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Our Town's Chronic Parking Problems Exposed

The recent public outcry over the parking of hundreds of vehicles on the grass area of the Links, which led to the Community Council convening a special public meeting to discuss the issue, has re-emphasised the grossly inadequate provision of convenient parking for private cars in Burntisland. The meeting itself, handled efficiently and sympathetically by CC Chairman Alex MacDonald, was attended by over 70 in total which included councillors, residents, showmen and local traders who were all able to express their, often diametrically opposite, views.

After over an hour of heated exchanges, the Chairman summarised the main points raised and those present were allowed to vote on them by a show of hands which concluded as follows:-

- An almost unanimous view that parking on the grassed area of the Links should be prohibited.
- Bollards or low fencing should be placed around the perimeter of the Links but with marked spaces to allow access for emergency vehicles.
- Appropriate signage should be erected and prohibition of parking effectively enforced.
- Land offered or used for parking during special events should be considered for all peak periods.
- Minor alterations to local bus routes could provide a shuttle service to and from the Links.

There was general agreement that although a "quick fix" solution was urgently required, a longer term solution was absolutely essential.



Following a letter from the Chairman, Fife Council officials hastily convened a meeting to address the parking problems. Present at the meeting were Cllr. Langlands and George McLaughlan, secretary of the Community Council. It was subsequently agreed that three skips would be removed from waste ground opposite the Beacon Centre which would be opened for parking. This would be a temporary expedient and at the end of the summer, Fife Council will clear that area and lay a surface of hard standing which will provide a limited amount of overflow parking for the Links. It was agreed that this would be a temporary arrangement prior to working out a more permanent solution.

Burntisland Highland Games



Dignitaries on Parade

The 366th Burntisland Highland Games Day was given the traditional start with the Exiles Reception in the Burgh Chambers, hosted by the Burntisland Community Council. Returning residents from as far afield as Australia, South Africa, China and various counties in England were welcomed by Christine Dewar, the Council's most senior member present, and by Fife Provost Jim Leishman. Following a sumptuous finger buffet and light refreshments, the exiles joined the dignitaries and the Summer King and Queen in a parade led by Burntisland & District Novice Juvenile Pipe Band along the High Street to the games arena on the Links.

The games were officially opened by Chieftain David Adamson and a large crowd of spectators were regally entertained throughout the afternoon by athletes, cyclists, dancers and "huge" competitors in the heavy events.

The Binn Race, open only to Burntisland residents, was particularly gruelling in the hot weather and was won by Ben Potrykus who retained his title in the commendable time of 21.55 minutes. (The Games in pictures on Page 17)

BURNTISLAND'S COMMUNITY PAPER

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From the Editor

The prolonged warm, sunny weather has been most welcome and has attracted numerous visitors to the town to enjoy our marvellous, natural amenities and the attractions of the summer fair on the Links. The influx of large numbers of visitors has also highlighted a problem which in future, if not addressed, will drive them elsewhere - that problem is the lack of parking for private cars close to these amenities.

Fife Council clumsily, without consultation, attempted to organise parking on the grass area of the Links as a temporary expedient. This led to a public outcry, a hastily arranged public meeting and an official protest to Fife Council who, commendably, have reacted quickly and sensibly to alleviate the immediate problem. However, a permanent solution is required if Burntisland is to survive as an attractive seaside resort.

In my view, the solution is obvious and has been proposed previously but rejected, mainly on financial grounds. There is a huge area of wasteland in the docks area stretching from behind the railway station to the entrance to Scott Pallets, opposite the Beacon Leisure Centre. There may be complications related to ownership of portions of that land and it will not be easy in the current austere climate to raise the necessary funds. However, with strong leadership, determination and careful planning, these problems could be overcome and a portion of the wasteland sympathetically converted into permanent car parking facilities.

The proximity to the railway station would also result in an increase in the daily footfall and indirectly provide further justification for step free access to the northern platform - for the disabled, passengers with buggies, heavy luggage, shopping and bikes.

This is an issue that must be addressed with some urgency.

On a brighter note, you will see from the announcement below that we have created a new web site. One of our newer committee members, Chris Hill, recognising that we are a quarterly publication, felt that there is a requirement for a local web site to report on local events as they happen and to advertise forthcoming functions or developments that will be of immediate interest to members of the Burntisland community.

If any reader wishes to report on or promote an activity or function contact Chris at info@Burgh.Buzz
This is not a web site for comment. Any views may be expressed through "Letters to the Editor" in the Buzz.

Bill Kirkhope (Editor)

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New Buzz Web Site

We now have a new site which will enable readers to catch some of the news and events that are happening between our quarterly paper publication. The address is easy to remember! -

www.Burgh.Buzz

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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.

- Good progress is being made in securing funding for extended Christmas lights, through a combination of events, donations and sponsorship. However, this is likely to be a continuous project so that the lights can be improved year by year.
- Communication from Police Scotland has improved in terms of monthly crime statistics. There will be an additional two community officers on duty over the summer months.
- Work is continuing with Fife Council to identify and correct uncontrolled water courses in the vicinity of Cowdenbeath Road.
- Alex MacDonald and Tim Hailey attended separate meetings about flaring at Mossmorran. Both reported positively on the approach taken by the companies and by SEPA.
- Consultation continues about the possibility of improving access to the Lammerlaws, whilst protecting and enhancing local amenity.
- Community Enterprise and ARC Architects have been appointed to conduct a feasibility study into the conservation and sustainable use of the Burgh Chambers complex. An initial report is expected in August.
- Small donations were made to the Wednesday Club, Broomhill Gardens Club, Town Twinning and Floral Action Burntisland.
- Essential maintenance work on the Links water feature has been requested from Fife Council.
- Outline proposals for start-up business units at the Roundhouse, with some flexibility for parking, have been welcomed and a formal planning application is awaited.
- Fife Council have been asked urgently to identify and enforce alternative sites for car parking so that tourists and residents can enjoy their leisure safely without parking on the Links.

Availability of David Torrance MSP

David will be holding surgeries in the Toll Centre on the 8th September and 13th October, both Saturday 10:00am – 10:30am.

Out with these times the office operates an open door policy Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm, or he can be contacted on 01592 200349 and at david.torrance.msp@parliament.scot, if preferred.

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

Reported crime figures for Burntisland for the last three months are comparable with the same time last year with both showing about a 60% detection rate, the majority of which have been thefts and assaults. To date, despite the good weather, there has been no rise in calls regarding any type of anti social behaviour. However we will continue to monitor this over the summer months.

With support from various agencies, most notably the Burntisland Neighbourhood Development group, on the 1st June we launched the 'You're Asking for It' campaign in the town with the aim of tackling youth anti-social behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol.

This campaign looks to promote the issue of proxy sales, where a person of age is supplying alcohol to or buying alcohol for those who are under-age. There are several strands to this campaign, most notably, that we work alongside local licensed premises ensuring that staff are aware of the signs that someone may be purchasing alcohol for those under the age of 18 and to give them the confidence to refuse these sales.

Another part of the campaign is to ensure that those over the age of 18 know that to supply or purchase alcohol for those under the age of 18 is not, as some may think, harmless. As well as often attributing to anti social behaviour the excessive consumption of alcohol can lead to health problems and other issues as a result of normal inhibitions being removed.

Also be aware that any person under the age of 18 buying or attempting to buy alcohol is an offence.

After being piloted in Motherwell in 2015, and later in Edinburgh, both of these areas saw a vast reduction in alcohol related, anti-social behaviour issues. All of our licensed premises are fully behind the campaign so we hope that with the support of the community, we too will notice a difference.

In other news, between Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st June 2018 drugs with a potential street value of £184,630.00 were recovered from a property in Burntisland and were linked an address in Kirkcaldy. All persons involved have since appeared in court and we

would like to thank the local community for their help in this matter.

We have recently been made aware that there is often criticism of the police on a certain social media site regarding what people often perceive as an apparent lack of action when it comes to dealing with some local issues. I would like to ask everyone to not just assume that the police are aware of what is going on. Residents are urged to either contact the Community Team officers or 101 to report matters.

The "clinics" that we held in Burntisland Library in May and June went well and will keep going as long as there is a requirement. Please look out for forthcoming dates on posters around the town and on the Kirkcaldy Police Twitter page.

