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CHANGING BURNTISLAND LANDSCAPES EXHIBITION

About this time last year Burntisland Heritage was contacted by a BBC researcher from the 'Landward' team. The programme wanted to feature Burntisland in the launch of a major BBC Scotland series to capture images of man's impact on the Scottish Landscape.

In the programme the presenter Dougie Vipond and landscape photographer Colin Prior discovered a surprising change in the landscape adjacent to the golf course. Over 100 years ago the land was the site of a major industrial complex. The Burntisland Oil Works at its peak in 1887 gave employment to over 1000 men. It produced 15,000 gallons of crude oil a day refined from the shale extracted from the mine. The Oil works were closed down in 1905. Today much of the site has now reverted back to nature and is covered in trees. There is also very little remains of the village that was initially built to house the workers from the mine.

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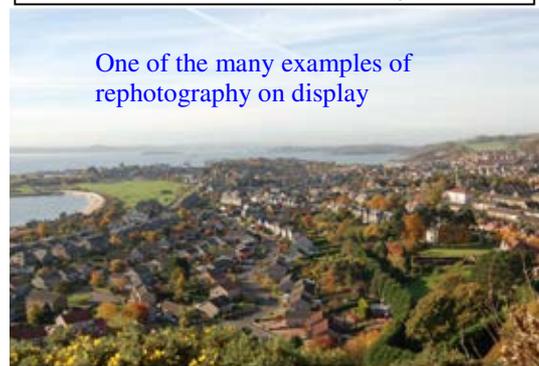


Trustee Jimmy Wilson 'on camera' with Dougie Vipond. Jimmy stayed in the Binn Village from 1922 until 1934.



BENTFIELD THEN ▲ AND NOW ▼

One of the many examples of rephotography on display



30 YEARS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



On 16th February 2011 staff at Burntisland Library marked a notable record of service to the community by a lady who will be familiar to many in Burntisland. **Gillian Smith**, a member of the WRVS, has been delivering and collecting library books on a regular voluntary basis to the town's housebound readers for an impressive 30 years.

Gillian and two other of the volunteers were invited along for tea and cakes with the staff and were presented with tokens of appreciation for the valuable work they're continuing to do.

Library Supervisor Gordon Thomson said "We felt that Gillian's fine achievement deserved recognition. We know from the feedback which we receive from our housebound library members that the book service and indeed the social contact which Gillian and all the other volunteers provide is greatly valued."

Editorial Comment.

Burntisland—What a great place to hang your hat! As your guest editor, whilst our erstwhile gaffer, Bill Kirkhope is away on Antipodean family business, this is my chance to say what I feel about the place I have come to call home.

I think I can comment, without bias, on the town of Burntisland. I was brought up in Washington DC. I've lived and worked in New York, Miami, Toronto and London, then I moved to Scotland about 40 years ago. My love affair with the country and the people began then and I have stayed put ever since. In that time, I have lived or worked in Dumfries, Dundee, Argyll, Stirling, Perth and Angus before moving to Fife about 4 years ago. I have to confess that Fife was the last place in Scotland that I thought I would like to live in. My business trips in the past to Fife, with its poor road and transportation infrastructure, coupled with decaying mining communities with no potential for any industrial replacement of the defunct mines made the kingdom a depressing place to visit in the 70's and 80's. However, roads and transportation links have vastly improved and while there is still massive room for improvement on the industrial/employment front, Fife seems to be rejuvenating itself. We all know about the current and forthcoming financial restrictions and it is going to be sore on everyone, but community spirit is alive and well, especially here in Burntisland. We have great shops, excellent train and public transport links, including the new X37 service from Stagecoach. The town setting on the waterfront is excellent and every summer visitors flock from all over the UK to the Links Fairs. This draws visitors and business for local shops. We have a thriving youth theatre, churches, Scouts, Guides, and an excellent primary school, as well as a first class library, good hotels and pubs. Dundee is only about 45 minute drive, Edinburgh about 30minutes and Glasgow about an hour. What more could you ask for in your home town? I'm sure I'm going to be slated for missing out on some important asset or group in our town but there is just so much here to get involved with, that we're just spoiled for choice.

Paul Briscoe –Acting Editor

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 and listen to discussion or to raise matters of interest to them. The full minutes of these meetings are displayed in the Library. A summary of issues raised during the last three meetings is set out below.

- Heather Leuchars, Sheila McGregor and Gordon McGregor decided, with regret, to stand down from the Community Council. They were thanked for their respective contributions as Minutes Secretary and to the Christmas Lights and Burntisland Blooms projects.
- Brian Partridge and Neil Millsop were welcomed as new members of the Community Council. Brian agreed to take on the role of Minutes Secretary with effect from May.
- The Chairman and Cllr Ron Edwards have reviewed the location of grit bins and more will be supplied to cover selected areas for next year.
- Consultation is imminent on proposals to implement a 40mph speed limit on the Kinghorn Loch road, and a 50mph limit between Kinghorn and Kirkcaldy.
- New provision will be made for parking bicycles near to the Porte end of the High Street.
- A late proposal to use the Common Good Fund to replace the Fife Council budget for decorative planting caused extreme concern. The proposal was approved for this year but will not be supported in future years.
- The Treasurer will lead an investigation into the possibility of setting up a Community Trust to manage the Links.
- Following success elsewhere, a Green Dog Walkers campaign will be developed in Burntisland. The aim is to encourage responsible dog ownership and the contact point will be PC Gibb of Fife Constabulary.
- Zoe Williamson and Cllr Susan Leslie drafted an educational proposal as an integral part of the War Memorial project. Early responses from the Heritage Lottery Fund are encouraging but more work has still to be done in finalising costs and securing the necessary funds.
- It was agreed to support an initiative by Martin McDonald to explore how to enhance the environment in and around Somerville Street.
- Exploratory work is under way to find out the cost and options for restoring the historic furniture in the Burgh Chambers. Once more information is available, an application will be made to the Common Good Fund.
- Two benches will shortly be added to the Links.
- Cllr Edwards is progressing action within Fife Council following the erosion of a footpath leading to the Binn, as a result of recent flooding.
- ExxonMobil provided boxes of chocolates for those senior citizens whose planned visit to the pantomime in Dunfermline had been cancelled due to adverse weather.
- In March alone, the Police had issued some 17 tickets for speeding in Aberdour Road.
- A request has been made to Fife Council to reinstate the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the Palace cinema site.

Elected Councillors' Availability

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YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Burntisland Community Council (BCC) is elected every three years to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to local and public authorities the views of the community and to carry out other functions in the community's interest.

The Council has been depleted by the recent resignations of three experienced and committed members; Heather Leuchars after many dedicated years as minutes secretary, and Gordon and Sheila McGregor whose personal commitment and hard work has greatly enhanced the appearance of the town throughout the year. Sheila has ably led the small Burntisland Blooms team in planting and maintaining containers and hanging baskets throughout the town. Gordon, a valuable member of Sheila's team, also worked tirelessly to ensure that Burntisland has an attractive Christmas lights display. Our grateful thanks go to all three for the valuable contributions they have made over the years.

On the plus side, Brian Partridge has agreed to become Minutes Secretary and there have been encouraging expressions of interest from the public to fill the vacancies on a co-opted basis. A full list of Council Members will be contained in the next issue of the Buzz.

The Burgh Polis



By

Sergeant Scott Murray

Now that winter appears to be over, we are all looking forward to the busy summer season. Last year was my first summer in this post and I was considerably impressed by the way local groups worked together to show the town in its best light. Our preparations for this year's summer community events are at an advanced stage and we are all very much looking forward to getting involved.

In conjunction with our headquarters based Community Safety Department, Burntisland officers hosted a free Women's Safety Night. Twenty-three local ladies attended and were educated in subjects such as personal awareness, computer safety and self defence. We would like to express our thanks to the committee of St. Columba's Parish Church for allowing us the use of their hall to host this event. We have received some very positive feedback from the ladies who attended and this in turn has inspired us to consider running further evenings promoting safety and security. We will keep you posted on developments

On this safety and security theme, if anyone is interested in purchasing personal attack alarms (£3.00) or shed alarms (£6.00) they are available at the police station (0930-13.30 Mon - Fri.)

Community Officers, PC's Gibb and Melvin have been busy in the last few months visiting local schoolchildren in their classrooms, but also making re-assurance visits to previous victims of crime. Both officers are available for advice and can be contacted at the number below.

With the warmer weather and lighter nights arriving, your local officers are looking to curb any anti-social behaviour before it gets a grip. I urge readers to come along to our next Community Engagement Meeting at 7.30pm on Wed. 4th May at the Toll Centre. This gives you an opportunity to speak to local officers and highlight any concerns you may have.

The new radar gun has arrived at the station and with officers newly trained, it is being put to good use in slowing down traffic and making our roads safer. If you have any concerns with regards to particular roads or areas, then come along to our meeting and discuss it with us.

Have a safe, enjoyable summer.

Police non-emergency line 0845 6005702
Or email us: burntisland@fife.pnn.police.uk

Sgt. 383 Scott Murray – Burntisland Police Station
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THIS IS YOUR BURGH BUZZ. Your comments, letters, articles and photographs are welcome. These can be submitted typed, handwritten or by e-mail to billvida@sealscraig.plus.com or to Bill Kirkhope, 39 The Wynd Dalgety Bay. KY11 9SJ. (Tel: 01383 822023) Items for the Summer 2011 Issue by 15th July at the latest. Advertising enquiries should be addressed to Morag Douglas, 73 High Street, Burntisland, KY3 9BD (Tel: 01592 871313) or e-mail morag.davidson@btconnect.com. For Community Council matters, please contact Alex Macdonald, Chairman (Tel: 01592 873314).

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All of this inspired the 'Changing Landscapes' theme for the Burntisland Heritage Trust's 2011 summer exhibition. Graphic images using photography, aerial photography, maps and other related information feature in the exhibition. These illustrate some of the many dramatic changes particularly in the urban landscape that have taken place. It is quite remarkable the extent the townscape and surrounding countryside has changed over the last century and even in more recent times.

