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Historic Visit to Burntisland Parish Church

Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland commemorated the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, by



Awaiting the dignitaries' arrival

attending a service at St Columba's Parish Church, the site of the original decree by King James VI. The congregation included a large number of local school children who heard how the King had summoned the General Assembly to meet in



Lord Wilson viewing the 1772 Baskerville Bible with the Rev, Alan Sharp

Burntisland, where he was resident in Rossend Castle, as he was unfit to make the Forth crossing to Edinburgh. It was at this meeting that the King decreed that the bible be translated from Latin into English, and it has been used by Christians in the English speaking world for the last 400 years. This visit heralded the start of a week of events organised by local churches to commemorate this historic occasion.

(See pages 22 and 23)

Following the service Lord Wilson, accompanied by Mrs Margaret Dean, the Lord Lieutenant of Fife, had an informal chat over tea with Trustees and Friends of the Burntisland Heritage Trust in the Burgh Chambers.

New Primary School For the Toll Park

Fife Council has decided that the old and crumbling Burntisland Primary School in Ferguson Place will be replaced by a newly built structure on the Toll Park. All going well, the new facility should be ready for occupation at the start of the autumn term in 2014. This was not the first choice of the majority of respondents to the Buzz survey last year. However, townsfolk may still have a say in the content and design of the new facility through Education and Planning consultations provisionally set for late September, and through a Local Development Group specifically set up for that purpose.

Existing recreational space will be absorbed by this development, but could be replaced in part by artificial grass facilities at the Beacon Centre.

The editorial on page 2 and articles on pages 5 & 6 may encourage you to voice your opinion.

Haugh Road Flooding - "Scottish Water" Responds

Following a recent meeting with Fife Councillors, Scottish Water has set out its position in an article to the Buzz (Page 6).

Regrettably, because current policy focuses on internal flooding, a permanent solution is not imminent. However, the company has taken steps to improve the efficiency of the pumping operation and have given assurances that they will respond immediately to any reports of future flooding. Additionally, such reports will be accurately recorded so that the Haugh Road problem may be given an appropriate priority should external flooding be accorded precedence in the new investment period commencing in 2015.

Although the current situation remains far from satisfactory, your elected councillors should be congratulated for continuing to pressure Scottish Water into dealing with this continuing problem.

Editorial Comment.

Following the excellent inspection report earlier this year, the Deputy Head of Burntisland Primary School, in her article, gives a comprehensive account of how the pupils and staff are striving to contribute to and learn from the community. These activities should be considered in the context of the commendable results achieved in complying with the traditional curriculum. It poses the question "What could be achieved in premises fit for purpose?"

The decision has been taken to provide a new school on the Toll Park. There are conflicting views as to the manner in which this decision was arrived at and still there could be an opportunity, during the forthcoming consultation exercises, to press for a rethink. But could forcing further delay in the project prove counter productive? In the Councillors' report (page 5), a shortfall in the budget for the Burntisland plans has been able to take advantage of "slippage" in other projects. In the prevailing, very tight, financial climate, could further delay see the allocated funds siphoned off to educational projects elsewhere in Fife?

The Buzz is of the view that the decision should be accepted; the community should unite to ensure that the best facilities possible should be included in the new-build school - not only for the pupils during school-time, but also to be shared by members of the community, possibly in partnership with the many groups which currently make use of the Toll Centre. The best practice of several excellent examples of community school partnerships could well be adopted. Whatever you may feel on this issue - make your views known. Otherwise, you will have to take what you get!

A partially related issue is the plan by the Sports Group to provide artificial sports pitches adjacent to the Beacon Centre. Partial Fife Council funding has already been allocated to this project. The provision of these facilities could go far towards compensating the town for the loss of green space at the Toll Park. We must ensure that these previously allocated funds are not diverted to the shortfall in the new school budget.

And a slight diversion - the assertion in "the councillors' article" that the Common Good Fund may benefit from the Toll Park being designated common good land is ironic. Should this come to pass, you can take comfort from the fact that the Toll Park sacrifice has not been wasted - the Common Good Fund was plundered by Fife Council to pay for a substantial proportion of the considerable expense incurred in removing and reinstalling the town clock mechanism - following the Council's own faux pas!

Bill Kirkhope
(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.

- Police noted inappropriate driving rather than speeding at the Colinswell roundabout. There are likely to be fewer traffic wardens over the summer months. A new Dog Warden has been appointed.
- The increase in charges for the evening use of the Burgh Chambers coincides with a reduced grant from Fife Council. The Chairman and Treasurer will seek a lower rate because of the Common Good ownership and also local management arrangements.
- Burntisland Development Trust has released funds for design and planning work on the War Memorial. All necessary consents will be secured, together with final costs. An application will then be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the main project.
- Electronic chimes for the town clock are being installed and will enable chimes to be heard over 24 hours at sound levels which are not open to challenge.
- A review of the furniture in the Council Chamber and other rooms is under way, with a view to restoration to a standard which reflects the dignity and community use of the building.
- Martin McDonald and Lorraine Simpson have been co-opted as full members of the Community Council. One vacancy remains.
- Scottish Water have agreed an action plan which will help to alleviate the frequent flooding and discharge problems at Haugh Road. Funding for a permanent solution will depend on the priority given in the next round of capital budgets. Local residents are strongly urged to report all instances of flooding at Haugh Road to Scottish Water, so that they have a full and accurate record of the extent of the problem.
- Fife Council have re-activated the Compulsory Purchase order in respect of the Palace Cinema site in the High Street, with a view to resolving what has been a long-term eyesore.
- Footpaths leading from Cowdenbeath Road to the Binn have been severely eroded due to water damage. However, Fife Council have now cleared blockages at the Binn pond, giving a reduced water level and therefore less likelihood of further erosion.
- Two additional brownfield sites are being considered for housing purposes, both near to Grange Road / Kilmundy Drive. Concern was expressed by local residents. The Community Council agreed to support the findings of an earlier public inquiry and seek a reduced housing density in these environmentally-sensitive sites.
- Concern was expressed that Fife Council ruled out the possibility of re-building the primary school on the current site, despite expectations that prior consultation would take place with the Community Council. A statutory consultation will take place in September, in which Fife Council are obliged to respond to all inputs and in which HM Inspectorate of Education will review the consultation process. Discussions continue with a view to getting the best overall outcome for Burntisland.
- A small group of interested people has been formed to ensure regular watering and maintenance of the various hanging baskets in the vicinity of the High Street.
- ExxonMobil are making changes at Braefoot Bay in order to enable easier management of shipping movements. The capacity will increase, but actual movements per year will be much the same as now. Consultants AD Little have completed a risk assessment and concluded that the resulting change is not significant.

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The Burgh Polis

by
Sergeant Scott Murray

There has been a slight change of staff recently at Burntisland Police Station. Sue, our cleaner, has decided after 23 years of loyal service to hang up her duster and park her mop for the very last time. We wish her the very best in her retirement and also welcome Carol who is now covering her duties. Due to my recent period of absence on a training course, Acting Sergeant Martin McGovern covered for me. From speaking with Martin it was obvious that he was hugely impressed by the Community spirit that is so strong in our area.

Also about to arrive at the Station is PC Jennifer Forbes who joins us from Kirkcaldy. Jen arrives with a reputation of being enthusiastic about Road Traffic Policing so for those who wish to drive and break the law - watch out !!!

Talking of Traffic Policing, officers recently have made maximum use of hand held radar guns in an effort to make our local road network a safer place. A number of warnings and fixed penalty tickets have been issued in an attempt to drive the message home.

On the Safety theme, your Community Officers, PC's Gibb and Melvin, joined forces with colleagues from the British Transport Police and have carried out joint talks to our young people covering topics ranging from "Safety around the Rail Network", "Stranger Danger" and reinforcing the idea of "Responsible Children".

After dealing with complaints of youths playing football in High Street we were approached by representatives of Burntisland Shipyard AFC who donated two goal nets. PC Gibb and the youths got together and fixed the nets to the existing posts on the field at Ross Point. Thanks again to members of the Club for their donation to the youths of the town.

A complaint has recently been received that irresponsible fishermen are discarding hooks and lines in the area around the breakwater in the docks. These have resulted in injuries to dogs and other wildlife. We would encourage responsible fishing which will reduce the risk to animals and subsequent hefty vet's bills.

Again, if you wish to highlight any concerns you have surrounding the Policing of your area I would urge you to come along to our Community Engagement Meetings at the Toll Centre. This is an ideal opportunity for you to speak with one of your local Community Officers in a relaxed atmosphere and air your point of view.