Finally, PC Lewis Grieg will be joining the Burntisland Community Team on the 1st August having worked more recently as a response officer in Kirkcaldy. Lewis has a wide variety of experience and is looking forward to working in the town.

Lewis and I can be contacted on either 101 or via e-mail

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Burntisland Community Council 40th Anniversary

On 9th February 1978 Jock Marshal chaired the first meeting of Burntisland Community Council. Forty years on it's a bit of an eye-opener to think how things have changed.

In 1977, five of us had been willing, but we were too few in number to meet the statutory requirements. So it took an extra few months to find the extra people who were needed to make it work. George Galloway was the original Vice Chairman. I was Secretary and Treasurer. Agnes Cameron was Minutes Secretary. Alex Whitton would later become Vice Chairman and then Chairman. We'd be joined later by Ian Morrison as Treasurer and others who, with the best will in the world, are now too numerous to mention.

Sometimes it was hard to deal with local authority councillors from other towns, who saw us as a threat to their personal fiefdoms. I recall asking one committee convenor for a meeting so that we could explore areas of common interest. His reply was succinct: "Nae chance" - and he walked away. However, perseverance is the name of the game.

We successfully challenged the then local authority in court, when they wanted to pocket the proceeds of the sale of common good land. Our action then meant that the result - about £100,000 - was put many years later towards the construction of the Beacon Leisure Centre.

Our imagination was fired by early reports of the possibility that the Blessing of Burntisland might be found - more than 300 years after she sank about a mile offshore. That led to the formation of an embryonic heritage exhibition, which has since matured into Burntisland Heritage Trust as an independent entity.

That principle of nurturing new endeavours has been replicated many times. The Events Group was a spin-off from the Community Council, as more and more activities were delegated away from the local authority and towards locally-based organisations.

Environmental topics have always played a big part. We won an award in 2003 for actions which were in retrospect very modest by today's standards. In 2005 the award-winning Burntisland Blooms was the precursor to today's Floral Action Burntisland.

Christmas lights were never the original idea of the Community Council, but for a third time we are now stepping in to ensure a successful outcome after others fell by the wayside.

Sometimes we did indeed take the initiative and develop our own projects.

One such is the Burgh Buzz itself. Wholly originated and funded by the Community Council, it is now editorially and financially independent. It's a mainstay of our community thanks in particular to its (few) editors and its excellent team of volunteers.

The water feature on the Links was entirely our project. The playparks on the Links were entirely our projects, thanks to some superb fundraising and outstanding foresight by Claire Campbell and Morag Douglas.

When Alcan left Burntisland in 2004, they gifted £1 million to the town. We led the trust which disbursed that money, turning it into £3.7 million across nearly 50 local projects.

The Community Award and the Scots Verse competitions are now very well-known. They give local people the chance to be recognised and to celebrate with their friends and families - now numbering many hundreds - in the splendour of the Burgh Chambers.

Also into the many hundreds are the senior citizens who - with our help - have enjoyed a Christmas pantomime or a Burns Lunch, thanks to sponsorship from ExxonMobil at Mossmorran.

At a strategic level, we produced the 5-year Community Action Plan and distributed copies to nearly every household in the town. It has been a key lever in securing funding of well over £250,000 for a very wide range of projects - not just by the Community Council but by other organisations which need to show evidence of support for their ideas.

In 1978, our financial activity was limited by our annual grant - at about £100 per year. Last year, our turnover was about £100,000. It is a fact that our only secure source of income is still a tiny annual grant, but we've learned how to select projects and raise the necessary funds from other sources.

So where are we now? The simple answer is that history is close to repeating itself. We get superb results from our current members, but in total we are still fewer in number than we would like.

We need people who are willing to speak up and have a robust but civilised debate. We need people with ideas, energy and inspiration, so that we can continue our journey to make Burntisland even better than it is today.

In a few months' time, nominations will open for a new Community Council. We'd love to have people stand for election who have that spirit of getting things done.

Alex. MacDonald.
Chairman
Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council

Community Council Elections

Every four years nominations are invited for election to the Community Council. The Returning Officer has decided that, subject to there not being an unscheduled major electoral event which would impinge on the election timetable, the Community Council elections this year will take place on **Thursday 4th October 2018**

Burntisland Community Council will have 16 vacancies to fill. If you would like to put something back into the community why not put your name forward. To find out more visit www.fifedirect.org.uk/communitycouncils Or contact the Secretary on burntislandcc@outlook.com

As in previous community council elections, where a poll is required, this will be conducted by postal ballot. Please note that this information and nomination packs will not be available until August.

George McLauchlan
(Secretary)



Burntisland Primary School News

Written by Hannah Duncan, Thomas Hodge, Abbie Nicoll and Dean Loughran (with a little help from Mrs Clunie!)

Primary 1

This term, the Primary 1 topic has been Beaches. What wonderful weather they have had for it too. Children have also been learning to read with expression. They went to the Dundee Science Centre for a class trip as part of their Health Education. They are now working on money and number bonds.

Primary 2

Money and symmetry have been key Maths topics in Primary 2 this term, and their class topic has been Farming. Children were lucky enough to be visited by a farmer in his tractor in our own playground, which was very exciting. Recently, children enjoyed a trip to Broomhill Garden and have also been learning about healthy eating.

Primary 3

In Primary 3, pupils have been learning about time and their project has been the Rainforest. One step into the P3 classrooms and you automatically feel like you have been transported to the jungle. Pupils went on their class trip to Edinburgh Zoo and they absolutely loved it.

Primary 4

This Term P4 pupils really enjoyed their topic which was Harry Potter. They visited "The Big Strum", a ukulele festival and also enjoyed a trip to the Five Sister's Zoo. In Maths, pupils have been working on charts and probability and they are getting better and better at information handling.

Primary 5

Our P5 pupils have enjoyed learning all about Space this term. Everyone joined in Rotary Rambles to the Bluebell Woods with volunteers from Burntisland and Kinghorn Rotary Club. In Maths, pupils have been learning to deal with coordinates. In Literacy, they have been reading George's Secret Key to the Universe. Outside, they have also been doing some Orienteering.

Primary 6

Children in P6 have been developing their communication skills by writing and presenting a one minute speech. Some lucky pupils in P5/6 also had a pond dipping session at Mossmorran and took part in a Rotary Ramble with the Rotary Club.

Primary 7

Our P7 pupils have been very busy in this final term, preparing for their big move up to Secondary School. Pupils have enjoyed their transition visits to their new Secondary schools and have enjoyed meeting new friends. The class topic this term has been Conflict through the ages. In Maths, pupils have tackled algebra and negative numbers. Finally, in Literacy, pupils have been developing their understanding of Shakespeare, before putting on an excellent performance of "Shakespeare Rocks." A very busy and exciting final term at BPS.

We can't quite believe that we have come to the end of another academic session at BPS, but we are certainly ending on a high. In the last 2 weeks we have seen huge success across all areas of school life. Our amazing senior football team won the Cluster League and the Fife Primary Schools Cup. Our fabulous P7 Girls and Boys relay teams won both their races at the Balwearie High School Sports Day, bringing the trophy home for a 3rd year in a row. Some of our senior pupils took part in the Scottish Schools Swimming Competition and placed very well. Well done to all!



Tripping through the Bluebells

We sent 2 teams of P6 pupils to Balwearie High School to participate in a Cluster Maths Challenge – and one of the teams won. This means that they will progress to the final in September...we can't wait to see how they get on and we are so proud of them. And finally, we already knew that we had the best Dinner Ladies in Fife – but now it has been officially confirmed. Our lovely ladies in the kitchen won Catering Team of the Year at the Fife Council Catering Awards. Huge congratulations to them – very well deserved.

Phew! What a term! We could go on and on about the many achievements we are proud of this session, but we don't think there is enough space in the Burgh Buzz. Thank you all so much for your continued support. Without our amazing staff, parents and community partners, we would not have as many opportunities to allow our pupils to Belong, Participate and Succeed. Thank you all and have a lovely Summer.