Rephotography is the photographing of a location which has been photographed in the past, perhaps many years ago. It is used to show "then and now" views of particular areas. This is a strong aspect of the exhibition. More than sixty examples of these will be on display.

Preparations for this are now well in advance. The exhibition also features a 'new' collection of late 19th century photographs by Andrew Young.

During opening hours, visitors will also be able to view large collections DVD's, scrapbooks and historical material relating to the town's fascinating history.

Also on display this year will be five model boats by the late George Aitken. These were presented to Burntisland Heritage Trust in 2010 by his daughter, Edith Robson.

The Exhibition opens at the start of Civic Week on Saturday 18th June. It will run to the 27th August at Burntisland Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate, Burntisland (just round the corner from the main door of the Burgh Chambers in the High Street). It will be open on Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Admission is free.

The summer exhibitions have been running every year with many different themes since 1994. Burntisland Heritage is a voluntary group and the exhibitions would not be possible without the support of volunteers. If you are interested in assisting and supporting the group please contact any one of us. - Ian Archibald 873557; Helen Mabon 873624; John Burnett 873419; Iain Sommerville 874933. Alternatively drop your contact details into 4 Kirkgate.

Ian Archibald
Convenor

Burntisland School News

By

Victoria Dolatowska



This term has been busy as always with the staff and pupils participating in a wide range of learning experiences and community events.

Mrs Wyse has taken up the post of Acting DHT following the departure of Mrs Trigwell and we welcomed Miss Brown on to the staff who is currently teaching Mrs Wyse's P4 children.

Pupils from Primaries 1 to 7 took part in our annual Erskine Church for the ladies group. In a change to the normal pattern the children performed in the afternoon and this was very successful. Contributions ranged from poetry to singing and all agreed it was fabulous entertainment that also raised money for the ladies' chosen charity.

Our pupils and supporters of the school have been working hard to develop our "Secret Garden". It's really shaping up now and the official opening will be held next term. The children are all really looking forward to being able to play and relax in it!

The local Speakers Club held their annual competition for P7 pupils. Everyone agreed that the standard of entries was very high. The final was held at the Sands Hotel on 3rd March and was won by Michael Plain who gave an excellent presentation about Slovenia.

As regular readers of our school news will remember, our annual Christmas Fayre had to be cancelled due to the severe weather. We held a Spring Fayre instead on 26th March.. Stalls included face painting, raffles and local PC Keith Gibb and Mr Barclay did a great job in goals for our "Beat the Goalie" fun. The morning was enjoyed by parents, staff and pupils and a fabulous £975 was raised. Many thanks to the Parent Council.

We have held several successful events to support charities including a dress purple day in support of the local Rotary Club appeal to wipe out polio and dressing up for Red Nose Day! **(Continued on Page 7)**



The Sting
(Letters to the Editor)

Dear Sir,

Thanks for a nice information filled Burgh Buzz. I hope the one person complaining about the Town Clock is now happy in their own smug way.

It's nice to see a new D.I.Y. shop as well as a cycle shop in the High Street. I hope they both do well. I hope a shoe repair shop will appear next ! !

The decision to use the Toll Centre field for the new school seems to have been taken rather quickly, or I wonder, was it already signed, sealed and delivered?

I'm looking forward to the allotments opening. I used to enjoy my monthly visit to the Community Council meetings, but found unfortunately, that even with my hearing aid I couldn't hear most of what was being said.

I'm looking forward to the next issue of the Burgh Buzz.

Yours sincerely - Albert Valler,
14 St. Andrews Ct. Burntisland

Dear Sir,

Starting a bus service, via Ferrytoll, to Edinburgh sounded like good news to the marooned travellers of Kinghorn and Burntisland. But is it?

A large proportion of our 'Going to Edinburgh' is for entertainment such as theatre, cinema, exhibitions, etc., which is largely an evening and week-end activity. So what do we find ?

This much vaunted service stops just after 6 pm, even on Saturday and there is no Sunday service at all.

If not a commuter, it is, thanks for nothing, in fact.

OAP - (Name and address supplied)

LET'S NOT PANIC! - A reader's reply to last issue's article 'Violent Video Games' by Amy Dickson

Dear Editor

I was brought up playing outdoors and I also played computer games, however, these were fairly tame affairs involving trying to shoot down a poorly pixelated fleet of alien baddies before they reached the bottom of the screen and 'killed' me. Technology has moved on considerably since those days and I do own a game from the Grand Theft Auto range of modern computer games, which are graded and classified much the same as videos and movies are.

The original article would have you believe that anyone who plays these games must be a bit unbalanced. I enjoy the fantasies that are exploited in these games, but I also enjoy a good movie or a video. I'm a local government officer, a member of the legal profession and have never been arrested in my life.

In the US several lawsuits were filed against the above title (GTA) trying to apportion blame for criminal violence onto the makers and their various distributors of GTA. All of them were dismissed by the courts. Several cases in the U.K., notably the Theresa Riggi case in Edinburgh where the mother murdered her three children, but had never played a violent video game. We could say that, clearly all mothers are a menace to our society or be sensible and accept that disturbed people are capable of violence without the stimulus of computer games.

So why do people play video games? Perhaps for the emotional outlet? Perhaps for the same reason that they go to the cinema to watch a movie about a boy wizard—escapism? ? With confirmed sales of 170 million copies for 'Halo', 'Call of Duty', and 'Grand Theft Auto' being the three most popular 'violent' genre games. There are obviously not 170 million violent maniacs running around the world.

The '15' or '18' certificate applied by the British Board of Film Classification and prominently displayed on the games box is an indicator of the content of the game. Just as it would be on a DVD or any film at the cinema.

I fully agree with Ms. Dickson's comment that children should not be exposed to violence or for that matter any unsuitable subject and I commend her for stating that the importance of parents 'monitoring' how their children spend their time, however, while poor parenting has some responsibility for some problems, to suggest that any form of media, be it violent video games, hip-hop music or movies should carry any blame is myopic at best and insane at worst.

Yours sincerely Andy Olejnik

AN APPEAL BY AMY YOUNG - Kinghorn Road, Burntisland

Hello everyone ☺

This is a massive request on my part which will take hardly any effort from you but will make a huge difference to the lives of children in Malawi, Africa.

My dad is the headteacher of Beath high School, Fife which has recently been coupled with Mendulo school in Malawi to try and help to better Malawian access to methods of education and teacher training. Currently in Malawi only 44% of girls complete their final year of primary school education, and with HIV/AIDs rife within communities and a very poor economy within the country, terrible tragedies occur every day which do not allow for them ever to return to or continue their studies.

However, Link Community Development is a company hoping to change this horrific situation for as many children as is possible. They work with communities, schools and district officials to promote education in sub-saharan Africa. LCD is working in partnership with the districts to establish and train teacher networks and mother groups to provide support structures and role models for pupils, as well as to improve peer support for often isolated teachers working in rural areas.

Their work is invaluable to many across Malawi and other countries within sub-saharan Africa.

This summer, to show our support for their work, me and my dad are taking part in one of their money raising projects. During July we will be cycling almost 400km off-road across a period of 5 days in Malawi. The money raised will go towards improving links between Scotland and Malawi; helping them to improve their teacher training facilities through tried and tested methods and, as a result, bettering the opportunities of young people in the country.

I would appreciate greatly any support you could provide me with in the run up to this project. Your money would be going to a very worthwhile cause.

So please, visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Amy-Young> and donate anything you can.

"In this day and age there are still exciting discoveries waiting to be revealed and teased out of archives. This is the story of one of them."

Ian Archibald - Burntisland Heritage Trust

A TALE OF TWO MAPS

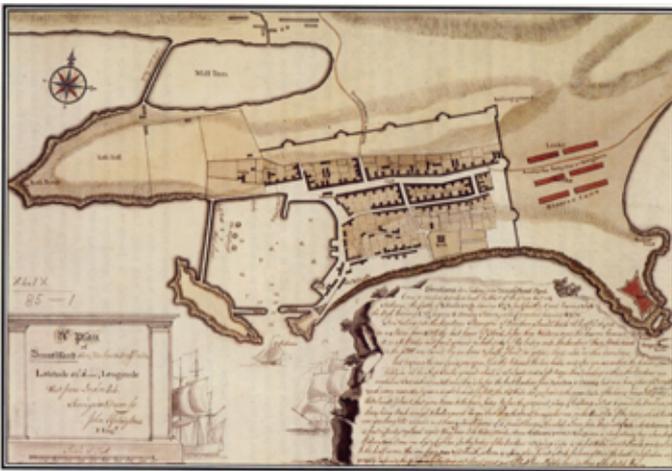
Burntisland is fortunate in being the subject of one of the best and earliest examples of detailed town mapping in Scotland. I first came across a black and white print of this Burntisland map in John J. Blyth's book, "Burntisland: Early History and People". The map impressed and intrigued me as a remarkable graphic record of that era. The map was surveyed and drawn by John Elphinstone who was best known as a military engineer working in Scotland particularly in the period of the 1745 Jacobite uprising.

Some research revealed that the map was housed in the British Library. I ordered up a printed colour copy of the map. This went on public display at the first Burntisland Heritage Summer Exhibition in 1994.

The map includes detailed information on the harbour. It shows a 'town wall' built to the north and east of the burgh and a large, military encampment on the Links annotated 'Hessian Camp'. This was the garrison of Hessian troops, on reserve for the Government campaign against the Jacobites in 1745.

For many years there were certain features about the map that puzzled me. Why was it produced in the first place? Who was it prepared for? Why was the map not titled or dated? Why show a temporary military camp? The map depicts a wall type feature built around the town in the previous century. How come there isn't a single trace of it today?