The next meetings are - Wednesday 7 September 2011 @ 7.30 pm
Wednesday 2 November 2011 @ 7.30 pm

Non-Emergency Contact Number – 0845 600 5702

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 (Tel: 01383 822023) Items for the Autumn 2011 Issue by 15th October 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).



By

Victoria Dolatowska
(Deputy Head Teacher)

As always the build up to the summer break has been a busy one at Burntisland School. Children and staff have been involved in supporting several worthwhile causes including P5R fundraising to help victims of the Japanese earthquake. The children have raised funds through raffles and "bring and buy" sales amongst other activities.

The whole school and nursery dressed in pink on 17th June and raised an impressive sum of £555 for cancer research.

Children have also composed messages for their local MP in support of the "Send My Sister to School" Campaign which aims to have education for all the world's children by 2015.

In May we held our annual Healthy Living Week. The pupils enjoyed Highland Games, Rugby and talks about food safety as well as many other taster sessions.

Primary five pupils have enjoyed their Rotary Rambles this term that went ahead despite some challenging weather conditions. The children and parents alike loved the walks and all of the children received a beautiful certificate at a presentation ceremony in school.

An open afternoon was held for parents and friends in June to allow them to come in and see what the children have been learning and also to speak to staff. It was great to see how well attended the afternoon was.

Local officers and the Railway Police came in to speak to the children from primary five and six about railway safety recently, we hope this will be beneficial to the pupils as we remind them to stay safe over the summer break.

Ian Archibald from the Heritage Trust has been working this year with primary six pupils on a project called "Changing Landscapes". The project began with a fantastic Powerpoint presentation on "mapping". This fired the children's interest and imagination. A selection of the resulting maps that the children have designed feature in the Heritage Trust Exhibition this summer.

Mr McGourty has been training the school football team and they played several friendly matches against other schools as well as participating in a tournament at Torbain Primary School. The children excelled themselves and reached the final against Torbain. They all received a medal for their efforts. Our thanks to Mr McGourty, who was very proud of the team.



B.P.S. Football Team

In May the children from primary six and seven attended a very special service at the Parish Church to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first edition of the King James Bible. The Lord High Commissioner was in attendance and was most

impressed with the school choir's performance as well as the reading of the 23rd Psalm by Jack McKinnon (P7). He also congratulated all of the pupils and staff on the excellent conduct of all the children.

Children from primary one to seven all enjoyed a concert by a string quartet this term which was funded by the Youth Music Initiative. This was highly enjoyed by staff and children alike.

Our P7 relay team won the trophy for the first time in some



Girls Relay Team

years at the Balwearie School Sports on 14th June. The children and staff are delighted and a special thank you to Mrs Bennett for training them. Another team of children took part in the Fife Primary Cross Country Championships on the same day at Beveridge

Park. All of the children completed the course and were a credit to our school. A special

Athletics Success

well done to Owain Stark who narrowly missed out on a medal but was placed 4th out of 108 runners!

Primary Seven enjoyed a fun day and a disco to celebrate their last days of primary school before moving on to pastures new. They also held a lovely Leavers' Service at the Erskine Church which was very well attended and brought a tear to many a proud parent's eye!



Boys Relay Team

Changing Landscapes Mapping project

M and M productions came to school near to the end of term to bring to life the story of Charlotte's Web. The performance was watched by all of the children from P1-7 and a great time was had by all.

School sports took place during May and June. After several cancellations, all three were completed and were well attended by parents and friends. The children took part enthusiastically and enjoyed ice lollies as a reward for their efforts.

The nursery children joined up with friends from First Class Nursery and the local playgroup to take part in "The Big Toddle". They had a great time and raised funds for Barnardos. Miss Hepburn organised a fantastic community event this term which was a sell out. She worked with St Andrew's university to host a Space Evening when two NASA astronauts gave a presentation about Space and their work with NASA. It was a great evening and we'd like to thank Miss Hepburn for organising this for the children and parents.

Mrs Whatmore and all of the primary three children have been working hard to produce their film "Granny Mac's Meringues". The Grand Premiere was held at the Music Hall in June and everyone was very impressed with not only the finished product but also all of the hard work and great learning involved in producing it.

Finally we said a fond farewell to Liz Craig who has cheerfully served dinners to our pupils for many years now. The children were sorry to see her go.

We also of course say goodbye to all of our P7 pupils who we wish every future success and happiness.



“New - build” School Agreed for Burntisland

The Education & Children's Services Committee of Fife Council which met on 19th May took a major step forward in the process to agree the consultation, design and planning to give Burntisland a school for the 21st century.

This Committee approved the proposal to build a new school at East Toll Park.

Previously, several sites in the town had been considered but this had been narrowed down to the East Toll Park last November. There was no 'ideal' site available in the town but the East Toll Park was considered to have many advantages such as its size and central location. It therefore, was selected as the 'preferred' site.

The report that was considered at May's committee meeting looked at three options: the status quo with the current buildings, refurbish and extend the existing buildings or a new build school on the East Toll Park.

The current buildings that house Burntisland Primary School in Ferguson Place date back to 1883. Despite numerous adaptations and renovations and on-going maintenance these buildings are struggling to cope with the rising school population and the demands of a modern curriculum, and would require a huge amount of money to be spent in the coming years, without addressing the main issues of space and suitability.

The option to retain the status quo was examined in detail but it simply cannot offer adequate accommodation, lunch facilities, playground or teaching facilities.

The Education Committee also considered refurbishing and extending the current school buildings. This would create new PE facilities and links between the buildings. However, the cost is almost as much as to build a new school but would not actually address the problems of lack of playground space or additional teaching facilities. Also, there would be no additional space for an increasing school population.

The option, which was agreed by the Committee, is to proceed with the plans and consultation for a new build school on the preferred site. Despite the current difficult financial situation, Fife Council is committed to their new school building programme as one of its priorities. The budget for Burntisland has been able to take advantage of slippage and other projects coming in under budget, and these funds have been allocated to Burntisland. The final financial arrangements will continue to be put in place over the next few months.

The next steps will be a statutory consultation about education provision and the planning process for a new building. A Local Development Group for Burntisland new build project has been established which has representation from all local stakeholders including: Parent Council, After School Club, Playgroup, Community Council, Sports Group, Toll Centre Management and local residents. The remit for this group was defined by the Education & Children's Services Committee and agreed by the group as follows:

- Be a forum for discussing the benefit outcomes and design development of specific school estate projects;
 - Provide good communication links amongst Fife Council Services, the design team, construction contractor, school and community representatives, parents, pupils and other users of the facilities;
 - Cascade information to stakeholders represented by members of the group;
 - Participate in surveys and workshops and other feedback sessions on specific school estate related projects;
- Receive reports on the progress of specific school estate related projects.

An outline timeline for the project has also been drawn up:

- Pre Application Notice will be submitted to Development Control for Planning Consent in principle July/Aug 2011;
 - Education Consultation will commence on Monday 12th September through to Friday 11th November on the relocation of the school with a public consultation event at a local venue on 28th September (provisional);
 - Planning consultation event at a local venue on 28th September (provisional);
 - Detailed Planning Application will be made 1st Quarter 2012;
 - Construction works commence 1st Quarter 2013;
 - Construction completion 3rd Quarter 2014;
- Building occupancy for the start of the new school term in August 2014.

The additional information that the land selected as the preferred site, East Toll Park, may be re-designated as Common Good, could mean further good news for Burntisland: if this is the case, then an independent valuation will determine the value and the level of the payment to Burntisland Common Good Fund. This would add to the funds available for local groups to use for community benefit for many years to come.

“A brand new building will address all the problems with the existing building and provide facilities to deliver a relevant and modern curriculum. Children in Burntisland deserve the best facilities we can provide for them and this is what they will get with the decision to go out to consultation on the new build option. This is a building for the 21st Century, we owe it to future generations to create a building that can deliver a modern curriculum and modern facilities that take account of the latest energy efficient building and heating systems. It is our duty to provide the best possible opportunities for the next generation, and generations to come, and we are glad that this decision means that we can fulfil that duty.”

Cllr Susan Leslie & Cllr George Kay

New School - An Alternative View

I do not think that any consensus remains between your councillors, as the Administration pushes forward with school proposals without any consultation or engagement with the community on the preferred site.

When Education carried out its appraisal of the preferred “new build” site for a school, it apologised to the Community Council for its inadequate consultation and promised to do better for the final decision. In the event, at the final decision stage, nobody was consulted – not the community council, not the Area Committee and certainly not the residents – before the Education Committee approved the taking of the Toll Park for a new school in 2014. It was supposed to be an options appraisal of ‘new build’ –vs- ‘refurbishment and expansion’ of the

existing school, but nobody in Burntisland saw any proposal for refurbishment and expansion; not even the Parent Council. When the three councillors were shown the plan (providing the required facilities in a complex fit for 21st century) it was enthusiastically presented by the architect, and considered by him to provide an excellent school. However, councillors were never officially consulted of any appraisal of the two options. Now, Fife Council is to consult – after the decision is taken. This is no way to follow Scottish Government guidance on engagement and no way to find out what the town wants. Obviously the Administration of Fife Council knows best. Whatever decision is the best, this is no way to treat our constituents.