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A Fond Farewell to Mrs Lynne Bennet

by Julie Anderson

It was with great sadness that we said an 'official' cheerio to Mrs Lynne Bennett at the end of term. Mrs Bennett has decided to leave Burntisland Primary School as a permanent member of the teaching staff after many, many years of dedicated service to our children and the community.

She has been truly inspirational to staff, pupils and parents alike and it is impossible to quantify her achievements in making a difference to the lives of many.

Mrs Bennett was the driving force behind the establishment of Rotary Rambles, which has seen intergenerational work between the pupils and Rotarians where their depth of local knowledge and expertise in basic map reading has been shared with children and parents alike.

Whenever anyone might have been struggling with anything at all, Mrs Bennett would 'see' them with calmness and warmth, lending an ear, offering a comforting cuddle and above all, taking the time to listen. Mrs Bennett would show total empathy, would give her time so willingly and above all would do so with a genuine kindness.

The contributions Mrs Bennett made to the school were



outstanding ; Family Fun, supporting classes, teaching, mindfulness, outdoor learning, residential trips, taking groups to Lochore Meadows and most of all - just 'being there' for people.

Through outdoor learning, Lynne established and maintained valuable links within the community. Rotarians, the Beacon Team, Ian Archibald and the Heritage Trust, Claire Reid and the Ecology Centre, Leo De Feu with Art Therapy all

hold Mrs Bennett in the highest regard.

Mrs Bennett is not 'retiring' but she is leaving to start a new chapter in her life. At BPS, we are delighted that she will remain a part of the school as she will be working one day a week.

At the end of term Mrs Bennett was presented with a beautiful Pandora bracelet and lily plant, chosen by the children with the donations collected by parents and pupils.

The children in the town all know so well, Mrs Bennett's mantra....."just be kind" and this is a sentiment we all strive to live by.



By Jenny Roxburgh



The end of another year at playgroup is already upon us! Most of our children are now moving on to nursery for the next stage in their learning and development. We will all be sad to see them go and we wish them all the best for the future. We do have a couple of children staying with us for a bit longer, so we are very happy we will be able to continue to share in their learning and development for a bit longer. We look forward to welcoming all the new children who will be starting their playgroup experience with us after the summer holidays.

The past few months have been very busy. We have been planting seeds and beans, observing the growth of caterpillars changing into butterflies, baking, visiting the forest and the beach and with transition visits to the nursery. The playgroup had their annual summer trip to Muddy Boots, which after a quick shower of rain, turned into a lovely day. The children, parents and staff took part in the local Civic Week Parade, for which we won 3rd prize as a group and 2 more prizes for individual fancy dress. We finished the term with our Sports Day, with the children excelling themselves in the races. Our last day was a party for the children with Mr Barking providing the entertainment.

The children helped to raise funds for the group by doing a "Sponsored Wheel", which raised over £300! One of our committee members also raised funds by collecting sponsor money for taking part in the "Black Rock Race". Well done to

Shannon for doing so well. All of our fundraising events this year have been very successful thanks to the support from everyone who organised, attended and helped in any way. We are very grateful to everyone for ensuring that our playgroup continues to thrive every year.

A big thank you to the committee this year, who have worked really hard to continually raise funds, obtain grants and manage the group. Also thank you to all the parents/carers who have helped and supported us over the year. We really appreciate the time and commitment you all put into everything for the group.

The Staff also deserve a big thank you for their hard work over the year. Everyone is very dedicated to their job and always give over and above their job remit. Our staff team remain mostly the same this year, with just one change to our relief staff. Sadly we lost Karen, one of our relief practitioners, in January, so we have a new relief practitioner starting with us in August.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in September, where a new committee will be elected. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our meeting and to working with our new committee.

Our first fundraiser next term will be the Halloween Disco on Saturday 27th October. More details will be advertised nearer the time.



Burntisland Out of School Service runs from the Toll Community Centre on weekdays, and offers a registered, high quality breakfast club, after school service and holiday play schemes.

Children from primary 1 to primary 7 attend and enjoy a varied selection of fun and educational activities and are involved in planning the programme.

We have access to a large games hall, the computer suite, a TV room that we use to watch movies/programmes or have a boogie on the Wii. We can also go out to a lovely enclosed garden where we have a great time exploring and playing or just have some quiet time.

The weather so far for our play scheme has been fabulous. We have visited Aberdour beach, our own beautiful beach and had a boat trip to the historic Inchcolm Island. We have many more exciting days planned and have spaces still available.

Please feel free to pop into the centre and meet the staff who will gladly answer any questions you may have.



A visit to the Ecology Centre



FAB changes at Allan Court

By Mary Kaye

Allan Court is an often forgotten sheltered housing complex in the middle of Burntisland High St. Five years ago, at the formation of FAB, one of the residents approached our team to help with watering and planting. As a new group it was felt that it was maybe a bit premature to help but we did promise to review the position in the future. And so began the relationship between FAB and Allan Court.

In the early years the FAB input was watering and simple planting. However as FAB developed so did their ambitions for Allan Court. The most obvious changes we have made are refurbished seating, new planters and a second patio to extend the seating area. Working in partnership with Fife Council Housing Department new fencing has been erected, and hand rails painted. This has transformed the entrance to the building.

Our aim when planting in the grounds of Allan Court has been to achieve sustainable seasonal displays. This year the Spring flowering did not disappoint as it was well received by the residents and much praised at our annual Spring Coffee Morning. The landscape now includes grasses and summer perennial planting which has been achieved by a Community Grant from Dobbies Dalgety Bay. The theme of the planting has been to encourage the residents to participate more fully in their outdoor areas. The inclusion of Patio furniture has helped this.

Allan Court has been refurbished internally over the last two years. The FAB changes now complement this work offering a welcome environment for residents and visitors.



IT Tuition for the Elderly at St Andrews Court



Housing, Care and Support provider, Trust Housing Association, held a Digital Participation launch event at its Burntisland development. Tenants from St. Andrews Court and the wider community were invited to attend. Getting older people online has already made positive changes to tenant's lives by combating loneliness, improving mental and physical health, delay of cognitive decline, strengthening relationships with family and friends and of course learning new things. Trust is committed to continually improving the lives of tenants through digital participation.

Learners were nervous to start, but with help and demonstrations, nervousness soon turned to eagerness. St. Andrews Court are looking for volunteers to help older people in the community to stay online and continue to learn. If you have computer knowledge and skills or would like to help with activities and have patience and a genuine interest in helping older people, then please contact Trust St. Andrews Court, Burntisland on 01592 872770 for more information.

“Potter About” Closes for Business

I feel sure that all our readers will join us in wishing Pat and Lorna a fond farewell and best wishes for the future after serving the Burntisland community for seven years as joint owners of Potter About. The café closed for business at the end of last month, primarily because of their family commitments and ill health.

Potter About was not only an excellent venue serving delicious home-made produce, it had developed into a community hub for all age groups. Motivated by their faith, Lorna and Pat strove to help anyone in the community, particularly the underprivileged or disabled. Over the past seven years, they have given work experience to the visually impaired, wheel chair users, autistic youths and those with learning difficulties. This experience raised confidence and self-esteem within individuals and prepared them for employment further afield.

The friendly atmosphere within the café encouraged social interaction amongst customers and those who previously sat alone, particularly the elderly, joined with others to form regular friendly groups.

The indomitable pair supported fund raising for national organisations such as “Guide Dogs for the Blind” and the RNLI



The Dynamic Duo

but it was through their charity work within local organisations that they exercised the most influence. They operated a “suspended coffee scheme” in which donations were held over to provide drinks for those who were in need. In conjunction with the Parish Church they were a conduit for “Christians against Poverty”. They also operated as a satellite point for the collection and distribution of parcels from the Kirkcaldy Food Bank. At Christmas time they set up a Giving Tree scheme through which donations of Christmas gifts could be made to needy families. Overall, their joint impact amongst the needy

in the Burntisland community has been immense and they will be sorely missed.

All is not doom and gloom however. A new café will be opening in a couple of months under new management. Also the satellite point of the Kirkcaldy Food Bank will continue to operate from the Solid Rock premises in the High Street and will be open every Tuesday and Friday between 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm beginning Friday 3rd August.

In the meantime, let us extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Pat and Lorna.