As a town Burntisland is a Royal Burgh of considerable historic significance. During the late Civil War period of 1650-1651 it held the key to crossing the Forth. Unable to overcome Burntisland's seaward defences, Cromwell's army crossed the Forth at Inverkeithing. The ensuing Battle of Pitreavie on Sunday 20th July, 1651, left more than 2000 Scottish soldiers dead. With nothing in its way, Cromwell's army marched straight for Burntisland. Unable to



British Library Map



Admiralty Library Map

hold out in the face of the English Parliamentarian army, Burntisland surrendered without a fight.

From my interpretation of the map and for many years I believed that at one time Burntisland was a walled town and that it was built as a fortification against Oliver Cromwell in the latter part of the Civil War.

In 2009 a small scale excavation was carried out on West Broom Hill by the Archaeological Unit of Fife Council. The objective was to try and locate traces of the wall and the associated town defences with it. The hillside was heavily fortified during the Civil War and is known to have been home to a stretch of wall containing at least two gun batteries. Crucially, one particular field has never been developed. It was thought that if any remnants of the town's 17th century defences remained, they would be in this location. Unfortunately the project did not locate any of the key defensive works believed to have formerly existed in the field.

All of this prompted me to carry out further enquiries about the work of John Elphinstone. This led to the revelation that even in this day and age there are still exciting discoveries waiting to be revealed and teased out of archives. In this case the unearthing of another version of the Burntisland map by John Elphinstone housed in the Admiralty's Library in Portsmouth. The library was contacted and a copy of the map was very quickly obtained. Drawn at a larger scale and containing much more detail there was no doubt that this was indeed an earlier version of the British Library map.

The Admiralty Library map is an outstanding visual record of Burntisland from the mid-18th century period and is packed with information. It is dated 1745. The map contains impressive and elaborate artwork and the cartography is very detailed and descriptive. There is a note along the northern 'wall' which states 'Lines cast up against O.Cromwell'. This certainly suggests earthen defences and would explain why nothing was left to find when the excavation was carried out by the Archaeological Unit.

Almost at the same time an extract from the Burntisland Council minute dated 9th April 1745 came to light. It records the proposal of the Provost to carry the map to London and lay it before the Admiralty Lords *"the better to Explain and Inforce the application to be made to them for granting money for Repairing the harbour and making Docks therein."*

From this town minute it clarified why the Admiralty map was produced ... but what about the one in the British Library? This map is less detailed and shown at a smaller scale. There is however the additional feature shown as the 'Hessian Camp' on the Links. These troops were held 'in reserve' by the Duke of Cumberland.

There is a suggestion that John Elphinstone made this second copy for the Duke. Soon after the Battle of Culloden in 1746 the Duke asked all of his military commanders and engineers to submit every document relating to the campaign. The six Hessian regiments were certainly part of this and although they were not called into action they were held in readiness in Burntisland. They eventually departed from the town in June 1746.

Prior to being held in the British Library the map was part of King George III's collection. The Duke of Cumberland was the third son of George II. It is probable that the information he collected became part of the collection and was passed 'down the line'.

The Admiralty Library map is a valuable addition to the Heritage Trust's growing collection of images and material. When I asked the curator in Portsmouth whether there would be any reproduction costs for the print she came back with an interesting and agreeable response. She said "Considering that the people of Burntisland paid the costs of the map to be done in 1745 I think we can waive the charge on this occasion".

Both of the maps will be on display in this year's summer exhibition 'Changing Landscapes' at Burntisland Heritage at 4 Kirkgate, Burntisland.

BURNTISLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT - *continued from page 4*

The Fife Festival of Music was attended by our school choir and our instrumentalist from P5, P6 and P7. The children performed very well and received high praise for their performances.

Parents have enjoyed an afternoon to celebrate Burns day by primary 1. The children performed Scottish Dance and Poetry in order to celebrate their heritage, they also enjoyed their shortbread and Irn Bru! Primary 5 have been learning all about the sinking of the Titanic, the children have had a great time learning all about the "unsinkable ship". Parents enjoyed seeing the work of the school during an open afternoon on Friday 25th March. We welcomed all of the parents into the school to visit the children in their learning environments and see what they have been up to this term! Children from P4 and P5R performed their creative dances from their recent trip to the Creative Dance Festival.

The nursery pupils have started a programme of Kindergarten Forest experiences during which they visit the woods. Great fun is being had by all.

We now look forward to our summer term during which we will hold our annual health week and hold a dress pink day in support of Breast Cancer UK.

VOLUNTEERS BLOOMING NEEDED ! Can you help?

As reported in the Community Council section on page 3, Sheila McGregor has resigned from the Council and from her role in leading the town's floral enhancement project. We are now seeking a volunteer to take over from Sheila and others to enhance the Blooms team.

The current situation is that the spring bedding has been planted and will be maintained temporarily by Sheila. There is an immediate requirement for someone to coordinate the collection of sponsorship money for High Street hanging baskets, planting and placement of baskets and containers and the watering of all during the summer months. Everything is well documented and Sheila is happy to assist her successor in all ways possible. If no successor is found, the spring plants will be removed in June and it will be a blooming dull summer!

We are looking for a leader of the Blooms team and others to assist with the planting, general maintenance and watering during the summer months. This will be a pleasant pastime which will offer fresh air, exercise, social contact and a feeling of satisfaction when you see how the results of your efforts have enhanced the appearance of the best wee town in Fife.

Those interested should contact either Alex MacDonald (01592 873314) or Isabel Smith (01592 873226)

Greener Way Success!

Burntisland residents made a difference to the planet, by successfully preventing a massive 5,562 tonnes of carbon dioxide from polluting the air.

The Cool Burntisland Project [1] (SCI at the Earthship) has supported the Burntisland Community, for the last 2 years encouraging residents to reduce their carbon emissions and helping people to make behavioural changes to support this.

During the last two years over 6,000 people in Burntisland have benefited from the 69 workshops & activities delivered, which have provided information on energy saving, waste reduction, growing your own food and travel.

Working closely with Burntisland Primary School and a further 8 community groups has increased community involvement, as school pupil, Guides & Scouts have successfully encouraged their families to take pledges to reduce their carbon emissions, local guides enhanced this further by taking to Burntisland High Street to engage the community to make simple pledges.

The Cool Burntisland Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who's has been involved in the project and helped make it a success by attending our events & activities or by pledging to reduce their personal carbon footprint. We hope everyone continues to embrace the need for change and continues to make further lifestyle changes long into the future!

Although the project finished at the end of March, the enthusiasm continues, as a result of the project; a new Burntisland & Kinghorn Renewable Energy Group has began to develop the idea of a community renewable energy scheme which could generate an income for local residents, a dedicated 'Eco – Teacher', at Burntisland Primary is now in place, and green improvements to of Community Buildings are just a few of the ongoing initiatives.



Burntisland Primary School pupils beside part of the new 'Secret Garden' they created with the Cool Burntisland Project

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"Cool Burntisland" aims to raise awareness, provide support and information of the need to reduce carbon emissions within the community whilst addressing peoples concerns and ideas around the issue of Climate Change It is supported by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund www.coolburntisland.org.uk

TOWN CLOCK CHIMES PROBLEM RESOLVED by Paul Briscoe

On April 26th in the Parish Halls - a public meeting was held to announce the outcome of lengthy and prolonged objection to Fife Council peremptorily removing the chiming mechanism from the town hall clock, without any public consultation. This was based on ONE complaint by a nearby resident that the noise from the clock disturbed her sleep! Whilst admitting that the sound from the clock did exceed the legal decibel level(45dcb) which made it a violation of various laws, such as Health & Safety and European legislation, both sides have now agreed that the an agreeable solution has now been reached.

The clock chimes will be re-instated, as normal, between the hours of 7am and 11pm....from that point on, an alternative acoustic tape recording will replace the mechanical bells, with the noise output being set at 85% of the normal level of the existing chimes. Various points were raised by the public and eventually a show of hands was requested. The result was 85% in favour with 15% opposed. The bells will now be re-instated by Fife Council, subject to obtaining necessary quotes from various suppliers of audio equipment and the cost would be 2/3 born by Fife Council. Time scale approximately 3 months.

BURNTISLAND EVENTS COMMITTEE

by
Carol Kirk

A new independent Civic Week Committee has been formed and has assumed responsibility for the annual summer events.

The Events Group will continue to deliver the Bonfire and Fireworks display which grows in strength each year, attracting crowds of 7000 to the town. An event of this size involves a massive amount of forward planning and organisation and the group desperately needs new members to assist with this. The Annual General meeting in April was very poorly attended – the response from the local community was non-existent. There were only 6 people present – 4 stalwarts of the group and the local councillors Ron Edwards and George Kay. As a result, the Secretary and Vice-Chair positions remain unfilled. It is unreasonable to expect such a small number to deliver such a large-scale event, particularly one of such importance to the town.

Please consider what you could do to help! Reject the “Apathy Party” – come and join us!!! If you would like to have a chat about what’s involved, contact Ian Archibald (Tel. 873557) or speak to any group member. Since November 5th falls on a Saturday this year, it seems likely that most official displays will be held on the actual day. This has put pressure on pyrotechnic companies, which have been so inundated with requests that they have had to prioritise and only accept bookings from those with a budget far in excess of ours. We are still in the negotiation stage, but there is a possibility that this year’s display will be held on Sunday 6th. We are aware of the long-standing tradition to hold the event on the 5th but, unfortunately, this year it may not be possible. We will keep everyone informed.



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Do you have Time?

To oversee the running of the Centre by joining the Management Committee

Join in Fundraising Activities

Volunteer at Youth Clubs

Do you have Talent?

Are you Community & Business Minded?

Have you got Skills & Expertise that could help the Management Committee such as Accountancy, Legal, Business, Marketing, Project Management, Funding Applications, Architecture & Building Trades.

The Toll Centre can accommodate a wide range of activities. Bookings can be made for a variety of activities including Private Functions, Discos, Birthday Parties, Family Events, Meetings, Fundraisers and Group Activities. We have a Sports Hall, Meeting Rooms & Kitchen facilities.

