished a lot of tools for this event and were delighted to see so many of them get put back into reuse.

If you're having a shed or garage clear out and have any garden or other tools that you no longer need and are looking to donate them, please get in touch with us.

### New apprentices at The Ecology Centre

We recently recruited our next intake of apprentices through the Our Bright Future programme. One of our new apprentices is Liam McPhail from Burntisland. Liam will be working with us for the next 15 months as he works towards completing his SVQ Level 2 in Estate Maintenance. During this time he will be undertaking training, learning new skills in brushcutter and strimmer use, pesticide application and chainsaw training amongst other courses relevant to his role, as well as maintaining our site at Kinghorn Loch.

We would like to welcome Liam to The Ecology Centre team and we are looking forward to working with him and our other new apprentices Jordan and Billy.

### Outdoor Adventures with Burntisland Primary School

Our Education team have just wrapped up another programme of 'Mindfulness in nature' with Burntisland Primary School. Mrs Simpson and her P6 class have been wonderful to work with and have enjoyed exploring the woods, making art, meditating and exploring! In the groups' final session they created journey sticks to represent what they learned...

### Looking for somewhere special to hold your event?

If you're looking for a venue to hold a children's birthday party, naming day, wedding or an informal meeting space we have a beautiful room overlooking Kinghorn Loch available for hire. We can help with your catering or we can leave you to party in peace! The choice is yours – whatever you are looking for give us a call on 01592 891567 and we will be happy to help.



### *The Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn* by Alan Smart

**J**anuary got off to a good start with guest speakers Bill Hartley and Gillian Kelly talking about 'Road Safety for Older Road Users'.

Whilst perhaps considered a relevant topic given the age profile of B&K, at least 2 members vented their concerns during questions. They highlighted poor and unclear signage on our roads suggested that other road users perhaps were more responsible for causing accidents than older road users.

Lee Brown from the Ecology Centre gave us an insight into 'Tools for Self-Reliance' and the work they undertake to renovate old tools and sewing machines to render them fit for use in Africa and other parts of the world.

Everyone enjoyed our Burns evening. A splendid meal once again and our School Burns Competition winners Emma (Burntisland) and Lisa (Kinghorn) were a credit to their schools.

It was great to see such good turnout of members and guests to

hear Paul Wibberley's account of the logistics involved in manoeuvring HMS Queen Elizabeth from her Dock into the River Forth – an incredible feat by the pilots and others involved.

On Saturday 10th February, the club joined with the Rotary Clubs of Kirkcaldy and Kirkcaldy Raith in a Rotary Community Event in the Mercat. The focus was "End Polio" although we also had a Shelterbox on show. The highlight of the day was the presence of Rotakids resplendent in their T shirts.

The main feature of Spring session was the Phoenix Choir concert in the Adam Smith Theatre. Not only was a near full house treated to a superb programme but the evening raised over £3,000 for local charities of which £2,000 has been donated to CHAS.

The next major Rotary Event will be the annual Coffee Morning & Craft Fair on Saturday 5th May in Kinghorn Parish Church Hall.

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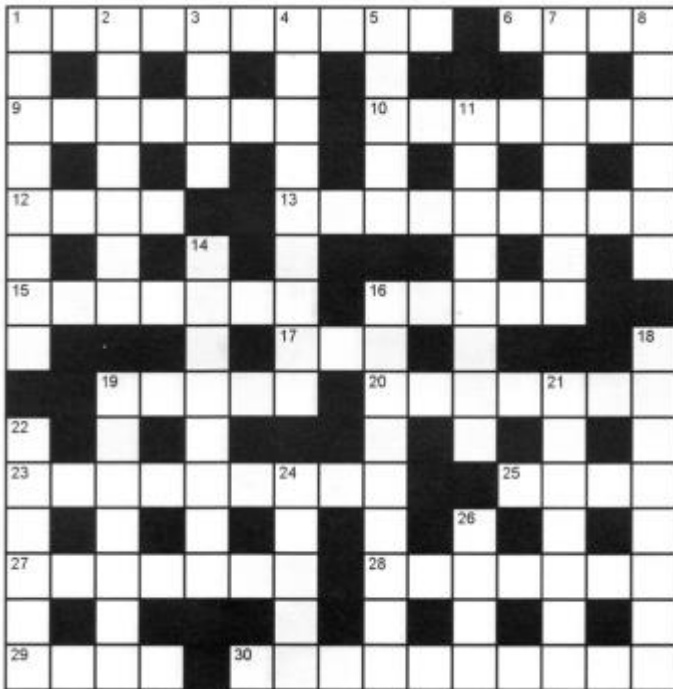
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6. Potato (4)
9. Citizen army (7)
10. Monotonous (7)
12. Incursion (4)
13. Vigorous (9)
15. Heighten (7)
16. Nebraska city (5)
17. Pinch (3)
19. Brief (5)
20. Someone on an excursion (7)
23. Riddle (9)
25. Adhesive (4)
27. Lamp (7)
28. Discoloured (7)
29. Japanese wrestling (4)
30. Plot (10)