Central Burntisland Tenants and Residents Association (CBITRA)

by Iain Ralph

The Association is going from strength to strength, with membership increasing and some of our aims now showing signs of coming to fruition. I have to thank many people both within our group and Fife Council with special thanks to PC James, our local Community Police Officer.

PC James is the lead officer for the “you’re asking for it” initiative aimed at stopping the sale of alcohol to underage drinkers, particularly through adults buying alcohol for youths.

Members of our Association have also recently visited the Police Headquarters, Glenrothes where they were shown the CCTV monitoring facility and were awestruck by the quality and clarity the CCTV monitoring operation of activities in the town. The Association is hoping to further work with the police to replace existing CCTV cameras with state of the art 4G cameras, hopefully contributing towards a further reduction

in crime in our town.

Fife Council have also been active in the town - all litter bins have now been marked with a label indicating that dog excrement can be disposed of in any waste bin. Hopefully this will contribute towards a general reduction in dog’s mess on our streets and recreational areas.

Fife Council have also posted signs around the town discouraging the practice of feeding wild birds. Feeding seagulls is an anti-social activity and anyone spotted doing so should be reported to the Safer Communities team.

Our Residents Association is working with Fife Council to improve and possibly replace the litter bins located around the town. A number of ‘Seagull proof bins have been identified and Fife Council are now actively looking at a means of purchasing and sighting these new bins around the town.



Although it may appear the BCDT has gone quiet we have been working away in the background. The Energy Master Plan is now available to view, and a copy is on our FB page. We are currently looking at what we can take forward on a local level and at funding.

We will be holding our Xmas Market again this year on the 30th November, which will coincide with the BCC Xmas light switch on, hope to see you all there.

We are also looking to hold an event in September for all local groups to showcase what they are currently working on and

hopefully get some more volunteers on board. Date and details will follow.

Finally we are planning to hold an initial steering group looking at the access issues in the railway station. This is still in the very early stages but we will keep everyone informed as work progresses.

If anyone wishes to be a member of the Trust (free to join), a link is on our FB page. We also would love to hear your views, as only through your input can we help Burntisland thrive. Link also on FB page.

25TH ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE EXHIBITION REVIEW by Connie Plant

This year is very special for Burntisland Heritage as it marks our 25th anniversary. In 1993 there was great excitement about King Charles I's treasure ship, the Blessing, which had been lost in the River Forth opposite Burntisland. A small group of people decided we should have somewhere local to keep anything that may be found by divers and initially we were fortunate to be given the use of the Burgh Chambers where we held our first exhibitions. This was the birth of our Heritage Centre.

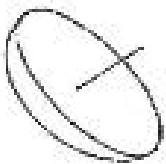
Although an unidentified wooden wreck has been located buried deep in the silt, no treasure has been found as yet. However, to keep interest alive we had a different theme for our exhibition each year. When we acquired our present premises in Kirkgate, interest grew rapidly and we acquired a facility where we could store exhibits from our annual exhibitions. This year our exhibition has something from every one of our twenty five years. Come in and turn back time.

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary the 'Burntisland 1883' award winning model will be making a return visit to the town in October. The 13.0 metre long railway and harbour model will be on display to the public in the Parish Church Hall on the 6th and 7th October.

This is a must see event.



The Round House Engine Repair Facility - Burntisland 1883



Museum of Communication

by Dorothy Brankin

This year, we are stepping back a century to describe two giant milestones of 1918.... The end of WW1 in November, and the founding of the Royal Air Force in April.

First the horrific War....

America's entrance into the hostilities in 1917, was the turning point, and throughout 1918, the strength of the Allied Front Line troops doubled – with American soldiers arriving in France at the rate of **10,000 per day**, whilst, at the same time, the German strength halved.....The result was inevitable.

The '*piece de resistance*' of Dave, our model-maker, is the Zeppelin, suspended in the stairwell! These monsters would have stretched from our door, all down High Street, past the Co-op and as far as the Shows - with the diameter of a 4-storey house! Their gas-bags (usually leaking), contained about one million cubic feet of highly volatile hydrogen. They were unstable and cumbersome but could carry a huge payload of bombs. (You simply opened the door and threw them out.....)

Our Trench - though far too clinically clean - is built to WW1 specifications, so it gives you some idea of the grim conditions our young men faced - some, just boys of 14! Trenches

offered troops protection from gunfire..... but imagine the smells and the squalor.....No sanitation, no running water, no heating or lighting, constantly wet underfoot and the endless thunder of guns and explosions. Rats, lice, rotting flesh and terrified men and horses all around. Meals were cooked and casualty stations occupied this space as well. Soldiers lived, ate and slept in these conditions for 2 consecutive weeks, then back to the Barracks for 2 weeks to recover, before the cycle restarted – year in year out. *Oh, what a lovely War.....*

We're celebrating the centenary of the RAF, by displaying artefacts such as the complete radar from a Lightning bomber. As well as communication equipment throughout the century, we're showing things like compasses and a bomb-aiming mechanical computer from WW2. Lots of pictures, models (*Dave's been busy again!*), flags, emblems, books, music, hats and uniform jackets for the kids to try on! Films like *Dam Busters* to watch and interactive communication items, to make this a day to remember!

We're very grateful for all the help and support we have received from the Grangemouth, Kirkcaldy and Leven Squadrons of the RAFAC (Air Cadets) in setting up this display.

The exhibition is open until the end of September between the hours of 11.00 and 16.00 on Wednesdays and Saturdays (but we are happy to cater for group visits, on other days / times by arrangement) **ENTRANCE IS FREE.....** AND there's delicious home-baking upstairs!!!!!!



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Burntisland Parish Church is holding a concert to raise funds for Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

CAP is an award-winning charity providing free debt counselling to help individuals and families in the Burntisland and Kirkcaldy areas get out of debt and poverty. It'll be a fun-filled evening with great music, good company and refreshments.

Friday 28 September, 7pm at Burntisland Parish Church Halls. Suggested donation for tickets: £5 per person (£3 for under 12s). For tickets or more information please contact ljplant1592@gmail.com or dougdrysdale@capuk.org



Burntisland Golf House Club by Dave McPherson

Swinging in the Sunshine

It has been a busy time at the Club, with the recent good weather bringing more visitors and the 'fair-weather' members out in force.

The course has been paid many compliments and thanks go to Stevie McAughey and his small team, who continue to work wonders.

The Club Match Play Championships took place recently and there was the usual mix of fine golf and camaraderie, as well as an additional fixture in a Senior Scratch event.

In the Gents, Greig Kilpatrick triumphed over the reigning champion Alistair McLeod, having already bagged the Stroke Play Championship. Greig is enjoying a fine season and his consistency proved too much for Alistair over the 36-hole final, eventually running out a 3&2 winner.

Once again in the Ladies Club Championship it was young Porscha Wilson who successfully defended her title. This year her opponent in the final was Joyce Murdoch, who unfortunately proved no match for her younger adversary, eventually losing out by a margin of 3&2. Porscha is indeed an exciting talent and she will be figuring in national events during the coming months.

The inaugural Seniors Scratch Champion is David Thom, who completed his matches with relative ease, and who completed

his feat by disposing of Club Captain Alastair Maxwell in the final by 6&5.

In the other divisions – Sean Hawkins followed up last year's win in the junior group, by winning the 'B' Championship in the Gents, seeing off Alex Kinnear in the final; George Costello took the Senior Handicap honours, beating George Paterson; and Keiran Page beat Joe Meldrum in the Juniors final. For the second year running Joe took the runner-up spot, but surely it's a matter of time before he actually lifts the title. The Ladies Bronze champion went the way of Linsey Agnew who proved too strong for Emma Main in the final.

As part of the town's Civic Week itinerary, the Club welcomed 10 youngsters who were given the basics of the game by our Assistant PGA Professional Craig Armstrong. Craig has an excellent reputation as a coach, so let's hope some of those who came along for the first time will be champions in the making.

If you're new to the town and not been up to Dodhead yet, please pay us a visit either for a game or coffee/food or even just a look round.

There are membership deals in all categories and it would be particularly nice 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. There's no requirement to be competitive, it's more about having fun.

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



Burntisland's free music festival returns to the Links bandstand on Saturday 11th August for a day of live music from 12– 8pm.