TOLL CENTRE PROGRAMME 2011 (Term time)

MONDAY	0930 – 1200	PLAYGROUP
	0930 – 1130	COMPUTER CLASS
	1300 – 1500	COMPUTER CLASS
	1500 – 1800	OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICE
	1845 – 2045	SENIOR YOUTH CLUB S1+
TUESDAY	0930 – 1200	PLAYGROUP
	0930 – 1130	COMPUTER CLASS
	1300 – 1500	COMPUTER CLASS
	1500 – 1800	OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICE
	1815 - 1945	CHILDRENS CLUB (P2,3&4)
WEDNESDAY	0930 – 1200	PLAYGROUP
	0930 – 1100	COMPUTER CLASS
	1300 – 1400	DAFC MINI KICKERS (3+)
	1500 – 1800	OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICE
	1900 – 2100	WEDNESDAY SOCIAL CLUB <i>2nd & 3rd weeks of each month</i>
THURSDAY	0930 – 1200	PLAYGROUP
	1500 – 1800	OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICE
	1600 – 1645	GYMNASTICS <i>Ages 4+</i>
	1645 – 1745	GYMNASTICS <i>P2 – P7</i>
	1830 – 2000	JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB (P5,6&7)
FRIDAY	0930 – 1200	PLAYGROUP
	1500 – 1800	OUT OF SCHOOL SERVICE
	1730 - 1830	DAFC PRIMARY SOCCER SCHOOL (P4 – P7)
	1845 – 2115	MUSIC PROJECT (S1+)
SATURDAY	0900-1100	DAFC PRIMARY SOCCER SCHOOL (P1 – P3)
	1230 – 1330	TAEKWON – DO

Museum of Communications



ALIENS at the M.O.C.

By

Dorothy Brankin

Although the Museum's exhibition is closed during the winter months, we are still active....
In fact, March is always a very busy month for us as we take part in the annual National Science and Engineering Week and this year, thanks to funding from the newly formed Fife Science Festival, we were able to host a very special event at the Museum.

This took the form of a series of School Workshops entitled '*Lighting up the Curriculum for Excellence*' in which children from Primary Schools in Fife were invited to come to the Museum and build 'Aliens' that could communicate in Morse code using flashing LEDs.

After discussing the speeds of light and sound, the children first drew and then constructed their Aliens and while they were doing this, their teachers had the opportunity to learn how to solder.

At the end of each session, we switched off the lights and the Aliens communicated with each other! Each child was given an LED to take home.

The event was a great success. The enthusiasm of the children and the creativity of their 'Aliens' was amazing!

It is the Museum's aim to get young people interested in Science - and show them that scientists aren't just a collection of old men with long white beards!

Our Exhibition this year is entitled Words, Wires, Waves and the World Wide Web and shows how science has transformed the way we communicate over the past 400 years.

Words: from Printing and Speaking Tube to Shorthand and Typing

Wires: from Electric Telegraph to Telephone Exchanges

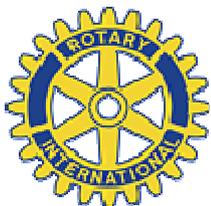
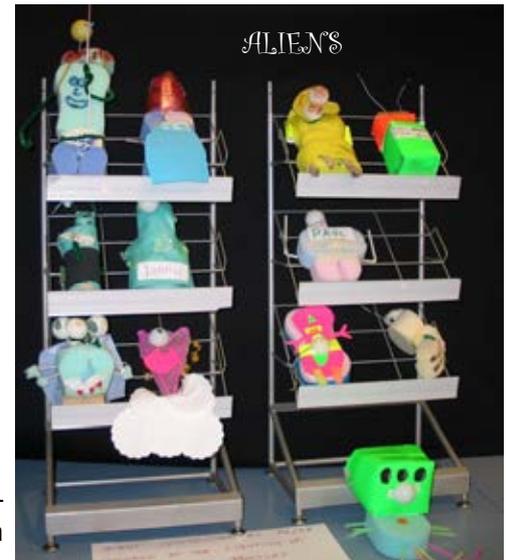
Waves: from Crystal Set and Television to Blackberry and Bluetooth

World Wide Web: from Amstrad and Spectrum to Ipod and Webcam.

The exhibition is open every Wednesday and Saturday until the end of September.

Our Evening Lecture programme continues throughout the year.

For further information, please e-mail mocenquiries@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01 506 823 424



Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn

The annual Rotary Club Plant Sale/ Coffee morning will take place on Saturday 7th May in the Kinghorn Parish Church Hall. To accompany the coffee and biscuits a wide variety of quality plants at very competitive prices will be available. There will also be the traditional bric-a-brac, cake and candy and tombola stalls. The doors open at 10.00 am sharp so turn up early to secure those bargains.

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Burntisland Festival of the Word & Spirit

~Fri 27th to Sun 29th May 2011~

In 1601 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met in Burntisland Parish Church with King James VI and it was agreed that there would be a new translation of the Bible into English, the Authorised Version. Burntisland's Festival of the Word and Spirit in May 2011 celebrates the 400th anniversary of the publication of what became known as the "King James Bible". Events will take place around Burntisland in churches, cafes, pubs and the dance studio from Friday 27th to Sun 29th May.

What will the Festival feel like?

Fun. A weekend to celebrate together and enjoy Burntisland's fair, cafes, hotels, pubs, chip shops...

Training events for people who are keen to follow the teachings of Jesus and live His life.

Open Events: Music, stories, poetry, massage, healing, dream interpretation and learning about Celtic Spirituality. All are open to the whole community.

A wide range of people are contributing to the festival, including national organisations such as CLAN Gathering, Prospects, Light and Life and Healing Rooms Scotland. Visitors to the training events will be encouraged to make use of Burntisland's cafes, bakeries etc. to encourage local business, and we hope that the Fair will benefit from an influx of visitors to the town at the start of the season. We are also welcoming a team from the Northumbria Community and the 'Master Speak' Dance Company to give the festival a unique feel and range of appeal.

To see the full programme, visit www.clangathering.org.uk, click on 'Events' in the top bar and look for the photo of Burntisland. We are delighted that the celebration and training events will be interpreted into British Sign Language so that people from the deaf community can be fully involved too.

There is no registration fee for the festival, but there will be opportunities to help cover costs and support the organisations represented. Although you do not need to book, it would really help us if you could email wordandspiritburntisland@talktalk.net and say how many people you are bringing along, so we can plan for numbers and make sure things run smoothly. Please consider inviting friends and family to spend this weekend with you and enjoy everything that is happening. We look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing you on Friday 27th May at the first big celebration at 6.30 pm in the Parish Church.

Thank you,

KJB Group

THE BEACON LEISURE CENTRE



First Class Fitness

An excellent way of building all-round fitness is to participate in a range of exercise classes. The Beacon Leisure Centre is now offering a wide range of adult fitness classes from early morning energy boosters to late evening relaxation for you to choose from. New classes on offer include Group Cycle, Over 50s Exercise, Body Attack, Group Cycle and Abs and Body Pump.

"Winning by Losing" classes are also now available at The Beacon. These classes offer healthy eating advice and a weigh in followed by a fitness class - a winning combination. The classes are delivered in partnership with NHS Fife and take place on a Thursday Night 7.30 to 9.00pm. For full details about all of the fitness classes available at the centre check out the fitness class timetable at www.fifeleisure.org.uk or drop into the centre.

Mirth of Forth Comedy' (MofF) have been busy organising stand-up comedy events in Burntisland for the spring and summer, with some star names and up and coming comedy talent booked.

Watch out for another event at Potter About café, on Saturday 30th April (8pm start), where Jojo Sutherland will compere a great line-up, including award-winning headliner Shazia Mirza (Have I Got News For You etc). Tickets are £10, including 'byob'. Discounted café refreshments will also be on sale. The last event at Potter About (Jo Caulfield) was a sell-out so it's recommended you buy tickets in advance (from the café, or Burntisland Post Office) to guarantee entry on the night.

Regular free Sunday comedy events continue in The Star pub, including the second heat of the Fife Stand-Up Comedian of the Year competition on 15th May (at 7:30pm, with headliner Vladimir McTavish), and the final on 19th June. Note that the final and another show on 22nd May (with Raymond Mearns headlining) will be held in the Star's beer garden on the Sunday afternoon.

And for Civic Week, MofF is running an hour-long comedy show for kids (aged 7+) at the Church Hall on Saturday 18th June (afternoon), and an evening show at The Smugglers Arms on 25th June, with Des Clarke (Capital FM breakfast show host) and Gary Little on the bill, and there's a disco afterwards.

For further details of all these events visit our new website www.mirthofforth.co.uk, join 'Mirth of Forth Comedy' on Facebook, or email mirthofforth@googlemail.com to request updates by email. And look out for our distinctive smiley-face logo on posters around the town.

Note that all adult MofF shows are suitable for over 18's only.

TOLL CENTRE FUNDING

Like many other voluntary organisations across Fife, the Toll Centre is coming to terms with the effect of Fife Council's budget cuts. The confirmation that our grant has been reduced by 6% is not a surprise, but is nonetheless a major disappointment. The grant reduction is lower than that faced by many other voluntary organisations in the region; however it is the second major challenge the Toll Centre Management Committee now has to address.

Earlier this year the Council completed their Community Halls and Centres review, the result - Centre Supervisor staff posts across the region are being reduced and services focussed primarily into Council owned and managed centres. Sadly the Toll Centre, like 6 other Centres in Fife, is a voluntary centre, run and operated by a management committee and the existing post at the Toll Centre will be withdrawn in the next few weeks.

The withdrawal of the post and the reduction in our main grant will have a significant impact on the services that The Toll Centre can provide in Burntisland, at least in the short-term. Charges for private lets, our opening and operating times and some services (including the Youth Clubs) are under review. The Council is not the only potential source of funding for the Toll Centre, other funding options exist and we are working on these. However, Fife is not the only Council to be making cuts in funding, and more organisations are competing for these funds... I'm sure you get the picture.