Cllr Ron Edwards

PROPOSED OUTDOOR PITCH FACILITY AT THE BEACON

By Gillian Lowe



Plans for an outdoor pitch facility at the Beacon Leisure Centre continue to move forward. Burntisland Sports Group has been able to secure more land at the Beacon site and plan to develop a community sports hub comprising of:

1 x multi-use games area (MUGA) – similar to the one at Beveridge Park. This pitch would be open 24/7, would be use and would be suitable for a variety of activities including basketball, tennis, netball, football, other sports and activities, particularly related to youth work such as dance and out of school games and

2 x top quality 5-a-side pitches that would operate through a booking system managed by the Beacon Leisure Centre reception. It is expected that opening times will mirror those of the Leisure Centre, opening during the morning through to late evening.

The area will be overseen by the Beacon Leisure Centre CCTV system to provide necessary security to all of the courts and the neighbouring Skatepark.

£125K has been approved already by Fife Council for development of pitches on the Beacon site and Sports Scotland have indicated that the project would attract funding. A planning application is ready for submission however there is a fear that the £125K funding may be diverted to supplement funding for a new school at the Toll. The Sports Group has been assured by Fife Council that the funding remains in place for pitches at the Beacon and not for education services. Once planning permission is granted the project would move very quickly. It is hoped that the pitches could be completed within a year. The Group would like to gauge support for this project and would ask for feedback from the people of Burntisland by sending an email to the following address:

E-mail address: BurntislandSports@hotmail.co.uk

And support from Cllr Ron Edwards

Do you want to see a hard court pitch for basketball, tennis and “youth diversion” activities, together with two synthetic 5-a-side pitches, within a Sports Hub at the Beacon? These would be operated by the Beacon and bookable during normal opening times, depending on demand. My belief is that you do. But if you do, please join the Burntisland Sports group to make it happen, otherwise it won't. Why? - because there is a move within Fife Council to use the £125k “match funding” money for the Sports project for a pitch at the proposed new school. This is despite the fact that there are huge doubts on how this could be run for any benefit other than to the school within school times, with little advantage for the general public and a delay to 2014. So if you want to get this great facility at the Beacon for all to use, then get involved.



Haugh Road Flooding – Scottish Water Responds



Scottish Water is working with the local community in Burntisland to help reduce the frequency of flooding in the Haugh Road area.

We empathise with customers affected by flooding in the Burntisland area and we realise that this has been an inconvenience for those living and commuting through the Haugh Road area for a number of years.

At a recent meeting with local Councillors and officers of Fife Council to discuss the flooding issues, we detailed the work that has been carried out to help reduce the frequency and severity of flooding and what is planned for the future at the Haugh Road Pumping Station.

The following measures have been taken or are planned for the near future:

- Extensive root cutting of outfall pipe at Haugh Road Pumping Station
- Amendment of pump arrangement to improve performance of storm pumps
- Repair of ultrasonic control of foul pumps to improve reliability of storm pumps
- A request for capital investment has been submitted to reline the outfall pipe at Haugh Road Pumping Station to prevent further root ingress

A request for capital investment has been submitted to change the overflow screen from a static screen to a powered screen

In addition to the measures outlined above there will also be regular cleaning (every 2 months) of Links Car Park Pumping Station to help reduce the risk of odours from the pumping station as well as further discussions with our environmental regulator, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to discuss the possibility of an alternative pumping arrangement.

Although the above work has helped to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding at Haugh Road, significant capital investment is required to fully resolve the flooding issues at this location. While we would like to be in a position to resolve all deficiencies with sewerage systems across Scotland, the current funds available to us simply do not enable us to do this.

When Scottish Ministers established investment priorities for our 2010-15 programme, priority was given to those properties at significant risk of internal flooding. Unfortunately, because of the focus on internal sewer flooding, we do not have a reliable record of the number of properties with external sewer flooding issues. However, external flooding from the sewer network is an increasing priority for Scottish Water and, for the new investment period (2015-2020), we have been tasked by Ministers with establishing an accurate record of external sewer flooding. Haugh Road will feature on this register.

We will therefore continue to closely monitor the situation at Haugh Road, attending as necessary to any further flooding events and ensuring our records are up to date to allow the correct prioritisation of this case when funding does become available.

In order to accurately build this register we would ask residents in Burntisland to play their part and report directly to our Customer Helpline on 0845 601 8855 whenever there is any sewage spilling from the sewers. This will allow us to quickly arrange for the area to be cleaned up and importantly it is the most accurate way for us to monitor the extent and frequency of the problem at this location.

We understand that local residents have been frustrated in the past by the helpline emphasis on postcodes. Haugh Road is designated as a ‘Hot Spot’ area and we would ask residents to report any flooding under ‘Haugh Road’ or if possible, post code KY3 0BZ.

It is our view that the priorities of customers should be taken into account when the investment priorities are set beyond 2015, and we are now beginning a programme of Scotland-wide customer research to establish just how customers view these matters. This research is at a very early stage and we will be happy to provide further information at a later date.



BURNTISLAND LIBRARY 'DROP IN' JOB CLUB - ON THE MOVE?

The Friday 'Drop In' Job Club is now an established part of a routine for many Burntisland residents looking for work and/or training.

Every Friday between 10 am and 12.30 pm on average, a dozen members pop in to check on vacancies, discuss their plans and seek help with C.V.s and applications. Alison Hamilton, Fife Council Development Worker, or one of her colleagues, is on hand to offer practical support as well as up to date information and advice. We are also keen to respond to clients requests for training and recently, working with the Council's C.L.D. team we were able to run First Aid at Work and Food Hygiene Certificate courses at The Toll Centre. My colleague, Ian Bowles, also ran a number of workshops for members wanting to improve their understanding of using the internet for job search. They are now more confident and use the Library's computers regularly. If there is sufficient demand, we would hope to repeat these local training opportunities.

Alison has also been looking for temporary premises for the Drop In Job Club in anticipation of the library's refurbishment programme. Fortunately the Toll Centre management committee has agreed that the Job Club can use the Computer Suite on Friday mornings. Alison commented 'We are very grateful to Toll Centre staff and the committee for this offer. Many of the Job Club regulars have attended courses at the Toll and although the venue is not as central as the library, we will have access to 8 computers. There is no definite date for the move but autumn seems likely. There will be plenty of advanced publicity and we will notify Job Centre Plus'.

For the moment, the library's facilities continue to be available to job seekers.



Royal Mail

Change to Local Postal Services

The Burntisland Delivery Office which serves residents in the KY3 postcode area, relocated to the Kirkcaldy Delivery Office, Forth Avenue Industrial Estate, Kirkcaldy on Monday 25th July. Burntisland and Kinghorn residents will now be able to pick up parcels and packets (when a "while you were out" card has been left by the postman) at Burntisland Post Office, 192 -196 High Street.

Call and Collect and surcharge items for the KY3 area will have to be collected from the Kirkcaldy Delivery Office. However, Royal Mail can still arrange for Call and Collect items to be delivered to the address of any Burntisland resident who does not wish to travel to Kirkcaldy.

Mail deliveries to households and businesses will continue as before and no major changes to delivery times is anticipated.



Blood Donations

4 New Donors

At the donor session on 4th July, Daniel Slater received his SILVER GILT award for his 50th donation. Lizbeth Donovan and Susan Beveridge received SILVER awards for 25 donations whilst Kenneth Kelly received his BRONZE badge for 10 donations.

Out of 94 attendees a total of 80 donated of which 4 were new donors. The next donation session will take place in the Parish Church Hall on Monday 7th November.



BURNTISLAND NOW AND THEN A TOWN IN CONTRAST

by

Richard Hollingworth

The 2011 Burntisland Heritage Exhibition has as its theme, the old Burntisland contrasted with the present day town. The displays have much to interest and catch the imagination.

Starting with maps some dating from the 17th Century, the development of the town is demonstrated. The earliest maps rather than having the modern scheme of North at the top of the map, actually show Burntisland and the Forth from a sailor's view point with the mouth of the river at the bottom of the map. One particularly interesting exhibit superimposes a map from the 1740's onto a map of modern Burntisland. It shows how accurate the old time map makers were and also how much Burntisland has grown from the old town based around the High Street. Many of buildings may have changed but the simple street plan remains remarkably unaltered.