There will be nine local musicians and bands playing rock, punk, blues, and acoustic sets. The full line-up features: Julia Marshall, Howling Al, Ray Kelly and the Bad Boys, The Jook Joints, Tonka, The Wizards of Progg, Easy Ride, Troops of Tomorrow, and The Signals.

We'll also have a beer tent available for refreshments. Bring your family and show the musicians your support—let's hope the good summer weather continues!

This year we're making a weekend of it—starting on Friday 10th from 9pm the Silver Tassie plays host to Psycho Therapy and Urgency X UK.

On Saturday night after Live on the Links, the entertainment continues at The Port Bar with music from The Dugz Bawz. And on Sunday 12th at 2pm in the Crown Tavern it's a more chilled out afternoon with Mike Delaire, and The 'B'.

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Burntisland Bowling Club by Richard Perry

Having held its Opening Day on 14 April, when the Club marked the start of the playing season with a traditional President v Past President's teams competing to launch the playing season. Internal and other competitions are underway, along with the Club's programme of friendly matches. Already, teams from Edinburgh's Colinton and Bainfield Bowling Clubs have enjoyed their annual day trip to Burntisland. On both occasions, the Burntisland Club won its match against the visitors.

So far this season, Paul Graham, the club's reigning men's champion, has reached the area semi-finals of the Bowls Scotland single-hand competition. That matches the achievement of the club's over 55s gents team, who reached the semi-finals of the Scotland area fours competition as well as the Fife contest. Raymond Whyte, also a former club champion, reached the Fife single-hand competition semi-final. In July, the Club also hosted the semi-finals and final of the Fife Top Five competition.

The Club continues its support for the town's other organisations, including the Highland Games and Civic week. The Club's Civic Week Pairs Bowls Competition once again attracted the interest of club members and the 2018 winners were Paul Graham and Linda Nimmo.

The Club welcomes new members, of all ages, whether novices or more experienced players, and new members pay half the normal fee in their first year. All members can also take advantage of free tuition.



Open Day



Burntisland Shipyard FC by Andrew Beveridge

With the FIFA World Cup still fresh in our minds, the attention for those at Recreation Park has already turned to the forthcoming season, with the Club about to embark on one of the most challenging but mouth watering campaigns it has ever faced.

The East of Scotland Football League (EoSFL) has expanded to 39 clubs with no fewer than 26 new members in place for the new season. With many "junior" clubs now seeing the pyramid system as the way forward in Scottish football, they have left the East Region Scottish Junior Association in their droves to join the EoSFL. Big names such as Bonnyrigg Rose, Bo'ness United, Dundonald Bluebell and Tranent will be visiting Burntisland on league business, as part of 13 team Conference B in the new look EoSFL set up. The Shipyard are about to embark on their seventh season in senior football and we can look forward to at least four Fife derbies with Crossgates Primrose joining the aforementioned Dundonald in

Conference B. The first club to jump ship, Kelty Hearts, won the league last season, however, it was not until the closing minutes of the final match that they clinched the title with Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale pushing them all the way. The success and experiences that Kelty enjoyed no doubt encouraged many of these clubs to join the pyramid. The other Fife clubs in the EoSFL are Hill of Beath Hawthorn, St Andrews United, Oakley United and Inverkeithing Hillfield Swifts. Full details of all three Conferences plus Cup Draws can be found on the EoSFL website. We would be delighted to see many more locals come up to the "Shippy" on a Saturday to see these teams in action and also enjoy the full range of catering we will be providing.

The Club was again delighted to host the annual Civic Week 5-Aside competition on the 23rd June with the participants enjoying glorious sunny weather. It was also good to see so many teams taking part, with some taking it a bit more serious than others, nonetheless everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion. There were also a few "golden oldies" taking part and they strutted their stuff before a large appreciative crowd.

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Burntisland Amateur Swimming Club News by Bridget Fraser

The Club swimmers have continued to amaze their coaches and teachers with tumbling times and ever faster personal bests.

Since April, the swimmers have taken part in further rounds of the Fife Leagues, with many younger club members swimming in their first competitions at the Novice Leagues. In May some of our squad swimmers competed at the East District Open Time Trials, with Clare Thomson reaching the final of the 400m Individual Medley. Also in May swimmers from our coaching squads took part in the CAS Distance Meet and brought home 9 gold medals - Clare broke 2 club records for 200m and 400m Freestyle and won the best girl trophy. Special mentions go to Grace Kellas, Jay Yeoman & Robbie Burke for completing their first ever 800m Freestyle events – even just watching is tiring!

In June swimmers travelled North to take part in the Dundee City Aquatics Stars of the Future Meet – more medals headed home including a bronze for the mixed Relay team, with even more to follow at the Aquanauts Graded Meet in Bathgate on 23rd of June and the Dunfermline Junior Sprints on 24th June.

The club celebrated Civic Week by taking part in the parade, the 'T in the Pool' theme worked out well in the wet weather... this was followed by the annual whole club Civic Week Sprint Event at the Beacon on the 19th June – all the swimmers did brilliantly with some fast times and close finishes. Age group winners were Jay Yeoman, Ailsa Kellas, Robbie Fraser, Grace Kellas, Sorren Duncan-Clark, Leanne Murray, Sam Milroy and Gracie Flanagan.

After the heavy programme of competitions, swimmers enjoyed a fun night at the Beacon to celebrate the start of the summer holidays followed by a well deserved break from training for a couple of weeks.

Burntisland Swimming Club is open to anyone who can swim at least one length using 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 www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk or contact us at bascenquiries@hotmail.com



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Civic Week 2018



This year Civic Week welcomed a number of new and enthusiastic committee members, which helped us to add more activities to the 10-day programme of events.

For the first time since 2012 however we were forced to implement our wet weather plan on Parade Day. This involved using the Parish Church halls, and moving the Kingdom FM roadshow (sponsored by Blind Davy's), Wrestlers, Falconry, and stalls indoors. Just our luck that it was one of the few wet days we've had this summer!

Despite this, the rain relented enough at 1pm for the "Music Through the Decades" themed parade to take place along the High Street, to the Links car park and back. It was brilliant to see more groups getting into the spirit of things with excellent costumes. The judges had a very difficult job of picking the fancy dress winners!

Thanks once again to Adrina Wallace for organising the Royal Party and to Citizen of the Year Scott Sweaton for crowning the Summer King & Queen, Leo Fawcett-Hall and Alice Mair.

Civic Week kicked off with the shop window competition, won by Waverly Café and their 70s display, followed by Young Bands at the Toll Centre which was organised by Burntisland Youth Action.

We had better weather and a fantastic afternoon on Beach Day—Katie Briggs and Taylor Thomson were the sandcastle competition winners, out of a record 25 entries. Five crews took part in the Raft Race, which was won by Joel Mason and Douglas Hamilton. It was

great to have the RNLI Lifeboat and Kinghorn Coastal Rowing's skiff in attendance, and thanks to Romano's for sponsoring the event.

On the second Saturday two events made a welcome return to the Civic Week programme. The adult 5-a-side football tournament, organised by Steven Johnstone, was well attended and everyone had a great time at Band Night with *Cousin Ken's Nephews* in the Toll Centre.

Other highlights included the heritage walks, pub events, open mic night, beach explorers, and *Des and the Dingoes*.

As ever we are grateful for the support from all our programme sponsors: Archway Cabs, Blind Davy's, Briggs Marine, Burntisland Sands Hotel, Call-Clean Dry Cleaners, C & M Seafoods, Lodge Dunearn, Exxon, Fife Council, Island Cars, Jason's Newsagents, Kingdom Amusements, Novelli's, Print Centres, Reflections Hairdressing, Roof Force, Romano's, Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn, Sands A Place By The Sea, Scott Pallets, Short 'n' Curly, SM Autos, Tom Courts Burntisland Butchers, Trang and Not Just Travel, and Zenith Health & Beauty

Finally, thanks to the Fife Florist who provided the flowers for the Royal Party, and to everyone who contributed to Civic Week funds through our collection buckets and tins.

We're now planning ahead for next year so if you would like to get involved or if you have any feedback, please get in touch—email: burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com or message our Facebook page.