### DOWN

1. English County (8)
2. Sir Walter ——— Navigator (7)
3. Crazy (4)
4. Passing quickly (9)
5. Old Anaesthetic (5)
7. Plant framework (7)
8. Woven patterned cloth (6)
11. Chinese language (8)
14. Proclaim (8)
16. Hopeful people (9)
18. Amiable (8)
19. Same meaning word (7)
21. Fine yellow cornmeal (7)
22. Weighing machine (6)
24. One of the Beatles (5)
26. Long skirt (4)

### Solution to February Crossword

**ACROSS:** Arithmetic, 6 Able, 9 Topside, 10 Siamese, 12 Buoy, 13 Grenadine, 15 Hessian, 16 Enemy, 17 Cox, 19 Junky, 20 Purpose, 23 Reprimand, 25 Shop, 27 Patella, 28 Trawler, 29 Dirk, 30 Headstrong.

**DOWN:** 1 Autobahn, 2 Impious, 3 Hail, 4 Emergency, 5 Issue, 7 Brevity, 8 Eyelet, 11 Amateurs, 14 Biennial, 16 Expedited, 18 Leapfrog, 19 Jupiter, 21 Othello, 22 Tripod, 24 Awake, 26 Dart.

**CONGRATULATIONS—**Our February Crossword winner of £25 in vouchers is: **Robert Graham,**  
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## Events Diary


DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>MAY</b>		
Saturday 5th	Rotary Club Coffee/Craft morning at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Saturday 5th	“Come and Try Day at Kinghorn Loch	From 1.00 pm
Friday 9th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 12th	“Over Seventies Christmas Treat” Coffee Morning in Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Sunday 13th	“Come and Try Day” at the Bowling Club	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Saturday 19th	Coffee and Pancakes at the Erkin Church Hall	10.00 am onwards
Saturday 19th	Ecology Centre Family ceilidh at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	7.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Saturday 26th	Christian Aid Coffee Morning in Burntisland Parish Church Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday 29th	Cancer Research UK (Burntisland Branch) AGM at Toll Community Centre	7.00 pm
<b>JUNE</b>		
Friday 9th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 2nd	Bowling Club Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Friday 15th	Burntisland Youth Action Music Night at the Toll Centre	7.00 pm
Saturday 16th	Opening of the Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition	11.00 am
Saturday 16th	<b>CROWNING OF SUMMER KING AND QUEEN and Fancy Dress Parade</b>	12.30 pm
Saturday 16th	Toll Community Centre Family Disco	6.30 pm - 10.30 pm
Sunday 17th	Civic Week Beach Day - Sandcastle competition and Raft Race (tbc)	1.00 pm
Saturday 23rd	Adult 5-a-side football hosted by Burntisland Shipyard Football Club	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Saturday 23rd	Civic Week Band Night at the Toll Community Centre	8.00 pm
Sunday 24th	Des and the Dingoes at the Star (tbc)	3.00 pm - 6.30 pm
<b>JULY</b>		
Thursday 12th	SWI Meeting at St Joseph’s Church Hall	7.00 pm
Sunday 15th	<b>COPY DEADLINE for SUMMER ISSUE OF THE BUZZ</b>	
<b>Monday 16th</b>	<b>Exiles’ Reception and BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES</b>	
Saturday 21st	Bowling Club Annual Fete	1.00 pm onwards

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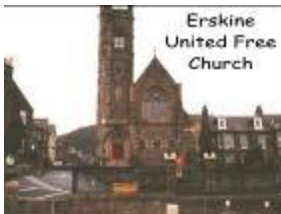
**Ross Macauley proudly displays his award**

MACAULEY’S FRUIT AND VEG has been awarded first prize in the Fresh Produce Provider of the Year category in the “Scottish Independent Retail Awards 2018”, held in Glasgow on 17th April.