There are over 100 black and white photographs of old Burntisland. Many of these have been re-photographed in colour from the same vantage point. This must have been a painstaking task to get the correct angles. The images show many changes in the Burgh. Alcan has been completely cleared, the docks are bereft of cargo vessels and acres of new housing have been built since the Second World War. Then again, the views east along Kinghorn Road from the Bowling Green have hardly changed in 100 years give or take a few motor cars. There is much to stir memories in this display.

One wall is graced with superbly crafted ship models by the late George Aitken, who was a native Burntislander. George was a railwayman all his working life but it was from the sea that he got inspiration for his models.

Beneath this there is a display showing the evolution of cameras from the 1890's up to the start of the digital era.

The exhibition also includes a collection of recently discovered photographs from Andrew Young, dating from around the 1890's. They show a town dominated by the 3 great chimneys of the Binnend Oil Works. The streets seem to be very quiet. But then the photographer would have to take relatively long exposures and would choose times when there were few people about.



Several fine plans of the Burntisland Primary School prepared by Primary 6 pupils are on show.

This exhibition more than maintains the high standards of Burntisland Heritage and is highly recommended for anyone interested in the town.

Opening times: Wednesday 1.00 - 4.00pm; Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11.00am - 4.00pm until 27th August.



Burntisland First Aid in Action

By
Alex McDonald

Our busy season is putting to the test some of the key skills gained by those who attended our latest course. Over a single weekend in June, one member worked with nursing and ambulance personnel to use life-support skills on a man who had stopped breathing. The following day, a lady who had fractured her ankle in several places was expertly supported, given pain relief and transported for medical attention.

In contrast, fine weather in the Borders meant that the 35 people we treated at a cross-country event had sustained only minor injuries.



Ailsa Pattie, David Annand and Debbie Gregory

On several recent weekends we've had up to a dozen members covering three separate events. The skills which they apply were gained most recently in the First Person On Scene course, at the Intermediate level. It was particularly encouraging to see the number of people who attended that course for the first time. However, it was the more

experienced members who took the trophies – Ailsa Pattie for Theory and Debbie Gregory for Practical. At the same time, David Annand won the trophy for outstanding service.

We're always keen to ensure our equipment is up to date - and radios are a case in point. They are our lifeline at big events. In addition, we have to make sure that all of our members are instantly recognisable when the need arises.

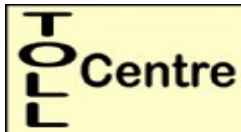
So it was hugely helpful when Maureen McQuade volunteered to undertake a sponsored swim at the Beacon Leisure Centre. Entirely through her own efforts, Maureen has boosted our funds by over £1,100, all of which will be put towards vital equipment. Maureen is very grateful to those who supported her efforts, as indeed are all of us.

In the meantime, we have other events to plan for – in Burntisland, Leuchars, Pittenweem, Kinghorn, Knockhill, Elie and several other places. Whether it's cycling, horses, motor sport or more gentle pastimes, we'll have between 2 and 10 members attending at any one time.

We also have to plan for our Autumn training schedule. Our next public course will be for people who want to gain essential skills over 12 Wednesday evenings, starting in late September. Enquiries are always welcome to Alex MacDonald on 873314 or via our website www.bfast.org.uk.



Maureen is congratulated by Steve Shaw of the Beacon Leisure Centre



The Toll centre Management Committee would like to thank all Burgh buzz readers who voted for the Centre in the Royal Bank of Scotland Community Award Scheme. The Centre was voted a runner up and received £1000. This will be used towards the installation of Cavity Wall Insulation and Loft Insulation to the building. We hope this will save money on our heating bills in future.

Dobbies Garden Centre's Community Champion also awarded the centre with £150 worth of stock to improve the Centres garden. The Playgroup and BOSS (Burntisland Out of School Club) children have all enjoyed watching the Tomatoes and Strawberries growing, they have planted seeds and an Apple tree in the garden and Bark has been laid over the paths in the wildlife garden.

Burntisland & Kinghorn Rotary made a generous donation to the Music Project which the young people have decided to use to purchase a selection of equipment including Ukuleles.

At the Recent Annual General Meeting in June some new members were attracted to the Committee but conversely we lost some serving members who were no longer available. In particular, we were sad to lose long serving member and former Chairperson Andrew Barker. Andrew has worked hard over the years on a range of projects for the Toll Centre. The Big Day Out in August 2010 was just one of Andrews's ideas to bring the Community together.

Members of the Local Community are reminded that the Toll Centre is for the people of Burntisland and they are encouraged to help and support the Centre, either by joining the management committee or by becoming a Friend of the Centre. Friends of the Centre would be welcome to help with a selection of Activities including updating Website & Fundraising.

For more information call the Toll Centre on **01592 872854**.

TOLL CENTRE PROGRAMME 2011 (Term time)

MONDAY

9.30 am – 12 noon	Playgroup
9.30 am – 11.30am	Computer Class
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Computer Class
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Out of School Service
6.45 pm – 8.45 pm	Senior Youth Club S1+

TUESDAY

9.30 am – 12 noon	Playgroup
9.30 am – 11.30 am	Computer Class
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Computer Class
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Out of School Service
6.15 pm – 7.45 pm	Childrens' Club (P2,3 & 4)

WEDNESDAY

9.30 am – 12 noon	Playgroup
9.30 am – 11.30 am	Computer Class
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	DAFC Mini Kickers (3+)
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Out of School Service
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Wednesday Social Club (2 nd & 3 rd weeks of each month)

THURSDAY

9.30 am – 12 noon	Playgroup
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Out of School Service
4.00 pm – 4.45 pm	Gymnastics Ages 4+
4.45 pm – 5.45 pm	Gymnastics P2 – P7
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Junior Youth Club(P5,6&7)

FRIDAY

9.30 am – 12 noon	Playgroup
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Out of School Service
6.45 pm – 9.15 pm	Music Project (S1+)
5.30 pm – 6.30 pm	DAFC Soccer School (P4 – P7)

SATURDAY

10.00 am – 11.00 am	DAFC Soccer School (P1 – P3)
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Taekwon-do

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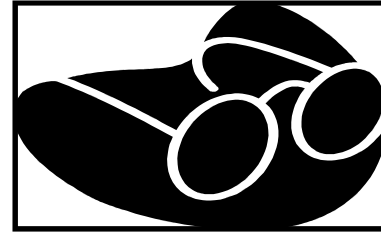
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RETIREMENT SPEECH IN THE YARD

By

Hamish Brown

(Set in the time when the shipyard was booming and Burntisland Cooperative Society dominated the east end of the High Street)

Funny, I've been to so many presentations. You never think of your own. 'Mr Cuthbertson, the *late* personnel officer'. Sounds a bit like a bloomin' obituary. Suppose it is.....Tomorrow, Jack officially takes over; next month, I'll be forgotten. Thank goodness the Admiral's not going to speak. Last night was enough Well, this is the last time I'll be seeing this bunch of lads. I've had seven years of them. Apprentices all over the world really – what we have left of it. Better pay attention. My turn to spout next. What a picture, Bert's painting of me. It is an obituary! Oh, no, Bert, not 'Culby' in front of the lads. Wonder what they will be presenting? Could be anything in that box. What *am* I to say when Bert shuts up? 'Forty years of devoted service?' So it is, I suppose. God! Stop trembling man..... Now on your hind legs – remember his Lordship – eyes front and speak to the back row.

That went not too bad. When they stop laughing I can finish with the Sweepy episode.

I've forgotten half of the things I had meant to say (to your joy, no doubt) but just let me finish with a story. Like all good stories, this is a true one! Happened down south in the shipyard of a friend who lived in Devonport. He was a personnel officer as well so we occasionally swapped experiences.

His apprentices were just as horrible a shower as you lot! One of the managers in the yard was due to retire and he was not exactly the most popular man on the staff. This created a rather delicate situation. Like most dirty jobs it was given to the P.O. He in turn called in a lad who swept and generally looked after the No2 workshop. He was always "Sweepy" to everyone: sweepstakes, the football pools, he was *the expert*. He usually got the job of collecting money for presentations and so on. Quite an institution he was!

'Well Sweepy, old so-and-so's leaving. Can you fix up a collection among the boys? Between us he's not too popular on the shop floor, but see what you can do. It would look sort of bad if he got less than the usual.'

Sweepy was not enthusiastic.

'Come on Sweepy, you did well last time. Here's a real challenge to your well known abilities. The boys expect it of you now.'