Photos courtesy of Michael Booth



Burntisland & District Pipe Band

Burntisland Novice Juvenile Pipe Band started their competition season in

May playing at Paisley in the British championships. Since then and our performances have continued to improve. After 3 competitions and with constant encouragement, Burntisland Novice Band finally arrived on the Pipe Band scene in June. This was marked by a great performance at the Edinburgh competition, which took place on the band stand in Princess Street gardens.

It has been very rewarding to see so many children with a genuine desire to play in the band and choosing to dedicate their time and efforts into this hobby. Once again we thank our tutors who give up so much of their time freely for the good of the band and the youth in the area.

We continue to support local events, leading Civic Week parades in Kinghorn and Burntisland and of course, the Burntisland Highland Games.

Later in the year we will be participating at the Scottish and World Pipe Band Championships, finishing our season by playing at Pitlochry Highland games in September.

We are keen to continue our development programme amongst the youth in our town. To succeed we require to be constantly recruiting new members. Practice evenings continue twice a week throughout the summer holidays. We would like to hold further enrolment sessions, so if any children eight years and older would like to try out either pipes or drums, please drop in to the pipe band hall in East Leven street or check out and contact us through our Facebook page.



Novice Juvenile Band competing at Forres June 2018.

Burntisland Adult Pipe Band: After two years without a competing adult band we would like to resurrect a senior band in the town and encourage any musicians who feel inspired, to contact us. Once again please come along on a practice night or contact us via our Facebook page.

A date for your diaries later this year is **Saturday 1st December** when we intend to hold a band concert and an evening of Scottish music at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park, more details will follow later in the year.

Finally, we would appeal to anyone in the community who may wish to help us. We appeal to anyone who would who is willing to volunteer their skills/experience and time on our committee. The committee works in the background to provide support for the band. This can include anything from hall maintenance, uniform coordination, fundraising, or providing ideas for future development. This will benefit the local children and in turn continue the great tradition we have here with Burntisland being one of the oldest civilian bands in the world. All help will be most gratefully appreciated.



Pipe Band Contest

For the 4th year in succession a Pipe Band Contest, organised by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, entertained enthusiastic crowds on The Links on a warm summers afternoon on the Saturday after Games Day.

The fifteen participating bands, resplendent in their contrasting tartan regalia, impressively performed their routines before the expert scrutiny of the panel of judges. Each band displayed individual features but most impressive was the Grade 1 Police Scotland Fife Pipe Band.

Following the competition, the competing bands marched the length of the High Street back to the Links for a massed bands display and the official prize giving.. This was again an excellent event which, hopefully will continue to be an important feature of the Burntisland summer calendar.



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Games Day





The Ecology Centre

20th Anniversary Summer Festival.

Summer is one of our favourite seasons - everything is in bloom and many of the fruits, veggies and herbs that our team of staff and volunteers have been growing in our Community Garden start to repay the hard work that has gone into them. We would like to say a big thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who come up every week to help keep the site in tip top condition for everyone in our community to enjoy.

Our next big event is our annual Summer Festival which is taking place on **Saturday 8th September** from **12 – 4pm**. It's set to be an action packed afternoon of outdoor family fun. There will be live music from local artists, children's games, face painting, storytelling, pond dipping and den building for everyone to enjoy. As we're celebrating our 20th anniversary – this event is going to be a big celebration for us. It's **FREE** and it would be great to see you there!

Tool Shed launches new Tool Library service

As a result of funding from the Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) the Tool Shed has launched a **NEW Tool Library service**. This new development for the Tool Shed will provide the perfect opportunity for people in the local community to borrow a huge range of tools ranging from DIY, car maintenance, carpentry tools and ladders. The full catalogue is available to view online from The Ecology Centre's website.

This new service contains so many benefits, including reducing the need for people to buy these items, especially if they only need to use them once or twice a year. It can save on storage space in people's homes, sheds and garages and will save money too.

The tools that make up the Tool Library service have been donated and refurbished by our Tool Shed volunteers and are available to be 'borrowed' just like you would do with a library book.

To join this new service is simple - The Ecology Centre asks all new members to pay a £10 annual membership fee (or more, donations always welcome!) as security to borrow the tools and to cover the cost of offering this service. The annual membership fee is valid for 1 year from the date of starting the membership. All new members are asked to bring along two forms of identification - one to include a photo and the other a utility bill with your address on it. Just pop in to the office and sign up in a couple of minutes!

The Tool Shed can only operate with the continued generosity of the community and they are always looking for all types of unwanted or unloved tools including; carpentry, workshop, gardening tools and Singer sewing machines. If anyone has good quality electrical and battery operated power tools, these will make a great addition to our tool catalogue too.

These donations enable further development of the Tool Shed's operation and continued support to local charity groups. If you have any of these that you no longer need and would like to donate them, please either drop them off at The Ecology Centre or contact **Lee Brown** on **01592 891567** to arrange collection.

NEW dementia friendly volunteering opportunities

We are also delighted to be able to offer additional dementia friendly volunteering opportunities every Thursday. We currently run a successful dementia friendly Tool Shed volunteering session on a Thursday, and as a result of additional funding from Life Changes Trust, we are able to broaden the activities available. The new outdoor activities

By Jenny Robertson

include going for walks around the site, gardening, growing projects, birdwatching around the Loch or preparing and serving homemade soup. By taking part in a variety of activities, working together and spending time working outdoors, participants will benefit from improved health, wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem. Every Thursday a shared lunch is also available to anyone around over lunchtime... and the kettle is never cold at The Ecology Centre! Activities will typically be for a couple of hours, carers/befrienders are welcome and our experienced staff will be on hand at all times.

To find out more information about these sessions contact Jo at The Ecology Centre on 01592 891567 or email jo@theecologycentre.org

Burntisland Civic Week - Coastal Adventures

It was fantastic to be involved in Burntisland's Civic Week this year. Calum from our Education team had a great time with local children doing some coastal exploring. The children were very excited to discover crabs and this enormous jellyfish!



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or like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Toll Community Centre

Hi, my name is Yvonne Crombie and have been in post as the Centre Development Manager for three weeks now and loving it. The Centre's management committee do a sterling job and I hope to complement their work to help the Centre to go from strength to strength.

I have been using my short time at the Centre to meet with staff and volunteers from services, agencies and groups who work for the people of Burntisland.... to find out what is happening, to identify any gaps in provision of services or any issues that we can jointly address. If readers have any ideas on how the Toll Community Centre can improve existing services or introduce new ones, please get in touch or pop in for a cup of tea and a chat.

At this time, I would appeal to local photographers and artists to exhibit their work in the centre. I'm hoping to bring that section of the community together, raise awareness of local talent, and brighten up the centre. BOSS are already working with their children on a photography project and we will display their creative work.

We plan to hold a few open days where people can come in, view the exhibition (perhaps even purchase a few pieces) and find out what is happening in the centre. Other local services, agencies and groups will be invited to advertise their activities. It will also provide the opportunity for some consultation of within the local community. We are in the early planning stages and dates are to be confirmed.

I would also like to send a huge THANK YOU to MA HARDWARE STORES for donating paint to freshen up the toilets. Also to PAUL DOW JOINERY for preparing the Centre walls for our proposed Art and Photography Exhibition. We are still appealing for help to fund a new efficient and eco friendly boiler ...a donate facility is available on our Facebook Page. Please give generously...