In fairness the Council are providing both some short-term financial relief in relation to the loss of the Supervisor post, and our Liaison Officer in the Community Work Team is working with us to support us while we seek additional funding. The local Councillors are also doing what they can to help.

What next? I hear you ask.... well put simply we need your help. As a Management Committee we have to restructure and re-organise to prioritise the services we need to deliver services to the community of Burntisland. That will take time, inspiration and on some occasions perspiration! As much as we need to raise funds, we need to recruit people, either to serve on the committee or less formally by providing an hour or two of your time every month as a volunteer. In short we need you...

Interested? please contact the Centre on 01592 872854, and we will arrange an informal chat. Alternatively our AGM is coming up in June. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear more about the Centre and our plans and we would welcome nominations from new committee members then too.

Jay Hipperson - Management Committee.



SUMMER QUEEN PARTY

'Summer Queen' **Robyn Anderson** will be crowned on Saturday, 18th of June - We wish her a great reign!

The rest of her party are:

Retiring Summer Queen - Sarah Hastie

1st Attendant - Emily Rose Boyle

2nd Attendant - Erin Stenton

Flower Girls - Ellie Thomson & Renee Davies

Posy Girl - Ellie Bruce

Trainbearers - Ollie Cowie & Brett Barrie

They are all pupils at Burntisland Primary School. Traditionally the Queen is crowned by the town's Citizen of the Year, who this year is Aneris Grant. They will soon be commencing rehearsals for Parade Day which, weather permitting, will take place on the Links. The competition to draw the background for the Crowning Ceremony on the Links Bandstand, based on '**Maisie the Cat**' and this year's parade theme of **Goodie and Baddies**, is open until 13th May.

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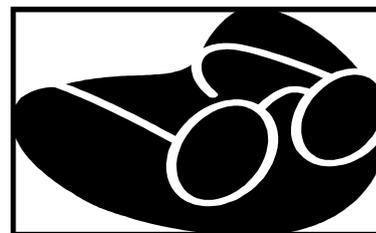
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SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON

The Burgh Buzz

has it's own facebook site.
 Have a look and 'like' us or post a comment that you think is relevant to the community.

The 'Buzz' is also available online at:
www.burghbuzz.org.uk

Community Mural under construction at the Toll Centre—Composed entirely of used plastic bottle tops



Open day on March 16th - Broomhill Community Garden



SCOT'S VERSE WINNERS FROM LEFT

KATIE FRIEND, NORMAN EDWARDS, JOSEPH BUCHAN, KATE HOY, JACK DAVIDSON, JOSEPH WINTOUR



Cruise missile site discovered on Binn ?



Where's my horse gone?



Time for my nap !

Activities and Photographs



Burntisland Over 70s Christmas Treat

The belated 2010 Over 70s "Christmas" Treat was held on March 5th in the Kingswood Hotel. The event was extremely well attended, in fact we were beginning to wonder if we were going to have enough seats for everyone, and a great afternoon was had by all.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended, the management and staff at the Kingswood and our sponsors who include Celebrating Fife, Briggs, The customers of The Star, BiFab, Fife Council, Karen Blake, Corkies (Masons), Shell, Exxon, Myrtle Coffee and the Ladies Bowling Club for making the day such a success. A DVD of the event will be available to view in Burntisland Heritage Centre over the summer. Fundraising for the next treat will continue throughout the year and a coffee morning was held in The Young Hall on Saturday April 9th which raised £300. A race night is planned in The Star for 2nd July and our 2012 calendar will be available for sale in June.

A Burntisland Wedding in Melbourne

On Saturday 5th February, Rachel Black, daughter of Bill and Elspeth, married Jason May in the Scots Kirk in the centre of Melbourne. Several former and current Burntisland residents were amongst the many guests who attended the traditional Scottish marriage ceremony and the lavish reception which followed in the nearby Australian Club. Elspeth, Bill, Rachel and Jason will be visiting Burntisland later in the summer.

The Burntisland Contingent



John and Jean Ross, Vida & Bill Kirkhope, Zaza and Norman Burns, Rachel and Jason, Elspeth, Pete & Helen Mabon, Bill, Margaret Frew (nee Black) and Alistair (Rachel's brother).

Need a little excitement? – over active children?

– try the Elie Chain Walk !!

One of Fife's better kept secrets is a small section of coast between Shell Bay and Elie beach. The two bays are separated by a rocky outcrop with the Fife Coastal Path taking the route along the top of the cliffs. There is, however, a second route along the foreshore at the base of the cliff which would be impassable at most states of the tide were it not for chains, both vertical and horizontal, that allow the adventurous to clamber up and over rocky outcrops and along seemingly sheer cliff faces.

The Fife Council website – www.fifedirect.org/chainwalk gives a good description of the walk and includes the warning below, which is also displayed at either end of the walk.

“Elie Chain Walk - WARNING

This unique scramble will take you across hazardous coastal terrain for 0.5 Km. There are eight chains, some vertical, with up to 10 metres height gain/loss. Allow 1 – 3 hours.

Beware of the following risks to yourself and others with you:

BECOMING TRAPPED BY THE INCOMING TIDE – the slopes above are very steep, loose and dangerous to climb.

BEING STRUCK BY FALLING STONES AND ROCK.

FALLING FROM STEEP ROCK - secure hand and foot grip is essential particularly when wet.

If you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear and decide to proceed, please do so with great care.”

As a family we check the tide on http://news.bbc.co.uk/weather/coast_and_sea/tide_tables, you need a low or falling tide for a first expedition. If the tide is suitable drive to Elie, and park in the vicinity of the golf course before walking west along the Coastal Path or beach.

The Chain Walk is best done heading west, the first chain is the most difficult, with this behind you can tackle the rest of the walk/scramble with growing confidence. Once complete, return along the cliff top path to Elie and well earned refreshment.

Heed the warnings but do not be deterred – you will have a memorable day out – children (eight and up) love it!

Contributed by Andy Wight-Boycott



A section of the Chain Walk with horizontal and vertical chains and a nautical spectator



Horizontal Chain—looks scary but keeping your weight over your feet ensures a good grip.

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Alex Coutts Cycles

A warm welcome awaits you at the new bike shop in Burntisland High Street. The shop is owned by local cyclist Alex Coutts who races for the UCI Continental Team Giant Kenda. As well as a range of bicycles for sales, the shop also offers spares, accessories, cycle clothing, sports drink supplements, bespoke bike build ups, wheel building and a bicycle service and repair centre. Here to help bike owners or those who are thinking of buying a bike, you are welcome to pop in for a chat and friendly no-nonsense advice.

Alex has many years of experience racing and maintaining bikes. He started road cycling when he was 11, going out on the tandem with his dad. Since then he has taken part in road races all over Europe and Asia and represented Scotland in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. His biggest win to date was the UCI Tour of Thailand race in 2008.

Alex will be looking to start a regular cycling run from the shop, to encourage the sport and hopefully allow him to share his experiences from racing and touring all over the world in the last ten years. He already has a list of riders who are keen to go out a cycle ride at the weekends and anyone else is welcome to join.

Whether you are into touring, commuting, bmx, mountain biking, racing or leisure cycling, Alex looks forward to welcoming you at Alex Coutts Cycles.

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MARY'S BLOG

Mary Stuart, daughter of Burntisland's "Fair Trade" family and former pupil of Balwearie High, is spending a gap year in South Africa working within the local community under the guidance of Project Trust, a widely respected gap year organisation. Earlier in the year, Mary came through a rigorous 4 day selection process and subsequently raised almost £5,000 to finance her year's voluntary work at an outward bound centre in South Africa. Here is Mary's 2nd blog covering the last three months.

Hello! It's been roughly 3 months since my last blog so it's time for another update... Work wise I'm doing much the same as I told you in my last blog (and still loving it!) Although I am currently in Sedgefield doing 3 weeks of maintenance so I've been doing allsorts- from fixing the kitchen drain to painting the bathrooms to oiling the bolts at the very top of the high ropes courses! So I've had a variety of tasks recently. It seems like the Christmas break was years ago rather than just a few months! I spent both Christmas and new year in Cape Town, staying in a backpackers on Long Street- the party street of Cape Town- while I was there I went diving with sharks, visited the market in Greenmarket Square, swam in the FREEZING water at Camps Bay and, of course, went up table mountain... And almost got stranded up there as due to high winds they were going to close the cable car so everybody squashed into the final car down... It was like playing sardines!

I met up with some great people in the backpackers and we soon started to go out as a group in the evenings to visit things like the Christmas market on Adderly Street and to see the Christmas lights. Our group of 5 consisted of 2 South Africans, a Kenyan, a German and a Scot... We decided it sounded like the start of a joke!

I also met some of the other volunteers working in SA and went down to Camps Bay with them a few times. Going back to work after 2 weeks of Cape Town life wasn't easy!!!

It didn't help matters that my trip back to work was a rather roundabout route: - I travelled from Cape Town to Sedgefield to pick up gear (8 hours by bus,) then the next day I took the 17hour bus to Johannesburg, spent 5 hours sitting in the bus station where a man was determined to sell me a pair of sunglasses! Then took the 2 hour bus to Potchefstroom... Luckily I didn't have to start work straight away, as you can imagine I was pretty much running on auto pilot by that point!

In the next few weeks I appear to be getting a lot of leave so I'm planning to visit some areas along the Garden Route and hopefully add paragliding and sky diving to my list of things I've done!



VOLUNTEER AT THE ECOLOGY CENTRE

With summer just around the corner, now is the perfect time to come along to The Ecology Centre and get involved in the many exciting projects underway. We have lots of volunteer opportunities for adults of all ages, but particularly for those in the 50+ age group who are looking for interesting, fun and worthwhile activities, all taking place around the beautiful Kinghorn Loch.