Owner Ross Macauley said that he was extremely proud to have been selected winner of this prestigious award as this small Burntisland enterprise was competing against much larger and more sophisticated competition. Ross further commented that along with C & M Seafoods and Tom Courts, Butchers they have made a significant improvement to the shopping experience on Burntisland’s High Street .

Such enterprising initiatives deserve the full support of the community.

## Erskine News by Rev. Alexander Ritchie



It was great to start Holy Week at the newly-restored Kirkton site on Palm Sunday. A huge amount of work has been done which really brings this oldest place of worship in the town back to life. Our walk around the local churches was held

thereafter on a gorgeous afternoon.

Then we moved to our regular slots on the beach & atop the Binn at 8am on Easter Sunday-another glorious morning (see Keith's photo). Easter brings Burntisland's churches together...



The annual Presbytery exchange takes place on Sunday 13 May. Our morning service will be led by Rev. Jerome O'Brien

from Crook of Devon. I will be visiting Craigmalen UF Church in Bo'ness.

Erskine's next Coffee & Pancakes morning is on Saturday 19 May from 10 am as usual. Please join us in the church halls if you are free. I hope the weather has improved by then, but our fresh pancakes are always delicious!

Recently, we've been hearing a lot about work in the wider Church and trying to offer some practical help. Speakers have told us about projects being supported by the United Free Church in Cambodia, Macedonia (working with refugees) and also in Ukraine. All are very worthwhile causes and it's good to take a broad view of the human needs around us-both near & far.

Everyone makes a fuss about Christmas & Easter. But what comes next in the Christian calendar? Pentecost marks the time we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. This year it falls on Sunday 20th May. The Spirit is the assurance of God's presence with us, so it's a really special time.

Jesus says this about the Spirit, "He will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is" (John 16.13, *The Message*). Sometimes we can feel lost, but the Spirit helps us to see & understand God's way.

Anyway time to stop writing my next sermon, but instead just to wish you a good spring after such a long, cold winter. It's a time for thanksgiving & hope, as we look forward to the promises to come.

P.S. Don't forget Christian Aid Week 2018, 13-19 May ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)).



Burntisland Parish Church is open to visitors from Friday 1<sup>st</sup>. June to Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. August. 2018. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

afternoons, 2 pm-4 pm.

Built in 1592 the church has a long and interesting history. Also known as the 'Kirk of the Bible' because in 1601 King James VI held the General Assembly within it's walls, and

during that event granted a new translation of the Bible now known as the 'King James Authorized Version' Members of the congregation will be in attendance for guided tours and to answer questions.

To arrange group visits contact – Rev Alan Sharp, Tel. 01592 874303 or e-mail: [ASharp@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ASharp@churchofscotland.org.uk) or Mrs Ann Smith, Tel 01592 873994 or e-mail: [annpatsmith96@gmail.com](mailto:annpatsmith96@gmail.com)

## Burntisland Parish Church

## News from St Joseph's



I am writing these words having just celebrated my first Easter here in Burntisland. It is never easy moving to a new place and it is always nice to get the "firsts" behind you - life then becomes a bit more settled and things become more familiar. This means that I also experienced my first "Walk of Witness" on Palm Sunday, when, blessed with beautiful weather, the different Christian fellowships united in prayer and procession to the various places of worship in the town, finishing with a short service here at St Joseph's. I was very moved by the whole experience and I am very grateful for new friendships made.

Easter time is a lovely time of year in the Church, but also a busy time with plenty of things to celebrate. Here in St Joseph's we are very much looking forward to another ordination to the priesthood. It is only two years since Fr Jamie McMorris, from Kinghorn, was ordained as priest, and now Andrew Marshall, who spent most of his childhood in Burntisland, is to be ordained for priestly service in the Diocese of Dunkeld in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, on Thursday 28th June. Andrew

will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in St Joseph's on Friday 29th June at 12 noon.

Andrew was born and raised in Fife, attending St Marie's Primary and St Andrew's High Schools. He was very close to his maternal grandmother, Anne Beavers, nee Keenan, and spent most weekends with her, attending Mass here in St Joseph's. He served as an Altar Boy for many years and assisted his Nanna with the Church cleaning. This helped in developing a deep love for God and the Catholic faith. Andrew studied Modern Languages at the University of St Andrews, but from an early age sensed a call to the priesthood. It was only after the death of his Nana that he felt confident enough to come forward. His studies began in 2009 and he is now making final preparations for his Ordination. We are looking forward to welcoming him back to St Joseph's to celebrate his first Mass on June 29th, and you are very welcome to join us.

Wishing you and yours every blessing.