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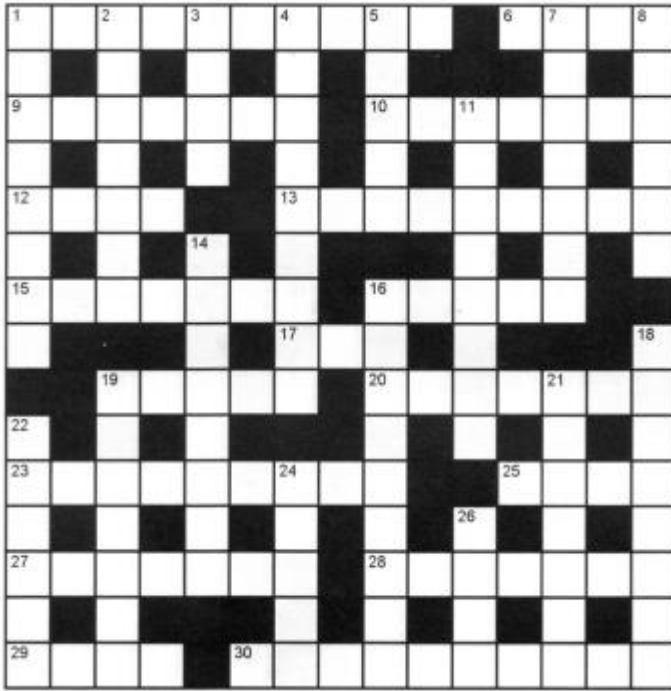
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Solution to February Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Strengthen, 6 Spud, 9 Militia, 10 Humdrum, 12 Raid, 13 Strenuous, 15 Enhance, 16 Omaha, 17 Nip, 19 Short, 20 Tripper, 23 Conundrum, 25 Glue, 27 Lantern, 28 Stained, 29 Sumo, 30 Conspiracy.

DOWN: 1 Somerset, 2 Raleigh, 3 Nuts, 4 Transient, 5 Ether, 7 Pergola, 8 Damask, 11 Mandarin, 14 Announce, 16 Optimists, 18 Friendly, 19 Synonym, 21 Polenta, 22 Scales, 24 Ringo, 26 Maxi.

CONGRATULATIONS—Our February Crossword winner of £50 in vouchers is: Riachel Purves, Shepherd Crescent, Kirkcaldy.

THE PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

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Events Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
AUGUST		
Friday 10th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Friday 10th	Black Rose at the Sands Hotel	9.00 pm
Friday 10th	Psycho Therapy and Urgency X UK at the Silver Tassie	9.00 pm
Saturday 11th	Live on the Links	12 noon - 8.00 pm
Saturday 11th	Music by The Dugz Bawz in the Old Porte Bar	Evening
Sunday 12th	Music by Mike Delaitre and the B at the Crown Tavern	2.00 pm onwards
Saturday 18th	Coffee & Pancakes at the Erskine Church Hall	10.00 am
Friday 31st	Outer Heritage Trail Guided Walk from Heritage Centre, Kirkgate	1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
SEPTEMBER		
Saturday 8th	Ecology Centre, Kinghorn Loch Summer Festival	12 noon - 4.00 pm
Friday 14th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Friday 28th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk from Heritage Centre, Kirkgate	1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Friday 28th	Christians Against Poverty "Beatles Tribute Band" in Parish Church Hall	7.00 pm
OCTOBER		
Saturday 6th) Burntisland 1883 Model Railway Display in Parish Church Hall	
Sunday 7th		
Friday 12th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 27th	Playgroup Halloween Disco at the Toll Community Centre	early evening

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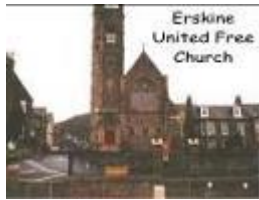
Tues - 8:30 - 17:00

Wed - 8:30 - 17:00

Thurs - 8:30 - 19:00

Fri - 8:30 - 17:00

Sat - 8:30 - 17:00



Dry. That's pretty much been the story of the last few weeks, even in Burntisland! No rain is very unusual for us and we don't seem quite able to cope. England did really well in the World Cup, getting to the semi-final under the excellent management of Gareth Southgate. Did you notice how much time he would spend encouraging every player in that signature waistcoat? A good life-lesson about working together.

That's a nice cue to mention this year's joint services with Burntisland Parish. Two in each church over July & August, led by the other minister. Since first arriving here in 2012, folks in the Parish have always welcomed me and recent years have seen our relationship growing. Later this year we are having a joint Remembrance Sunday service in Erskine on 11 November 2018, marking a very significant anniversary. This *Buzz* will have headline reports about Games Day on 16 July. I hope the weather was good, it's always a day when we want all those visitors to see our town at its very best. Major respect to the various committees and groups who work so hard to bring the whole event together each year.

What's on in Erskine? Well next coffee & pancake date is Saturday 18 August from 10am in our halls. As the year progresses, I'd imagine our autumn fayre will be on Saturday 27 October, the day before British summer-time officially ends! Keep an eye on Facebook for updates.

A visit from the Moderator of General Assembly is always a privilege. This year's Mod, Mr. John Cross from Bannockburn UF, is coming to Erskine on Sunday 2 September at our 11am service. That's going to be a special occasion, to which everyone would be very welcome.

Dry. Life itself seems dry-dull, routine & mundane. Perhaps because we allow ourselves to see it like that. Often the most ordinary things are the best bits-a summer BBQ with the family, a walk on the beach in the sun with that great view across the Forth or meeting a friend in town for a chat. Jesus says, "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of" (John 10.10, *The Message*).

Enjoy the summer whilst it's here, work together with others and take time to enjoy every precious moment of life. It's God's gift to you.

News from St Joseph's



At the end of June, on the Solemnity of the apostles Peter and Paul, St Joseph's was delighted to welcome the newly ordained Fr Andrew Marshall to the parish to celebrate a

Mass of Thanksgiving. He was ordained priest the previous evening in a splendid celebration in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. For his first Mass he was joined by some priest friends and fellow seminarians from St Mary's College, Oscott, as well as many parishioners of St Joseph's and friends from Burntisland and beyond. There was a great celebration in the hall and on Piazza Capaldi afterwards - luckily we were blessed with good weather. Fr Andrew has been given a temporary appointment in Dundee prior to going to Rome for further studies in September. We wish him many years of faithful and devoted service as a priest.

Over the last number of years, a consultation has been underway in the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh regarding the future provision of parishes, looking into the question of parish clusters. A number of parishes have been asked to merge and sadly a small number of Church closures is proposed. For the time being St Joseph's is not affected and the status quo will remain, with Father James and St Joseph's serving the Catholic community in Aberdour, Burntisland and Kinghorn.

Enjoy what is left of the summer!



Fr Andrew cutting his Ordination cake

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For further information or help with shopping contact Mrs Ann Smith. Tel. 873994 or e-mail annpatsmith96@gmail.com



Newly Ordained Priest to Head New Initiative

On the 15th July St Serf's Church on Ferguson Place had a celebration that brought people from all around Scotland. The **Rev Carol Latimer** was ordained by the **Right Reverend Kevin Pearson**, the Bishop of Argyll and The Isles of the Scottish Episcopal Church. In Carol's new role and position she will be serving the All Souls Churches in sacrament, word and action. One focus for Carol will be heading a new initiative entitled **The Building Community Project**.



The Building Community Project is what it says on the label and will utilize both the people and the building of St Serf's to build and enhance the existing community. **In the future we intend to use our building for Wee Souls, Arty Souls, Musical Souls, Wise Souls and All Souls.** Our motto is 'Come As You Are' and we invite you to be involved in the future and to keep an eye out for Carol as she faithfully serves our community, churches and our Lord Jesus.



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Craigencauld Trust News

by Marilyn Edwards

Spring eventually arrived this year, belatedly bringing new life to

Kinghorn Loch. Our resident female swan has found a new partner and together they are rearing seven lovely cygnets. The summer sun has brought out a wonderfully impressive array of wild flowers which stand out more, perhaps because the grass has not had a chance to grow so long in the dry weather. If you enjoy seeing nature in action you will take great pleasure from a walk at Kinghorn Loch. You may see how dramatically variable everything is every year, whether it is a specific species of bird, butterflies, toads or flowers. Bad summers have depleted the peacock butterfly numbers, while the rarer orange tip butterflies proliferate and red admiral that arrive on the wind from the south vary – with the wind - each year.

This year the Trust has been monitoring the proliferation of moths at the loch. There are so many different habitats, from woodlands to gardens to allotments and to wetland, that there are different species in each place. Gerald Lincoln and his team are running a series of moth surveys throughout the spring and summer. Everyone is invited to return the next morning to wonder



Elephant Hawk Moth



Light Emerald Moth

as the moths are identified, counted and then released unharmed. Some moths occur in large numbers while others are rarer and a single find is special. Although the perception is that moths are all similar and a brown colour, the fact is that many can rival butterflies for their beauty and pattern. Three surveys have already taken place with a fourth one due at the end of July and another one scheduled for August. Moths have not been adequately monitored in the past, and these surveys give an insight into the moths that frequent this area and that travel vast journeys to far off countries over the winter months. Everyone is welcome to come along and photograph these beautiful creatures. Please get in touch with us by email, through info@craigencauldtrust.org.uk or phone Marilyn on 891330 if you would like more details.