Healthy Eating Project Help plan, prepare, serve and enjoy our Friday lunches at the Centre. This project has been set up to encourage and promote healthy eating. No qualifications are required just a friendly personality, an ability to prepare simple meals and the commitment of a few hours once a week or fortnight, would be ideal.

Tools for Change Give old tools a new lease of life by getting involved in a great new workshop refurbishing tools for use locally and for projects in rural Africa. Donations of tools also welcome. Weekly workshops take place on a Monday from 1pm – 3.30pm. No experience necessary, just turn up wearing old clothes.

Walking Programme. This is a great chance to get some fresh air and exercise as well as meet new people and see lots of interesting wildlife. Guided walks take place every other week and meet at 10 am at the loch Car park. All walks are FREE but places should be booked in advance. For upcoming dates, please visit our website www.theecologycentre.org

Garden Mosaics Following on from the very successful two day garden mosaic course, we now have an informal craft/mosaic workshop at The Ecology Centre. This group get together once a month to work together on collaborative and individual projects. If you missed the workshop but would like to get involved now, here's your chance...

Ecology Centre Boat Does a renovation project float your boat? We have an old wooden boat that we are refurbishing at the Centre. If you have skills or experience in boat repairs, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to become involved in any of the projects mentioned above, please contact us by email: admin@theecologycentre or telephone: 01592 891567.

“Burntisland Thru the Lens”

History is full of stories of events from particular moments in time. Our taught histories often concern warfare, religion, geography, and civilisation as a whole. The histories of the universe are fascinating. However, one aspect of history that has always been of interest to me is social history – history with the people put back in.

I was excited to come across the two volumes of social history about people and life here in Burntisland by Iain Sommerville documenting oral histories and goings on between 1910 and 1970. Indeed Burntisland has a rich and interesting history.

The Burntisland Community Arts group was formed in July 2010. We are a small group of people interested in and practising art in our everyday life, whether it be professional or a past time. In trying to think of ways to engage with the public at large we decided to carry on this tradition of documenting our social heritage - except this time the focus would carry a modern slant and concern our present everyday lives.

And so, “Burntisland Thru the Lens” was born and at the end of October 2010 we gave out 20 large, shiny red envelopes with disposable camera's to people in the town hoping to create a visual map of our daily goings on. We asked people to take photos of their homes and families, workplace, favourite spots, hobbies, places they walk, shop, eat, socialise etc. Fast forward to March 2011. The group have received some of the camera's back, full of interesting comments and photos ranging from Halloween to snow filled fun to sea views to local personalities!

We are in the process of developing and printing photos for an exhibition after Easter. We know there are a few camera's still lurking out there and wanted to make a plea to people to dig them out, take a photo and hand it back into Burntisland Library. The initial idea was for people take a couple of photo's and pass the camera on for others to join in. However we've had feedback from those who've taken part saying that folk were a bit shy of getting involved. Please don't be shy, it's not a competition for best photo its a genuine interest in mapping our social history, enjoying shared experiences and seeing where paths cross. If you have a camera and haven't been able to pass it on then do hand it back to the library or get in touch and one of the group will come and pick it up.

We'd like to say thank you to all those who have got involved and made this project happen, we look forward to sharing the results with the town very soon.

Website – www.burntislandcommunityarts.com

Contact Marylou – marylouanderson@hotmail.co.uk or 01592 870 363

Burntisland Amateur Swimming Club

<http://www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk/>

Despite being out of our pool it has been a busy time for us. We held the timed swims over two days in February. Well done to all the younger swimmers who took part for the first time! Our friendly gala with Cardenden was held at Bowhill swimming pool and was the usual exciting competition with many swimmers only fractions of a second apart, making it very exciting for spectators. As usual spectators all got wet feet! Our thanks go to Cardenden for hosting the gala and well done to BASC for retaining the cup! The cup is in the showcase at the Beacon.

Congratulations to Hayley Nimmo and Claire Thomson who got speed flashes in the Novice League in the 50m freestyle and the 50m backstroke. Congratulations to all who got PB's.

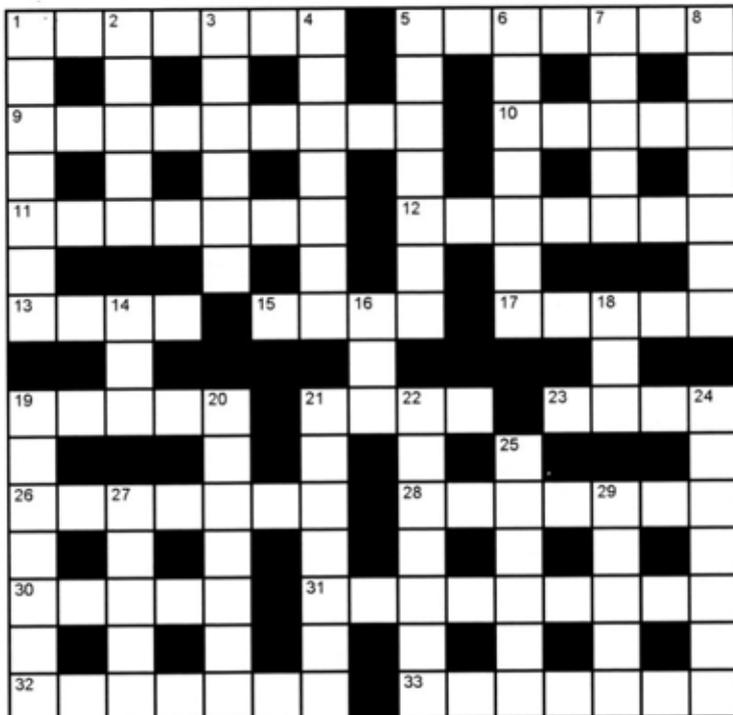
Greg Turner broke the club records at the East District meet at the beginning of March in the 400 Free and 200 Breast. Well done. Both Greg and Rebecca Turner continue to produce PB's and have consideration times for the Scottish National Age Group Championships. Good Luck!

Events to celebrate the club's 125th anniversary are in hand and more information will appear on the website. We are going to work with Burntisland Heritage Trust to build a small display entitled – the Club through the Ages. If you or anyone you know has been associated with the club we would like to hear from you. It may just be for a quote but any pictures, information or points of interest would be very welcome. Contact any member of the committee or email us – BASCsecretary@ymail.com

Finally – the club is always looking for new members and we are happy to consider any child that can swim one length unaided and those more advanced than that can also apply. We are also starting a Masters Lane in May. Please let the club secretary know if you would like details by using the email above or asking at the pool on a Tuesday evening.



THE PRIZE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Deep longing (7)
- 5 Hessian material (7)
- 9 Spanish knight (9)
- 10 Give out (5)
- 11 Pacific Islands (7)
- 12 Poison (7)
- 13 Wha's like us! (4)
- 15 He walked the line(4)
- 17 A recess (5)
- 19 Emblem (5)
- 21 Singer Diana...(4)
- 23 Fatal March day (4)
- 26 Rainy day money (7)
- 28 A burst pipe? (7)
- 30 Capital of Ghana (5)
- 31 Verbal criticisms (9)
- 32 Make bigger (7)
- 33 Greek letter (7)

DOWN

- 1 One eyed monster (7)
- 2 A gentle walk (5)
- 3 Away from the sea (6)
- 4 Cuban Revolutionary Che (7)
- 5 Part of digestive tract (7)
- 6 A deep red (7)
- 7 Peer Gynt author (5)
- 8 Macdonald Massacre site (7)
- 14 Porridge constituent (3)
- 16 Our orchestra Initials (3)
- 18 Cows chew it (3)
- 19 A soothing rub (7)
- 20 A carnival (7)
- 21 Laughable (7)
- 22 Our flag (7)
- 24 A cowboy hat (7)
- 25 Failed bomber Guy (6)
- 27 Spoken or sung (5)
- 29 To make use of (5)

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BUZZ

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Across: 1 Besom, 4 Potluck, 9 Shotgun, 10 Rolltop, 11 Elms, 12 Sten, 13 Flue, 15 Triad, 16 Albatross, 20 Filmmaker, 21 Antic, 23 Lute, 25 Alba, 27 Imps, 30 Neutron, 31 Imperil, 32 Strides, 33 Names.

Down: 1 Broomhill, 2 Sage, 3 Monks Walk, 4 Porte, 5 Toll, 6 Until, 7 Kippers, 8 Ascent, 14 Edam, 17 Barbarian, 18 Teal, 19 Outsmarts, 20 Felines, 22 Castle, 24 Truer, 26 Links, 28 Prod, 29 Spam.

The winner of the £25 voucher donated by Shell U.K. Limited was

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A Quiz for people that know everything

There are only nine questions. This is a quiz for people who know everything! These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many off licences, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Answers

1. Boxing. 2. Niagara Falls. (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.) 3. Asparagus and rhubarb. 4. Strawberry. 5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems. 6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle. 7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses. 8. Lettuce. 9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stils.

Now who will admit to knowing everything?



775 (Burntisland) Squadron Air Training Corps

Your local Air Cadet unit has been very busy the past few months with the cadets and staff participating in various courses, events, trips and training. February and March were packed, with both months being full of various sporting events, with cadets competing in Football and Cross Country. March also saw the Squadron's day out to the National Museum of Flight at East Fortune Airfield in North Berwick. The cadets and staff had a very interesting day finding out all about the RAF and Royal Navy's past. The site plays host to numerous aircraft from throughout the ages, a dedicated learning suite with hands on activities and also the chance to take a tour of the famous Concorde, this was a very enjoyable experience for all. At the end of March five cadets were given the chance of flying at No.12 Air Experience Flight based at RAF Leuchars. Cadets were briefed, kitted out in flight suits and taken up in the Grob Tutor, the RAF's primary flight training aircraft, for a half hour flight.