**Fr James**



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## INVESTMENTS FOR LIFE - The Marriage Course

My wife once mentioned to our sister-in-law that we were going on a 'Marriage Course' to which our sister-in-law pulled her aside to ask, '*Are you ok, is there something wrong?*' Although our marriage is not perfect, her response made us smile and ask...

*...Why are we so willing to go on self-improvement courses for cooking, writing, mindfulness, computing or investments, to name a few good and worthy courses, but when it comes to one of life's most important investments...*

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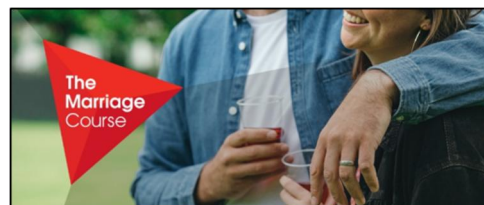
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So if you are about to get married, have been married for years or in a committed relationship and want to invest in it... this course may be for you

We are currently taking applications for a Marriage Course in the South West Fife area and if you would like to join or receive more information please contact us at [office@allsoulsfife.org.uk](mailto:office@allsoulsfife.org.uk) or call 01592- 870049. **Dates and Venue will be confirmed upon application.**

For more information about the Marriage Course go to [themarriagecourses.org](http://themarriagecourses.org)



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## Craigencait Trust News

by Marilyn Edwards

April began with an excellent talk from Ian Archibald entitled 'Island Jewels of the Forth'. Ian took his audience on a journey through the Firth of Forth, stopping at many of the islands, to tell of their history and environment. The aerial views of the Bass Rock and Inchkeith allowed a unique insight into their shape and form. There were also many beautiful pictures of the wildlife on each island, of gannets, guillemots and puffins; a reminder of what a special area we live in and how lucky we are to be able to enjoy it. The room was packed by nearly 60 people who all agreed it was a superb and well researched presentation.

Spring is a lovely time of the year at Kinghorn Loch, with coltsfoot, daffodils and the flowering gorse, all making a sunshine flurry. Frogs and toads are stirring to make their annual pilgrimage to the water (but somewhat delayed this year), summer birds like swallows are returning, and ducks pairing off to search for nesting sites. The nesting platforms that the Trust volunteers have constructed over the winter are in place, ready for the water fowl to take up residence. Our female swan has a new partner and she is returning to her usual barley straw raft to make her nest. This year, Gerald Lincoln is doing a number of moth surveys at Kinghorn Loch and has invited the Trust to help him. The first

survey was in April and more will follow during the summer months. It will be a lovely opportunity to discover and photograph the many different moths that frequent this area.

The Trust held its fifth Walking Festival in April and continues its popularity. It was good to see both old and new faces signing up for walks. We cannot guarantee the weather to be sunny, but participants always enjoy the great company and scenic views on walks. The family walk along Rodanbraes path was particularly well attended with 16 children and 21 adults accompanying them. The walk stopped at the troll bridge for stories and games, then on to the atmospheric Rodanbraes cottage for witch stories. A good time was had by all. Other walks went up Stoneyhall Hill, a visit to Glassmount House Gardens and a coastal walk from West Wemyss. It was a pleasant way to improve fitness levels after the long hard winter.



The 'Come and Try' day at Kinghorn Loch is another popular event. This year it is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm. This free event hosts canoeing, sailing, model boat sailing, the Earthship, walking and bird watching. It provides a great opportunity to try something new.

If you would like to be involved in any of these activities please get in touch with us by email through the website, [www.craigencaittrust.org.uk](http://www.craigencaittrust.org.uk) or phone Marilyn on 891330.



## The Snow

Extreme winter weather as experienced this year brings conflicting emotions. Even just a few days of it will kill wildlife yet it's exciting because the urgency to feed makes animals tamer and means we might see species which normally stay away from gardens. In deep cold birds have to feed through all hours of light to gain enough fat to survive the night.

The first morning of snowfall I laid shallow containers of water round the garden, filled feeders, scraped snow from patches of grass and soil and sprinkled seeds, oats and raisins there and in safe spots under shrubs. Before I got back inside a song thrush was already on cleared lawn and a blackbird was drinking from a basin. Food \*and water\* in your garden really will save lives.