The Annual Friends get together took place in May. It was a very enjoyable social evening with quizzes, refreshments and the judging of the annual photo competition. This year the best photograph was by Mike Gilbert with his view from Kinghorn looking over the Forth.



A Moth Survey

The Trust is now busy with path maintenance and doing work best completed in good weather. We are always looking for new volunteers who can give just a little of their time to help when they can. We have our annual barbecue coming up on Friday 17th August, starting at 6.30pm, so why not come along and join us for a social evening hosted at Craigencauld Cottage, just a short walk from Kinghorn Loch. Even if the weather is not reliable the event is always on and the company is always excellent.



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Your Co-op Working in the Community

By Co-op employee and former Community Award Winner -
Carol-Anne Paterson

I wanted to organise something for lonely people in our wee town. Working in the Co-op I have come to realise that some of our customers may talk to only us in store and nobody else all day. So with that in mind, I got in touch with the British Red Cross as the Co-op work closely with them with tackling loneliness theme. I also wanted to make it as personal as possible so I designed invitations so staff from both stores could give customers and people they knew an invitation. I went along to the final Wednesday Club in the Toll Community Centre before the summer break and gave everyone there a personal invitation. Well over 250 invites were handed out. The sun shone!

Co-op Staff, myself, Red Cross volunteers and some lovely Burntisland folk all baked for the day. Along



with a nice cuppa a lovely spread was enjoyed by all. Neil played the keyboard with folks singing along. Co-op Funeral Care arrived with their limo so several people were taken home in style!

All in all it was truly a wonderful day with lots of chatter, laughs, new friends and most importantly no loneliness for a few hours. A massive thank you to everyone who helped especially the Burntisland Co-ops, British Red Cross, Co-op Funeral Care, Neil Robertson, Sandra Angles and Burntisland Parish Church.

I plan to have future events with British Red Cross, so I'm on the lookout for venues to carry on what was a rather special day. Anyone who would like to contact me please call 01592873716 and ask for Carole-Anne.



The Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn by Alan Smart

RotaKids at both Burntisland & Kinghorn Schools have had a very enjoyable year. The children have organised several projects raising funds for local charities. The Club Secretary and Rita Attewell, the Rotakids co-ordinator, recently visited Balwearie High School and met with the Deputy Head to investigate the possibility of setting up an Interact Club. Rita is committed to this project which, if successful, will ensure RotaKids could continue their Rotary involvement at Balwearie. The Club recognised Rita's exceptional work with RotaKids when President Mike Gillis recently presented her with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Amongst recent speakers to regular Club meetings, Audrey Cunningham gave an insight into CARF (Citizens Advice & Rights Fife), its history and functions. George Hudson gave a presentation on the Queen's visit to Fife in 1959 to officially open a new power plant near Ballingry and Jim Boyd, widely known as a member of the Magic Circle, gave an interesting presentation on the history of playing cards.

The weekly meetings of the presidential year concluded with an informal assembly during which members were given a video presentation of the work of former RI President Cliff Dochterman, featuring his role in the eradication of Polio.

The coffee morning and craft sale held in early May proved successful despite a change in format. Feedback from participants has been most positive and it is intended to continue with the revised format in future.

The Rotary year ended with Mike Gillis handing over the Presidency to Ros Moffat for the 2018/19 Rotary year.

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Burntisland Bird Watch

May '18

By Leo du Feu

I write this at a time when we've had next to no rain for a month and seriously hot temperatures to match. The Links is yellow apart from patches growing long around the show-people's caravans. I love these little havens each summer, seeing the bees and butterflies they attract. Many garden lawns are yellow too and I wonder if, as temperatures continue to rise, people - and Councils! - will at last allow grass to grow a little and will leave moisture-saving ground cover on their flowerbeds rather than that barren bare-earth look. Our small lawn is still fairly green. A few weeks ago it was splashed all over with daisies and now it's awash with clover. As we lunch there, honeybees and carder, buff-tailed & red-tailed bumblebees gather their pollen around us. Nearby a dainty 5mm solitary bee sat on frilly wild carrot (umbellifer family, also called Queen Anne's lace).

At night moths take advantage of the same grasses and wildflowers. We've had only few butterflies - whites and orange-tip mostly, hopefully more will emerge soon. Earlier in the season we saw hedgehogs most nights but this month we've seen droppings only once. Leave shallow trays of water for hogs to drink from and wild places for their shade and nesting and forage. Birds also need water for drinking and cleaning feathers.

At this time of year we have mainly house sparrows, starlings and woodpigeons splashing in our wildlife pond and emptying our feeders. Also, but in smaller numbers, blue, great & coal tit fledglings with or without their parents. Now and again a blackbird, dunnock and wren. The starlings in the eaves of our bedroom dormer fledged two months ago, most years they have two broods but this year, no second attempt. Our chimney

jackdaws I think successfully fledged but it's too high for me to get a proper look. Thanks to Matilda for keeping an eye from her windows. Lesser black-backed & herring gulls are raising their chicks on rooftops and as usual, I'm logging what I see for BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) Nest Record Scheme. I've yet to see any quite able to fully fly although plenty have left roofs early through slipping or windy weather. When this happens parents do their best to keep looking after their children - some die in the fall but more live for days or weeks before eventually being run over (please slow down!). Some end up in gardens of people who're happy to live alongside them for a few weeks or who get them back up onto the correct rooftop, these ones might make it to adulthood. Others end up with the SSPCA who will rescue chicks which have been deserted by parents or are injured.

I'm especially excited by swifts and swallows and martins. How incredible to travel from Africa to Britain just to build a nest of mud on our houses and outhouses! Or in the case of swifts to fly into holes in the edges of our roofspace. If you have any nesting on your property you're very lucky and I'd love to know, all three species do nest in Burntisland but this year I haven't spotted exactly where. If you don't like the droppings put a small shelf a couple of feet below the nest site to catch most of them. Thanks for not knocking them down, it's illegal and sadly these birds are all in serious decline.

Finally, if you don't know about the almost-never-landing lives of swifts please get onto Google and have a read. Amazing creatures.

Contact me via www.leodufeu.co.uk

Vet's Corner

By Jillian Walker



At the time of writing this article, we are basking in 25 degree heat and Burntisland is buzzing with tourists and locals alike.

This fantastic weather is not great for everyone however. Our furry friends are under attack. During the summer months our pets have to deal with seasonal allergies, fleas, ticks and other parasites, not least *Trombicula Autumnalis*, also known as the Berry Bug, Harvest Mite or my personal favourite the Scrub Itch mite. These evil little beasties are particularly prevalent during the months of July, August and September.

Berry Bugs are members of the arachnid or spider family and are closely related to ticks. It's the juvenile or larval stage, commonly known as the chigger, which causes the most problems to our pets. They are about the size of a pollen grain and without going into gruesome details, the larvae feed off any warm blooded animals that they may come into contact with, including us! The resulting "bite" can be incredibly itchy. During the feeding

period of two to three days, these orange reddish mites can quadruple in size.

The first sign of a problem for your pet is the sudden onset of intensive itching. To check if it is a berry bug, part the fur and check to see if you can spot tiny little red dots. Berry Bugs like any area with a thin covering of hair, so they congregate on the face, chin, mouth, groin and in between the pads on the paws. They particularly love the ear flaps of cats.

There is nothing to prevent berry bugs, but your local vet can prescribe treatment to kill them. It is important that your animal

sees a vet as soon as possible, if you suspect it's been bitten. If left untreated your pet could seriously damage itself with constant scratching, itching, nibbling and rubbing, resulting in broken skin, bacterial infection.

Even though we can't stop these nasty little critters from treating our pets as a walking buffet, there are steps we can take to reduce the risk of attack. Berry bugs are only active during the day. Walk your dog early in the morning and late at night. Avoid long grass and thick

vegetation. If you have cats, try confining them to the house during daylight hours.

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