The last three months have also seen various awards being presented with Cadet Sergeant Samantha Holland becoming the first ever cadet of Burntisland squadron to receive the coveted ATC Communicators badge, also a number of cadets were awarded the highest accolade for shooting, the Corps Marksman, making Burntisland squadron the only unit in Scotland to boast nearly 20 Corps Marksman awards.

This month we bid farewell to the cadet services provided by Staff Cadet Flight Sergeant David McQuade who has reached the upper age limit of 20. Although David will be leaving as a cadet he will still be on board as a Civilian Instructor. Thanks David for all your hard work as a cadet in the last 6 years, we wish you well for your future in the Air Cadets.

With the loss of a cadet, this month we also see the return into uniform for Civilian Instructor Dougie Fagan who has taken up post as a Uniformed Adult Instructor. In his 8 years of cadet service, Dougie was the first male Cadet Warrant Officer of Burntisland squadron and was also the first ever cadet at Burntisland squadron to complete a Flying Scholarship. His return to uniform sees a promotion to the rank of Sergeant(ATC), we wish him the best of luck in his new position.

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets at 775 (Burntisland) Squadron provide skills and opportunities to youngsters from the age of 13 up until they reach their 20th birthday. We are always looking for enthusiastic young children who wish to take part in a range of exciting activities including **Flying, Gliding, Shooting, Adventure Training, Sports** plus many, many, more, so if you are interested in joining the Squadron we parade on Monday & Thursday night from 7.00pm at the Unity Hall, Burntisland (Adjacent to the Pipe Band Hall) so feel free to drop in. The Air Cadets also couldn't run without the help from Adult Instructors and Civilian Staff so if you are interested in what we do please get in touch with the Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Mark Hall RAFVR(T) on 01592 872910 on Mondays or Thursday nights from 7:00pm. For more information you can Tweet us @775sqn or visit us on the below link.

www.air-cadets.org.uk

BURNTISLAND SHIPYARD AFC

Fortunes continue to vary for the Shipyard with some fine results and performances, including a 6 – 0 victory over Kinross and a 6 – 2 victory over Star Hearts. On the other hand there was the disappointment of an extra-time loss against Dalgety Bay in the Fife Amateur Cup, despite playing some great football in the first half and a penalty shoot-out defeat against Lumphinnans after dominating the match.

After the severe winter we had, the club are now into the middle of a hectic midweek programme with the fixtures coming thick and fast. Most of the midweek fixtures will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays and should not affect the youth football training. Already plans are afoot for next season and a pre season friendly has been organised against Buckie Thistle, the current Highland League champions. This match will take place at Recreation Park on Saturday 16th July 2011. Everyone at the club was delighted by the surprise visit of former player George Coull. George played for the Shipyard in the mid fifties as a right half and has fond memories of playing in the "Scottish" against Eyemouth United amongst others. Now in his seventies George lives in Turriff, Aberdeenshire. The Beacon Runners have now returned back to their usual base after making use of the Clubs facilities, it was a pleasure to be of assistance to them.



Youth Football:

The Shipyard 2002's group were invited to a tournament at the Ravenscraig Sports Complex in Motherwell back in February. Teams from all over Scotland took part in this tournament at the £32 million purpose built arena. Played on a round robin basis the kids had several matches and to the delight of everyone at the club they received the "Fair Play" award. They really were a credit to themselves, their coaches and the Club. They have started their season at Pitreavie and as well as having a 100% record so far, they have been playing some very good football. The 2002's have now been invited to play in an exhibition match at Bayview stadium, Methil, the home of East Fife FC. This is part of the S.F.A. Player Pathway and will be held on Sunday 22nd May 2011. I'm sure everyone in the town will wish them well for the rest of the season.

Forthcoming Events:

The Club will again be holding the annual Player of the Year Awards at the Inchview Hotel. The event will take place on Saturday 18th June 2011.



We had a marvellous and spiritual Holy Week here at St. Joseph's. On Palm Sunday we had our Procession re-enacting Jesus's entry into Jerusalem in which 250 of our parishioners took part, followed by our normal Sunday Mass.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the Thursday of Holy Week, we re-enacted Jesus's act of service in washing the disciples feet. Father Paul washed 12 of the parishioner's feet.

On Good Friday, we celebrated the Lord's Passion at two services with Veneration of the Cross and the Gospel Reading of the Lord's Passion.

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday we celebrated the lighting of the Easter Fire and renewal of Baptismal Vows.

The Easter Sunday Psalm: 'This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad' which we all responded to, because Easter stands at the very heart of our faith. It is the central pivot around which everything we know and believe about Jesus the Christ, turns and has meaning. Christ's emergence from the tomb, his victory over violence and death, is God's ultimate endorsement of everything he lived for and taught in his earthly ministry. Not military power, nor religious fundamentalism, nor political machinations could destroy Jesus and His claim to Godship. His resurrection is God's final word about his relationship to God.

In Christ, God discloses his ultimate plan for the entire creation: transfiguration and resurrection. All shall be changed, transfigured, glorified! We are given a clear image of what ultimately awaits us in God. In Christ, God discloses his ultimate plan for the entire creation: transfiguration and resurrection. All shall be changed, transfigured. Glorified! We are given a clear image of what ultimately awaits us in God! The seed of resurrection has been planted in us, at our baptism, and all of who we are, body and soul, is destined for God.

Everything about Jesus and all his teaching must now be viewed through this prism of glorified, exalted resurrected life! All of His counter-cultural, counter intuitive messages about self-emptying, turning the other cheek, surrender and love, fall into place and acquire ever deepening meaning against the startling revelation of the empty tomb! This is the starting point of Christian faith - this is the promise held out to us. We should be rendered speechless by the mind-bending enormity of it. It demands that we recalibrate our worldview and change, change, change! Our task, enlivened, inspired and strengthened by God's Spirit, is to take this mind blowing impact of Christ's resurrection into a suffering and broken world.

Easter opens the door to the great cosmic banquet to which we are all invited by the Lord. Our job is to model our lives and behaviour on Jesus, to go out and leaven the dough, to love and to serve, forgive and heal, feed and clothe and in all that we do be worthy of being the Body of Christ.

Father Paul Capaldi

The Parish Church



Burntisland Parish Church is coming back to normal after all the snow. Unfortunately we had to cancel a lot of events and services during December, though the Sunday morning service kept going throughout and we are very grateful to the folks who managed to come, even in the worst of weathers, especially those who came to our Nativity, Christmas Eve service and Christmas day service.

In our main service on Sunday mornings in the church hall at 11am we are working through Luke's gospel, looking especially at Jesus' teaching on the Holy Spirit who is God's love and presence with us. Sometimes we think about God as being "up there" but in Jesus we discover God down here with us. The mid week service has now restarted, every Wednesday at 10.30am in Solid Rock. It's a short service, followed by tea and coffee. We are also meeting in Solid Rock again for our informal Sunday evening services with the praise band at 6.30 on Sunday evenings.

We are very grateful to the ladies who organise the Friday tea/coffee morning in the church hall (top of the Kirkgate) from 10-11.30am. As well as providing a welcoming cuppa and chance to meet and chat with friends, they raised £3000 for church funds last year.

We continue to have a lot of interest from journalists about the King James Bible, including Scotland on Sunday, and the Glasgow Herald. In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible, there will be a special service on Sunday 6th March at 11 am. The preacher will be Elaine Duncan from the Scottish Bible Society. All are welcome to join us at this service, which will be followed by lunch and a talk from Elaine. This promises to be a very special and interesting event which we would like to share with the community of Burntisland. Please also be on the lookout for the other special events later in the year.

Finally everyone in the church is delighted at the nomination of Aneris Grant as Burntisland's Citizen of the Year. Aneris continues to serve very actively in the church as an elder and treasurer, alongside all her other work for the Community Council and for charities. This is a very well deserved award and we offer her our congratulations.

By Canon Val Nellis - Rector

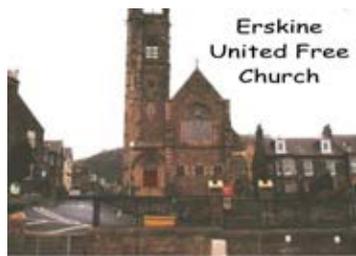


For St Serf's and the other two churches in our ABI (Aberdour, Burntisland & Inverkeithing) Group it has been a more than usually busy Lent. We are engaged in something called Mission Action Planning (MAP), which I know sounds a bit aggressive and certainly smacks of management speak. However, it's really just a way of reviewing how we are doing as three Christian communities at nurturing folk in the faith and engaging with those wider communities where we are; what are we confident about and what gives us cause for concern. Having done the review the next task is to set a series of achievable goals for improving on those things that we are concerned about, setting a time frame for the goals and for further review. These are small congregations that want to grow in service, in faith and in numbers but we need to move forward in a way that is manageable and doesn't overstretch our resources.

Each church has a team tasked with finding out more about the needs of the places where they are.

In Burntisland it is clear that there are concerns about support for family life, for the youth of the town and about our senior citizens. It is also clear that though St Serf's congregation is seen as a friendly, welcoming group of people, St Serf's doesn't have a high profile in the town. We have folk engaged in community action of various kinds but we tend to work away unnoticed and to be happy with that. We need to be more confident about sharing who we are and the part we play in the rich diversity of Christian life and witness here in Burntisland.

What we are confident about is the way we have been able to include and nurture children and young folk in our church life. At the moment the Sunday school is in abeyance but we should be able to start up again soon as our toddlers grow older. We have young folk who are in the choir, serve at the altar, read the lessons and have a whale of a time each summer at the Glenalmond Youth Weeks with youth from all over Scotland. We would be glad of more but meanwhile we will be offering support to our sister churches in Aberdour and Inverkeithing. After a break of about ten years the church in Inverkeithing has just restarted their Sunday school with five children whose parents have joined the congregation.



by
Rev. Jim Neil

Like most churches and organisations the winter weather knocked a number of things for six, but we look forward to the Spring and the celebrations surrounding Easter. It is a time of year when Churches in Burntisland share in and celebrate what they have in common with each other. In May we look forward to playing a small part in the 'Word and Spirit' Festival being co-ordinated by the Parish Church. All because of a book called into being over 400 years ago in this very town - The remarkable King James Bible.