Over the next few days we hosted house sparrow, dunnock, bullfinch, chaffinch, wren, robin, starling, jackdaw, blue tit, great tit, coal tit, wood pigeon, feral pigeon, blackbird, song thrush, redwing, fieldfare. The last three - all thrushes, as are blackbirds - we've never had in this garden. Fieldfares and redwings quickly chomped every berry on our holly then spent the next three days working through the berries on our neighbours' hedging. The closest I've ever seen

fieldfares, I was able to sketch without binoculars. Thank you neighbours! Down on the Links starlings, oystercatchers, redshanks, assorted thrushes and a lone curlew probed for food in patches where snow had blown away. I watched a lapwing buffeted in over the railway wall in a commotion of paddle-shaped wings, the first I've seen in Burntisland.

## May Nesting

Come May when Burgh Buzz drops through doors (let the editor know if you could deliver to your street) we'll be firmly into nesting season. Garden hedges, shrubs and trees have tits, finches, robins and sparrows nesting in them - don't trim or prune until the end of August unless you know for certain there's nothing there. Under eaves and gutters are starlings, swifts and more house sparrows and in porches and outbuildings are swallows and martins - if you have any of these you're lucky, populations are declining rapidly so don't block them out. We love waking to the starling chicks inside our bedroom wall excitedly squealing each time their parents bring back yummy gooey grubs.

Down disused chimney pots jackdaws nest - if you're having work done secure wire mesh a few feet down inside to prevent sticks and chicks becoming trapped behind blocked-up fireplaces.

Out of town, in the fields above the Binn skylarks, meadow pipits and a few lapwings breed, all ground-nesters so don't let dogs run loose until nesting is over.

Finally, ever controversial, on chimney stacks and flat roofs are herring and lesser black-backed gulls, two of six native British gulls. Their populations are dropping and rooftops can provide a relatively safe refuge as we build on and disturb more and more of their natural nesting ground. Both species might remain with one mate for most of their thirty years, returning to the exact same nest site each spring having spent winter apart and as far away as the Mediterranean or Morocco. If a chick falls from the roof before it's old enough to fly its best chance is to be put back up away from cars. Only do this if you know it's the right roof and you're confident you can do it with no risk to self.

I monitor local gull nests as well as any bird nests in our garden and any others I happen on whilst out and about. Volunteer nest-monitoring is extremely valuable and can be done legally by anyone following strict guidelines detailed by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). If interested get in touch with BTO through [www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org) or send message me via [www.leodufeu.co.uk](http://www.leodufeu.co.uk)



A Coffee Morning, with stalls featuring home baking and tombola, organised by all the churches in Burntisland, will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Church Hall, 10 am till 12 noon. Entrance £2.00.

## Marcelin's Story

Marcelin still hasn't recovered from Hurricane Matthew, which hit Haiti in September 2016, destroying his home, possessions and livestock.

'I lost pigs, goats, everything in the house. I have nothing left,' he says. He now lives in an old concrete shower block, a tiny space he shares with his teenage daughters. There are no windows or doors, and the only furniture is a single bed that the girls sleep on.

## Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Marcelin has fought hard to raise his children alone but can no longer afford to send them all to school. He gets up at dawn each day to work the land, but the changing weather frequently destroys the food he grows and the family often go hungry. Marcelin fears his daughters' hunger could lead them to be exploited by predatory men in exchange for food.

### How we are helping

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	Deepwork	8.00pm - 8.45pm	Anna Czyzck
<b>Tuesday</b>	Circuit Training	9.30am - 10.15am	Johnny Miller
	Core Blast	10.30am - 11.15am	Adrina Wallace
	Kettlebells	6.30pm - 7.15pm	Adrina Wallace
	Metafit	7.30pm - 8.00pm	Adrina Wallace
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kettlebells	9.30am - 10.30am	Rory Young
	BodyPump	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jill Johnston
	Circuit Training	6.00pm - 6.45pm	Johnny Miller
	Core Blast	7.00pm - 7.45pm	Adrina Wallace
	Aquaerobics	7.15pm - 8.15pm	Lauren Mullen
	Metafit	8.00pm - 8.30pm	Adrina Wallace
<b>Thursday</b>	Aquaerobics	9.00am - 10.00am	Lauren Mullen
	Pilates	9.45am - 10.45am	Susan Spowart
	BodyPump	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Jill Johnston
<b>Friday</b>	BodyPump	9.30am - 10.30am	Jill Johnston
	Pilates	10.45am - 11.45am	Jill Johnston
	Kettlebells	6.00pm - 6.45pm	Adrina Wallace
	Metafit	7.00pm - 7.30pm	Adrina Wallace
<b>Saturday</b>	Circuit Training	9.00am - 10.00am	Johnny Miller

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