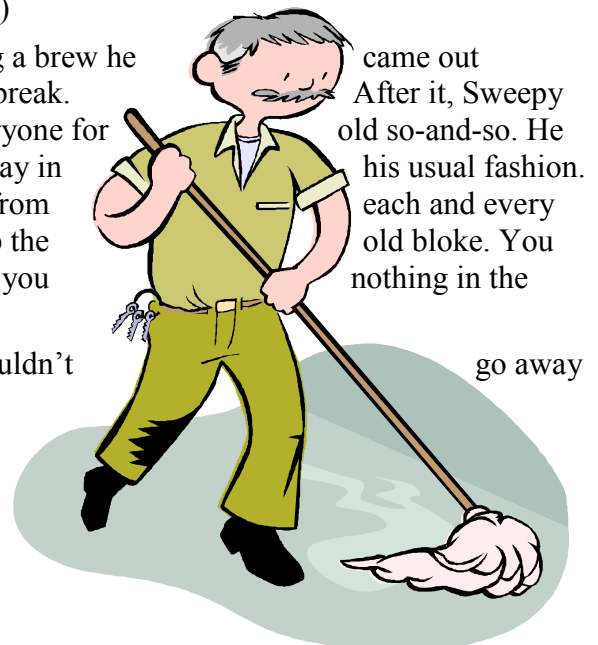
(These personnel blokes are all the same – talk round anybody!)

Sweepy went off to his store muttering to himself but following a brew he beaming. Next day there was a big Union meeting during the dinner break. stepped forward and casually asked for a *loan of five bob* – from everyone for stood grinning at the resulting buzz of speculation, then mumbled away in 'I've never let you down before lads, 'ave I? Well, I want five bob from one of you. You agree and I'll see you get it back as well as fixing up the can't expect more than that, can you? Just a five bob *loan* boys. Cost you end.'

A five bob loan could be no harm. Old so-and-so obviously wouldn't with five thousand five bobs. Heavens! That's over a thousand quid!

So Sweepy managed to collect five thousand five bobs that week, and everyone waited in suspense.

Old so-and-so's day of reckoning arrived. He was marched up onto the scaffold. (I know just how he felt!) He sat there listening to the usual speeches, full



of praise and flattery, knowing he was no friend of anyone's. Quite an ordeal.

Sweepy sat at the back quietly looking on, pretending not to notice the glances in his direction. Earlier he had dished everyone out with a couple of packets of cigarettes. 'There's your five bobs, mates,' he said. 'If you don't smoke you can flog 'em, its all five bobs, one way or the other.'

Then came the presentation. The mystery box on the table was opened. There were gasps all round, for it contained a glittering canteen of cutlery, the finest imaginable.

Well, old so-and-so got a good send off. I suspect the cheers were as much for old Sweepy's magic as for anything else. The next day the whole place was laughing when Sweepy let it out that he'd simply bought a thousand quid's worth of fags, taken the coupons out of the packets and selected the canteen from the catalogue.

'Well boys, you got your money back in fags and he got the best presentation for years. You canna complain.'

Apart from a wee chuckle now and then, the presentation was soon almost forgotten.

But there was a sequel as even the Board had heard about the presentation. So much so, that at the next Board meeting they asked the PO for details. He explained Sweepy's unique financial arrangements and the Secretary suggested that they would like to meet Sweepy.

So my friend went off to fetch him, only to find out that he had flown off on three weeks holiday to the Riviera. Cleaners just did not do that in 1959.

When Sweepy came back he was asked how he could possibly afford such a holiday.

Well, you know so-and-so's presentation, how I got over a thousand quid's worth of fags for the sake of the coupons so the presentation cost nothing?

'Yes, Most ingenious. But what has that got to do with your – er – fine holiday?'

'It's got everything to do with me 'oliday. I bought 'em at the Co-op, sir – and the holiday came out of the divvy!'

Tommy Mackay - Fife Comedian of the Year

Mirth of Forth Comedy (Moff) helped organise 3 events during Burntisland Civic Week in June. About 50 parents and children watched an hour-long comedy show for kids in the Parish Church Hall on Parade Day afternoon. And about 70 came to see hilarious performances from Des Clarke and Gary Little, with Bill Dewar as compere, at The Smugglers Arms the following Saturday.

The Star garden was the venue for the final of the Fife Stand-Up Comedian of the Year competition on Sunday 19th June, with some high standard performances from the finalists. Musical act Tommy Mackay as The Sensational Alex Salmond Band was voted the winner. Tommy received a large cheque for £200. Runner-up was John McGuinness, who received £50.

Our next event will again be in The Star pub garden, with Fringe preview showings on Sunday 31st July (4pm), featuring Ro Campbell, Scottish Comedian of the Year 2010 and Bruce Fummey, amongst others.

Moff are also running their own Free Fringe show again this year. Richard Pulsford and Elaine Devlin team up for a show called 'Devlin and Pulsford are Spitting Dummies' which runs for 8 lunchtimes (12:55) from Saturday 6th August at The Southsider in Edinburgh, all about the joys of parenthood, and knitting.

Then regular Sunday evening shows will return to The Star pub again this autumn on 2nd October, 30th October and 27th November (7:30pm), with more big name headliners booked.

For further details of all these events visit our 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 Moff shows are suitable for over 18's only. This includes the Fringe shows!





Museum of Communications

By

Dorothy Brankin

The Museum of Communication's new exhibition for 2011 is now in full swing.... 'Words, Wires, Waves and the World Wide Web' traces some of the major developments in communications during the last few hundred years.

The first area to be explored is **WORDS**. In pre-electric days, messages could either be written and hand delivered or, if there was a line of sight, coded signals could be used. See and use elderly typewriters and discover how the introduction of this machine in the 1880s and the invention of Pitman shorthand revolutionised commercial practise across the world. Also on display are dictation machines and examples of various aids for the blind and deaf (including Braille and Sign alphabets).

Moving on to **WIRES**, we have examples of early Electric Telegraphy, including the diamond - shaped Cooke & Wheatstone 5-needle telegraph, which dates from 1839 and was used on the Great Western Railway. Next comes Telephony and includes our all-time favourite Strowger telephone exchange, and examples of telephones throughout their history - including a replica of Bell's first telephone - made out of oak (*what else!*) and completely unrecognisable today!

We illustrate **WAVES** with a few 'milestone' examples of Radio....from 1922 crystal set to recent solar powered /wind-up set; and Television..... from Baird's 1930 'Televisor' to the world's smallest TV with a 6mm screen! - designed and built in Edinburgh and intended as a viewfinder for digital cameras.

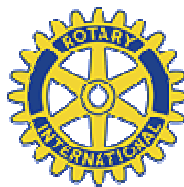
Finally, we trace the development of computers from the 1940s up to the present time. Early computers relied on valves and were huge, slow, expensive and power - hungry. With the advent of integrated circuits, they have become increasingly smaller, faster, cheaper and more complex and with much lower power consumption. On display are items ranging from a mechanical bomb - sight computer from a Lancaster bomber, through the first PCs of the 1980s, leading to the development of the WWW and today's technology - which, in little more than a decade, has become a major part of our everyday life, and is completely taken for granted.



MOC Exhibition 2011

One of the Museum's main objectives is to interest young people in science, so our exhibitions always have lots of 'hands on' experiences - Signalling Lamps, Morse Keys, Semaphore Flags, Speaking Tubes, Optical Telegraph, Telephone Exchanges, Typewriters, Feely Boxes and much more!

The admission charge of £3 per adult, £1.50 for children and £8.50 per family includes refreshments in the upstairs cafe. For further details, phone 01592 874836 or e-mail mocenquiries@tiscali.co.uk



Rotary Club of Burntisland & Kinghorn

The local Rotary Club has just entered a new Rotary year under the stewardship of the Club's first lady President, Elaine Bowie. The Club will continue to support local individuals and charities whilst maintaining active participation in international Rotary projects. In addition to the weekly evening meetings at the Sands Hotel, the year ahead will feature a wide range of interesting activities, involving fund raising, entertainment and sport with the emphasis placed on fun and fellowship. Close contact with local primary schools will continue through the Rotary School Quiz, the annual Burns competition and of course the ever popular Rotary Rambles Award Scheme.

The first major fund raiser will be the presentation of "The Glorious Sounds of Brass" in the Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy on Saturday August 20th at 7.30 pm. This show will feature **The Co-operative Funeralcare Band** but don't be put off by the name. The programme will include many rousing compositions and caters for all tastes. Tickets (£10) can be obtained from the Theatre Box Office 01592 583302 or The Rotary Club 01592 267557. Don't delay as tickets are being snapped up quickly.



Burntisland Pipe Band

By

Denis Johnston

This year has been a transitional one for the band. We have a new pipe major for the grade 4A band and we have started a grade 4B band under the leadership of John Van Dieken. So far this season the results have gone against us but we are still hopeful of turning this round before the World championships in August.