It was encouraging to receive Jim and Rosie Stevenson into membership. At the Annual Congregational Business meeting, Rachel Strachan was elected Preses and Rosie Stevenson, Treasurer. With a further three new managers appointed it marks a time of change.

On Sunday, June 26th, our minister Jim Neil and his wife Janette, will be saying their farewells as they retire from full time Christian work. They look back on nearly 6 years of ministry here which has blessed them and enriched them. Erskine would be delighted to welcome well-wishers on that occasion. For the congregation, it will mark a time of uncertainty but, God willing, also a time of new opportunity.

Looking towards the summer, another Holiday Club is planned. It will be based in the Parish Church as a joint effort between the Parish and the Erskine. For those making

advanced family arrangements, it will run from Monday to Friday 1st to 5th of August, with activities in the morning and afternoon. Chris Beattie, KART's Associate Youth Worker, will lead the club with support from a Scripture Union Team.

BURNTISLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER

Local church representatives meet a few times a year listening to what each congregation is doing. However, there are regular activities shared as churches together. On the horizon are the arrangements for the Christian Aid Collection in May. We were informed by the organisers, that last years collection raised close to £3,000...a great result which means that many practical projects around the world can continue to operate, bringing hope and health to millions of needy and desperate communities..

Building on last year's highly successful and much enjoyed Community Quiz Night is another one in the pipeline. It will likely be late in September, more details will follow in the next issue.

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Guided Heritage Trail Walks Commence

by Bill Kirkhope

The guided historic walk of Burntisland's Inner Heritage Trail has been a summer activity in the town for more than twenty years. For both visitors and residents alike the walk captures the fascinating history and character of Burntisland from the 16th century to the present day. It includes an insight into some of the town's most iconic buildings. The walk starts with a tour of the Burgh Chambers on the corner of the High Street and Kirkgate. The building dates back to the mid 1800's. It contains many features and artefacts from the days when Burntisland was an independent Royal Burgh and responsible for administering much of its own affairs. Leaving the Chambers, the walk continues up the Kirkgate into one of Burntisland's hidden treasures, the Parish Church which dates back to 1594. It is the oldest post reformation church in Scotland still in regular use. It was here in 1601 that King James VI of Scotland proposed a new translation of the Bible. The influence of the sea, the lifeblood of the town for centuries, is everywhere. From the churchyard down to East Leven Street to the Links and back to Sommerville Square every place has a story to tell whether it is from Burntisland's wealth of famous people or an event of historic significance. By special arrangement the tour may also include a visit to Rossend Castle to view the Grand Hall and Queen Mary's Room. The ancient castle stands on an elevated position overlooking the town, and commands an excellent view of the Firth of Forth. Although it was modernised and extended in the 1880s, there are some portions that date from the beginning of the sixteenth century. The castle was saved at the last minute from demolition in August 1970. It was sold to architects, who carried out a sympathetic conversion to offices.

A guided walk of the Burntisland Outer Heritage trail is a newer innovation, having started some three years ago. This is a more strenuous outing which involves a three hour hike round the perimeter of the town, including the ascent of the Binn, the hill which rises 600 feet and protects the town from the north. This walk emerges from the High Street at the East Porte to cross the Links which over the years has been used for grazing cattle and sheep, drying fishing nets, playing golf and cricket and is the site of the Highland Games and summer fair. The ascent of the Binn commences opposite the historic Golf Club, passing the site of the Shale Oil Works (late 19th century) and rising to the ruined remains of the Binn Village, originally built to house shale miners, refinery workers and their families. The Binn viewpoint offers a unique perspective of the town below and of its strategic position on the Forth. With the aid of copies of the Elphinstone map (page) the outline of the old town wall can be traced to the natural battlements on the "Coo Hill". Descending to the west, the walkers pass the remains of Burntisland Distillery and pause to examine another hidden treasure, the ruins of the 13th century St Adamnan Kirk at the Kirkton. Walking south past the site of the Tidal Mill and Rossend Castle the group will drop down to the docks area behind the railway station which was the site of the world's first "roll on roll off" rail ferry (mid 19th century before the construction of the Forth Bridge). The outing ends with a stroll along the breakwater to the Lammerlaws, formerly a fort commanding the entrance to the harbour and more recently, the site of an old lime kiln.

Participants of the Outer Trail should be reasonably fit, wear sensible shoes/boots and clothes suitable for the prevailing weather conditions. The Inner Trail walk takes place every Wednesday in July and August and the Outer Trail on the last Friday of the month (April – September). Both walks are free and start from the Heritage Centre at 4 Kirkgate at 2.30 pm.



Surveying the Ancient Burgh



I think a small word of thanks for the Captain's landing skills might be in order at this point!

THE GREEN DOG WALKERS PLEDGE

Robbie Blyth, Beach & Coastal officer at Fife Council is leading a trial project to combat unsightly and unhealthy dog fouling in our community. Simply put - if you feel that you could make a contribution to combating this problem, then contact him at the below listed number. By volunteering, you will be issued with a Green armband, a poop scoop and 100 dog poop bags.

You will undertake to ALWAYS clean up after your own dog and to politely remind other dog walkers that you have free dog bags for their use. By wearing the armband, you will make other dog owners aware of the fact that you carry the dog bags. This is not intended to be a confrontational exercise. The police should be notified of any blatant or inconsiderate dog fouling with a description of the owner, their dog and the time and location of the fouling. A camera might be useful. However, Robbie stresses, that this exercise is to make dog owners aware of the dangers to children and adults of dog fouling. This can cause toxacara canis, roundworm, salmonella, and E-coli sources of diseases which in turn can cause pneumonia, asthma and blindness. For further information contact:

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Events Diary

MAY

Friday 4th	Community Engagement Meeting (Comm. Police Officer) Toll Centre	7.30pm
Friday 27th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk—from the Heritage Trust Office	2.30pm

JUNE

Saturday 18th	Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition opens	11.00am
Saturday 18th	CIVIC WEEK STARTS - Crowning of Summer Queen, Fancy Dress Parade and Party in the Park	
	Youth Football awards at the Inchview Hotel—Time to be announced	
Friday 24th	Outer Heritage Trail Walk—from the Heritage Trust office	2.30pm
“	Joe’s Band at The Smugglers Inn	7.00pm
Saturday 25th	Comedy Night at the Smugglers Inn	7.00pm
Sunday 26th	Des and the Dingos at the Star	Afternoon

JULY

Wednesday 6th	Heritage Trail Walk –from the Heritage Trust office	2.30pm
Wednesday 13th	Heritage Trail Walk –from the Heritage Trust office	2.30pm
Monday 18th	BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES	
Wednesday 20th	Heritage Trail Walk –from the Heritage Trust office	2.30pm
Wednesday 29th	Heritage Trail Walk –from the Heritage Trust office	2.30pm

CIVIC WEEK 2011 UPDATE



After the success of last year’s Civic Week, we are again holding another Civic Week due to the fact that the Civic Week Committee has managed to re-form with local community volunteers under the new leadership of Morna Beuzaval, Chairperson, and the election of Kerrie-Anne Mckinlay to the post of Secretary.

One of the biggest tasks this year will be funding, which will not be easy in this current economic climate as everyone has to cut back. But with local companies such as Briggs Marine, Taylor Woodrow Homes and David Sands providing donations in the early stages and promises from other sponsorship and grant sources, we know this year the Civic Week Committee can rise to the occasion and give the Burntisland people and visitors a full and exciting line up of week long events.

The activities will begin with the Crowning of the Summer Queen, Fancy Dress Parade and the Party in the Park on Sat. 18th June. This year’s Summer Queen is Robyn Anderson. And the theme this year is “Goodies and Baddies” so to all those Superheroes like Batman, Spiderman, Catwomen, x-Men and the Baddies The Joker, Dr Evil, Cruella De Ville etc...will have the chance to use their powers!

Although all times are provisional, we plan to have the crowning ceremony at the Bandstand on the Links at 12.30pm then the Summer Queen will lead the Fancy Dress Parade along Kinghorn Road to the High Street and then back to the Links car park for a huge community party with Radio Lollipop, Burntisland Pipe Band, street performers and entertainers. New to this year will be the outdoor Robert Bruce history re-enactment and a ticketed Children Comedy Event followed by a free Childrens Disco both being held at the Parish Church Hall. A full week’s programme of varied events will follow, “**here is a taster**” the Spiritual Oasis is offering sampler sessions throughout civic week – with readings & therapies. Also on for the whole week is the Heritage Trust Summer Exhibition. Other events include the Football Tournament, Burntisland Sailing Club Races, BoxFit, Bike Cycle & Picnic to Aberdour, Food for Thought – “taste of life” evening, Quiz night at the Old Port Bar and the YMCA Young bands at the Music hall. Other events are still to be finalised, a full programme will be available early June....

We also have “**THREE Headliner Events**” on the weekend of the Friday 24th-26th June

- Friday 24th June – Band Night at the Smugglers Inn (7pm – 1am) ticketed
- Saturday 25th June – Adult Comedy Night at the Smugglers Inn (7pm-1am) ticketed
- Sunday Afternoon 26th June – Des & Dingos at The Star

Please note that all times are provisional at the moment. Full details, with ticket prices, will be published in the official programme available from early June. We have always tried to keep ticket prices down to make the events accessible to everyone.

We want this to be a real community event so please support our efforts - the group is made up entirely of volunteers. Everyone can play a part – by volunteering to help out with stewarding or collecting, by encouraging children to dress up for Parade, by attending as many events as possible, by putting some money in the collection buckets, by buying raffle tickets, by keeping your fingers crossed for good weather!!!

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