The newly formed grade 4B band is made up of a few players from the 4A band and some of the learners who have been taught at the band. We are quite hopeful that we will be competing at Inverkeithing, the Worlds and Cowal this season.

Burntisland pipe band has always been heavily involved in the tuition of the Great Highland Bagpipes along with snare, tenor and bass drums. This is something that the band has been working on again with a recent visit to Burntisland Primary school which was followed up with an open evening for anyone interested in playing either the pipes or drums. This is something that we hope to continue and would like to extend this to Kinghorn and Aberdeen.

With excellent tutors in Mark Gibson (snare), John Van Dieken, Alexander Hope, Bob Fairley (pipes) we are well equipped to turn out some excellent players. Many players who have been previously taught at Burntisland have gone on to play at the very highest levels. One of our former drummers, David Ross has recently toured with the red Hot Chilli Pipers.

The Town Continues to Bloom



As far as the Burntisland Blooms is concerned all the baskets, troughs and planters have



been filled and installed using Jim Knight, Garden Services, Burntisland. Weekly watering is being done on a voluntary basis by Community Council members Bob Smith and John Russell. No additional help is required for the time being - but watch this space!

Civic Week “Goodies and Baddies”

By Wendy Hawthorne

The Burntisland Civic Week's “NEW” Committee has heralded their first year in office a resounding success, led by Chair Morna Beuzeval, and her motley crew. Burntisland town's folk and visitors had the opportunity to enjoy many new elements to the week long activities. Traditional pub run events such as the Pool Competition proved to be as ever popular. And with new events such as the “TV Headliner” “Comedian Evening,” with Des Clarke, pulling in a good local crowd, the new committee proved Burntisland residents are looking for a change and are willing to embrace new events.

I suppose one of the main disappointments this year was the unpredictable summer weather, with the main casualty being the popular Civic Week Parade. Luckily the decision had been made on the Friday to host both the Crowning of the Summer Queen and Street Party at the Parish Halls, with the Stalls and Car Boot in the Music Hall. Rumours on the Saturday that all festivities had been cancelled, nearly scuppered the whole event but the quick thinking Civic Week organisers along with the Community Groups, and local radio ensured the day went ahead as planned.

There was two clear Civic Day favourites, the Crowning of the Summer Queen, at one point I thought the Parish Church was going to burst at its seams with spectators. Robyn Anderson and her entourage looked fantastic in their new costumes provided by new sponsors Archway Metals. The second clear favourite was the late addition to the festivities of the American Wrestlers, they took the Parish Church Hall by storm and kept the children screaming for more for a whole two hours!

My personal highlight of the day was the Goodies and Baddies costume winners; “wow” their hand-made costumes were amazing.

Of course none of this could have happened without our sponsors, Fife Council, Briggs, Burntisland Fabrications, Arnold Clark, The Ink Shop, Archway Metals, David Sands, Bett Homes, Taylor Wimpey, The Smugglers Inn, Masonic Lodge, Rotary, Exxon, Spiritual Oasis, DJ's Design Studio and B H Plumbing & Heating.

And finally, I would like to thank the local community groups, local traders participating in this year's events and to the people reading this column that attended. Just Simply! Civic Week could not happen without you. See you next year! See also photos overleaf.



Burntisland Highland Dancers Off to Paris

There has been a Highland Dancing in Burntisland for more than 60 years and we are still going strong today! We have many dancers from the town and the surrounding area competing at Highland Games and competitions all over Scotland. This year we are hoping to reward the dancers hard work by participating in the first World Festival of Highland Dance being held in Disneyland Paris in November. The dancers will display their talents on a Disney stage and take part in workshops and ceilidhs designed to improve their dancing and allow them to meet Highland Dancers from all over the world, while flying the flag proudly for Burntisland! We are holding many fundraising events in the upcoming months, including a ceilidh, a coffee morning and displays, to help us make the trip affordable for any dancer who would like to go. If you are a business and feel you would like to sponsor us or make a donation, or an individual or group planning an event and would like to hire some dancers for a small donation we would be very grateful. We are also happy to perform at community events or nursing homes throughout the year free of charge. Please feel free to get in touch any time at

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or telephone: 07989737685.

“Guy Fawkes Night on the Links”

Burntisland Events Group are organising one of the largest fireworks events in Fife on November 5th, the 406th anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot. As well as the bonfire and fireworks and subject to weather conditions, the organisers are hoping to add an impressive laser show. The event will feature the Radio Lollipop Family Roadshow, the lighting of the bonfire by the Summer Queen, Robyn Anderson, a performance by Burntisland Pipe Band, fairground rides and stalls selling glow sticks and refreshments.

The programme will start at 5.30 with the bonfire at 7.00 followed by the fireworks at 7.15.

A collection will be taken on the night to support the costs—please give generously.



Also note that sparklers are not permitted at the event for safety reasons.

For more details contact Burntisland Events Group
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'BURNTISLAND OVER 70's CHRISTMAS TREAT'

Christmas may seem a long way away but fund raising for the ever popular Christmas Treat for our senior citizens continues apace. On 6th August 2011, a RACE NIGHT will be held in The Star, first race 8pm. All are welcome to share in this fun evening

A successful Tombola & Car Boot stall on the first Saturday of Civic Week helped to raise a commendable £126.40, despite the weather.

The Customers in The Star raised £256.59 in the Bottle, all from small change, and was greatly appreciated.

Lastly, our 2012 Calendars are now available. Theme this year is 'Changing Landscapes', to coincide with the display held in The Heritage Centre.

Burntisland Civic Week



Games Day





Music Mayhem

By

Amy Dickson



Making my way to the Music Mayhem gig as part of Civic Week on the 25th June, I was half expectant to see young bands with no confidence attempting to cover songs they recently learned. However, on entrance I found out I was wrong to judge so hastily. I caught the end of the first group absolutely belting out songs with a strong instrumental too. I was intrigued. Watching the local bands, I saw great passion erupting from their talented bodies. Organised by the Civic Week committee, Music Mayhem was a free gig in the Young Community Music Hall in Burntisland showcasing 13 – 20 year olds from either Burntisland or Kirkcaldy. From the few bands that I managed to see I was happy to say that if we had more events like this, Burntisland would be able to give the youngsters of the town something to do and let them discover their talents. The only downfall of the event was the lack of spectators – although the fans that were there seemed to really enjoy the music. These young people ooze so much talent from having the ability to learn one or more musical instruments to writing their own songs that they deserve an ample, appreciative fan base. Hopefully next year Music Mayhem will return with plenty more aspiring bands and a larger audience as even though this kind of music isn't for everyone – I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Warning- if you have sensitive ears, I would think twice.



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. Last 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 3rd and last blog covering the last four months.

This is likely to be my last blog as I now only have 33 days left in South Africa! The last 4 months have had some pretty major ups and downs. In April my Mum, Dad and brother, Alasdair, came over to visit for 2 weeks. We stayed based on the garden route and did things from stroking cheetahs to paragliding to crawling through the Cango caves! It was great fun and I think they enjoyed the country a lot.

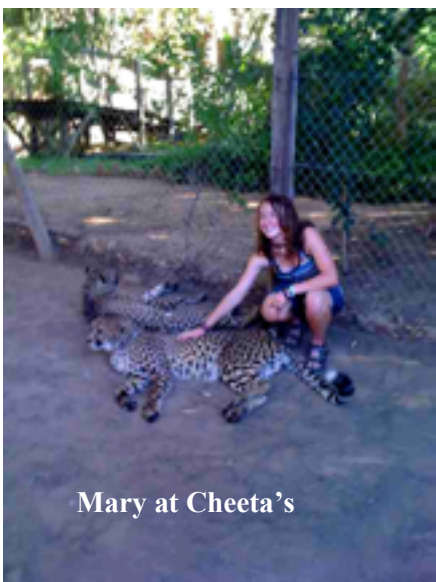
More recently, as some of you may already know, one of my fellow instructors and close friends, Grant, was involved in an accident which left him in a critical condition in ICU. His condition has been improving but he is still currently in a coma nearly a month later. As you can imagine this brought the morale of the instructing team down to what felt like an all time low, especially for the 4 of us who were 'first on scene' at the accident.

However, everything has been slowly going back to normal and the morale has increased a lot over the past few weeks. A group of us recently returned to Bloukrans Bridge, site of the world's highest bridge bungee, and yes, you've guessed it, we did the bungee again!... Only this time I did it BACKWARDS! So it was kind of like a 216 metre trust fall...

Last month I spent 8 days in Durban, which was awesome! I visited uShaka Marine World, Moses Mabhida Stadium- where myself and my friend Bizo did the 'Big Rush Big Swing', which is a 106 metre fall and a 220 metre swing from the stadium arch!

I also spent a lot of time at the beaches, unfortunately we weren't allowed to swim because the sardine run was happening and there were sharks everywhere! I also met up With 2 people I met in Cape Town at Christmas last year!

After Durban I headed back to work in Harrismith near the Drakensburg. This was my last course with Outward Bound and it was great, but freezing! Our base is quite high up in the mountains and everybody, staff and students, have to sleep in tents. Most mornings we were waking up to tents that were frozen solid and one day we even had snow! I'm now in Potchefstroom for my last week of work with outward bound then I'm going to travel for my remaining 3 weeks in South Africa.



Mary at Cheeta's

I will be back in Scotland on August 13th, see you then!



Burntisland Playgroup



by Bridget Fraser

The 2011 graduates from the playgroup had a fantastic year. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities including celebrating Chinese New Year, World Book Day and the Royal Wedding. They also had the opportunity to learn practical skills, including road safety, dental hygiene and the importance of washing their hands.



The playgroup has also taken part in some outdoor learning activities this year, including going to the beach, visiting the library and more recently spending some time at the school nursery in preparation for next year. The children thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Cairnie Fruit Farm, where the weather was kind and the strawberries were delicious! To round off the end of term, a sports day was followed by a visit from the local fire engine.

The grown ups didn't miss out on all the fun, with social events such as a Christmas party night, quiz night and pamper afternoon, all being well attended by parents and supporters of the playgroup.

While the playgroup receives funding from Fife Council, fundraising is also essential to meet the costs of equipment and additional staff. This year around £3,500 was raised, and the outgoing committee would like to thank all of the local businesses, parents and friends for their generous support.

The playgroup follows the Curriculum for Excellence, and is regulated by the Care Commission, the group recently received another 'Very Good' inspection report. These reports can be viewed online at www.carecommission.com. Children aged 2 years 10 months and above can attend the playgroup, which is a fantastic preparation for school nursery and beyond. For more information about the group, please contact the Toll Centre.



The Clock Chimes Return

At 2 pm on Saturday 27th August, the chimes of Burntisland town clock will be restored after almost a year of silence imposed by Fife Council's clumsiness. A ceremonial switch-on will be performed by Town Crier, Bob Smith, which will be witnessed by a multitude of townsfolk dressed in period costumes as a reminder of the clock's historic and traditional significance. The ceremony will be followed by a procession along the High Street to a Grand Fair in the Links Car Park. There will be car boot stalls, childrens' rides, food and beverage stalls, men on stilts, the "balloon man" and the proceedings, including the judging of the costumes, will be directed by the ever popular Radio Lollipop.



Enter into the "Past Times" theme and join in the fun whilst showing your appreciation for the perseverance and hard work which was required to persuade Council officials to rightfully restore the chimes.

Car boot tables cost £5.00 and can be reserved by contacting Isabel Smith (01592 873226)



Civic Reception for Returning Exiles

Burntisland Games Day commenced with the traditional Civic reception in the Burgh Chambers for visiting Burntisland exiles. Veteran Community Councillor, Christine Dewar and Chieftain of the Games, David Jeffrey welcomed home five visitors, four from south of the border and the fifth, Robin Baxter from Modena in Italy. Following the reception as the rain began to fall, Burntisland Pipe Band led the parade, which included Summer Queen Robyn and her entourage, through the town to the games arena on the links. The 359th Games, the second oldest in the world were then declared open.

The late morning rain failed to deter enthusiasm and in improving weather, thousands of visitors flocked into the town join the traditional fun and games. Photographs on page 15.





Burntisland Golf House Club - Junior Section

By
George Lawson

I was asked by the Editor (Bill) to write a piece about the Junior Section of Burntisland Golf House Club. Well this is how I remember it. I was a Junior many years ago having been introduced to the game by my Dad. I met a lot of other boy golfers among them John Gil, Telfer, Brian, David & Gordie and had a lot of fun during school holidays. You must remember we did not have the sophisticated equipment they have nowadays. We had the Dunlop Warwick, Bogey, Penfold and "top of the range" Dunlop 65 golf balls. The big achievements were getting over the 3rd and 6th (now 12th) quarries and not forgetting hitting the 17th green with your tee shot. Great fun!

Our group was good but the next generation proved to be even better (Stewart, Davie, Ian, Andrew and, of course, Duncan Weir) These boys went on to win the Fife Boys Trophy and many other Boys Opens at different clubs. Duncan Weir won the Scottish Boys Championship, a real boost for Junior Golf at BGHC.

Then came the next generation of John Wither, Craig Miller and Colin Fraser. Colin went on to become the second boy from Burntisland to win the Scottish Boys Championship. John Wither Jnr. turned assistant professional and won The Scottish Assistant Professional Order of Merit then went on to a successful career in Thailand on the Asian Tour as well as coaching. Craig Miller is a Club Professional in Germany and doing well. Unfortunately I do not know where Colin Fraser is but with his golfing ability I am sure he is doing well. I do know that Colin as a 13 year old recorded the same score as the late Seve and beat Jack Nicholas's score when he played in the Ladybank Boys Open and Seve and Jack did an exhibition round from the same tees. Some feat!

At the moment the Club has a young player, Stuart McPherson, who is doing very well in the Boys Under 18 competitions and looks to have a very promising future ahead of him.

But on to the present time and I am glad to say that BGHC Junior Section is very healthy again with a lot of "12 and under" juniors taking up the game. This, I believe, is due to our professional golfing staff at the Club namely:- Paul, Eric, Kris, Craig and Scott. They are all great with the juniors and give them all the encouragement needed. Twice a week (Tuesdays and Sundays) they have group lessons to hone their golf skills and learn the etiquette of the game. If you are around the Clubhouse at this time you will know by the buzz that they enjoy this. At the end of last season Eric & Scott organized a BGHC Mini Ryder Cup in which all the participating players (boys and girls) received a jersey with a unique badge embroidered on it for this occasion – red for USA and blue for Europe. They played singles over the first five holes then as each game ended stayed there till all matches were completed, the last match being Eric and Scott. It was a great afternoon and, like the real thing, Europe won by one match. Then it was back to the Clubhouse for the celebration (chips, crisps and juice!) with everyone smiling.

So if any Mums and Dads reading this have a son or daughter who is interested in taking up the game (a good way to spend the school holidays) just go into the pro shop and speak to one of the guys there who will give you all the info and you can then contact the Management Committee to see about a junior membership. It only remains to say to all you aspiring Lees, Lukes or Tigers I hope all your drives are long and straight and your putts short ones.

Club News

By
Alastair Maxwell

Another season is now in full swing and members and visitors alike are very complimentary about the condition of our course. The greens have been excellent, and even the poorer putters (myself included!) have been heard to admit that they have no excuses!

We welcomed our new bar and catering providers in early June and there are some exciting plans to return to the provision of

Sunday roasts and special events. We wish Shona Fyffe and her team great success at BGHC. Certainly the quality of the food has been well received by our members and recent visitors.

The rebirth of our junior golf section continues apace, and we now have a healthy group of young golfers taking to the fairways. Under 12s at 1st January this year can join for FREE, whilst Under 14 is only £20 and Under 16 is just £40. We would be delighted to welcome any young golfer who would like to join.

We are once again offering part-year memberships and by the time this article is published, **we will be offering membership for Gents and Ladies for just £245.** This will allow full playing and membership rights until 31st December this year, and the opportunity to consolidate membership into 2012 and beyond.

You can download an application form from our website www.burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk or call the administrator on 01592 874093



Burntisland Shipyard AFC

By
Andrew Beveridge

Due to the severe winter our season finally finished on Tuesday 14th June and it could not have been in more dramatic circumstances. In the Kingdom Challenge Cup Final at Moorside Park, Dundonald, the Shipyard lost an unbelievable match by 6 goals to 5 to Rosyth Civil Service. From the Shipyard opening the scoring after 11 seconds to the final whistle the action never stopped. At one stage the Shipyard were leading 5 – 2 but unfortunately panicked when Rosyth pulled a goal back and lost another three after having had one hand on the trophy. Although, obviously hurt by the circumstances of the defeat, it was still an honour to be part of such a fine spectacle.

Pre-season training resumed on the 28th June with the bulk of the squad all re-signed and some new faces also appearing. Some were obviously not familiar with the Binn and were a bit green about the gills on return, shall we say. With the assistance of a former T.A. fitness instructor, the players are experiencing rigorous work-outs and should be supremely fit for the kick-off on 13th August.

The Shipyard were privileged to welcome Highland League champions Buckie Thistle FC to town on Saturday 16th July for a pre-season friendly. The Jags showed their quality with a resounding 5 – 0 victory, though the Shipyard had a few opportunities and the Buckie management were complimentary of the skill and ability of our young side. Hopefully a friendship can be struck up and a trip north next year would be most welcome.

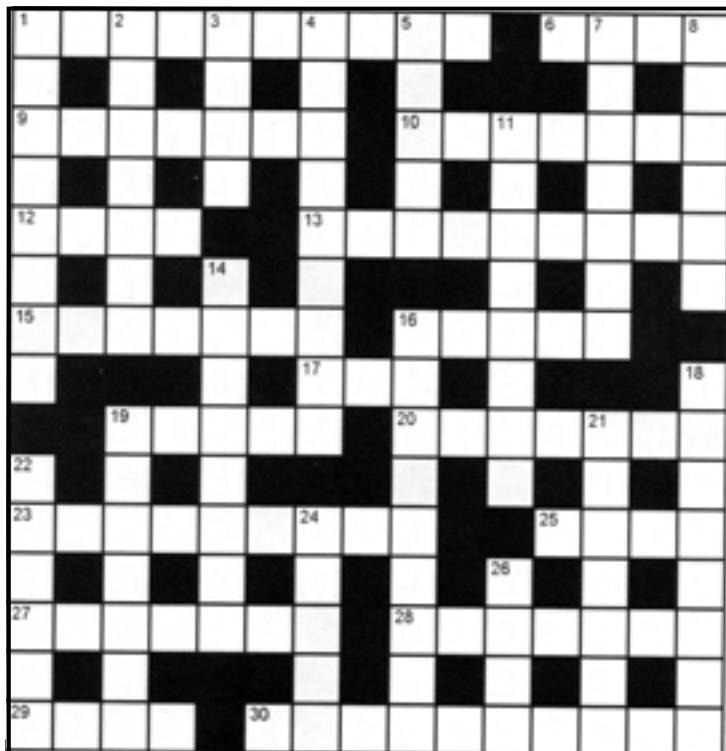
The Civic Week 5 a-side competition was again held at Recreation Park, and with the weather being very kind, it ensured a large turn-out of both players and parents. With most of the competitors all attached to the Shipyard Youth Groups, it was the Shipyard kids who scooped the prizes. The youth groups continue to thrive with the 2003's setting up another team, which means over 100 local youngsters now enjoy participating and being coached by qualified coaches. The 1999's will start competing at 11 a-sides in August and play their matches on a Sunday morning.

The Club again had a very enjoyable evening at the Player of the Year awards night held at the Inchview Hotel. Owen McCue, Gordon Grieve and Lee Small were the players who scooped the awards.



Action from the friendly v Buckie Thistle

THE PRIZE CROSSWORD



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

Mr Edward Campbell, 69 Cromwell Road, Burntisland.

Taekwon-do at the Toll

by

Gordon Linton

Every Saturday between 12.30 and 1.30 pm, a large class of some 18 dedicated students of the Korean Martial Art, Taikwon-do, learn and hone their skills at the Toll Centre. Members of the class are of varying ages and fitness levels but all strive hard to achieve their personal goals inspired by the unheralded achievements of 11 year old Keiran Jack. Keiran took up the sport only 6 years ago and has already achieved black belt status. Apart from attaining this commendable level at such a young age he has already won over 40 trophies including impressive titles at Scottish and British levels.

Physically, Taekwon-do aids fitness, balance and suppleness. It also builds self confidence and teaches self defence. Membership at the Toll is open to all ages (5years – adult) and prospective students can come along for a free taster.



Keiran Jack

ACROSS

- 1 Erstwhile expert (4,6)
- 6 Unable to speak (4)
- 9 Lottery (7)
- 10 Snubs and shines again (7)
- 12 Extol (4)
- 13 Doorstep (9)
- 15 Language of East Africa (7)
- 16 Lithe (5)
- 17 Head (slang) (3)
- 19 Ape from Sumatra (1st word)(5)
- 20 Coincide at the end of a circuit (7)
- 23 Southern Chinese dialect(9)
- 25 Fail to include (4)
- 27 Disrobe (7)
- 28 Teach (7)
- 29 Class (4)
- 30 Greedy (10)

DOWN

- 1 Without mercy (8)
- 2 Liquorice-flavoured liqueur (7)
- 3 Satellite (6)
- 4 Causing momentary shock (9)
- 5 Mistake (5)
- 7 Thawed out (7)
- 8 Next to (6)
- 11 Cradle (8)
- 14 Oral Examination (Latin) (4,4)
- 16 Reparation (9)
- 18 No more acne! - Immaculate (8)
- 19 Confessed (5,2)
- 21 Lower back pain (7)
- 22 Find not guilty (6)
- 24 Support (5)
- 26 Wrestling sport adapted from jujitsu (4)

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The Parish Church

by
Rev Alan Sharp

Over the summer Church Services continue every Sunday at 11am in the church. The services at 6.30pm have stopped for July but will restart on 7th August with a special service in the church hall followed by tea, coffee and cake! On 14th August we return to Solid Rock for the 6.30pm service. Young Church enjoyed an excellent trip to Inchcolm at the end of June and are now having a summer break. They restart on 21st August, when all children are welcome on a Sunday morning from 10.50 am in the halls: Adventurers P1-P7, Discoverers S1 and above, and a Creche is available as needed.

Solid Rock Youth Café continues on Friday and Saturday night 7.30-9.30pm for young people of secondary school age.

HOLIDAY CLUB - MISSION RESCUE - 1-5 AUGUST 2011

A joint team from the Parish Church, Erskine Church and Scripture Union is running a Holiday Club – 'MISSION RESCUE' – in the **Parish Church Halls** this summer. The club offers a chance to find out about Moses and his special mission, and will have a 'Spy' theme as well as a bit of an 'Egyptian' theme going on. The week long club will be led by Chris Beattie, the KART (Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust) worker, who leads Christian youth work in schools in the area as well as leading SU camps and holidays.

The club will run Monday to Friday 1-5 August and will include:

Games, Drama, Music, Crafts, Finding out about God rescuing his people, Challenges and much more.

Don't miss out on the fun – come and join in! For children who were in P1-P7 before the summer holidays:

Mission Rescue Club 10.00 – 12.00 noon

Games Time 2.00 – 3.30 pm

And for High School Pupils:

Spy Ring @ Solid Rock Café 7-9 pm

Parents can register their children early on Sunday 31st July at the Parish Church Halls from 2-3 pm, or simply come along at 10.00 am on the first day, 1 August.

LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Recently we were delighted to present congratulations and long service certificates to three of our elders in the church. Alan Stroud has been a Church of Scotland elder for 40 years, and Mary Reekie and Gardiner Brownlie have each served as elders for 30 years. This is quite an achievement in terms of dedication and giving up time voluntarily to serve others and the church and we thank them for the commitment they have shown and continue to show.

HELP FOR THOSE IN DEBT

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Burntisland Parish Church has recently partnered with Christians Against Poverty to employ a CAP worker. If you have mounting debt problems, or you are very anxious about your finances then please call FREE on 0800 328 006

The CAP office will then make an appointment for you with the worker who will visit you at home and help you take the first steps on the road towards becoming debt-free.

400th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

There is a report on pages 22 and 23 of activities in the town associated with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. More events are planned in the second half of the year, please keep a look out in the window of Solid Rock and in the local press.



by
**Revd Canon Val Nellist
Rector**

I am currently looking forward to a two month sabbatical later this year; an opportunity to visit the wider Church in a diversity of settings. We start off in Moscow but with only two days there it will be a matter of visiting the cathedrals in the Kremlin but not really connecting with the people of the Church. Still, it will be interesting to get some flavour of a Church that refused to be crushed by the ferocity of Bolshevik and then Stalinist persecution. We travel on by train to Beijing via Mongolia and hope to have contact with the growing Church in that city during our five day stay. Language may well be a difficulty in communication but the music of praise is the same in all languages. Flying on to Hong Kong we will meet again with the Revd Bill Robertson who was a ministry student on placement with us at St Serf's. He now serves as chaplain to the Bishop's School in Hong Kong. I will be interested to hear about the place of an Anglican school in Hong Kong society, having recently visited the St James School in Kolkata. Onward then to Melbourne and hostel accommodation beside the Anglican Cathedral there and a chance to look at the diversity of Anglicanism in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Our main destination is New Zealand and I have to admit that the Rugby World Cup extravaganza comes into it, though we could only afford tickets to one match. However, we will be making contact with our church friends in Wellington and Southland; Anglican in the first, Presbyterian and Anglican in the second. I spent two years in New Zealand in my early twenties so it always has a feeling of coming home about it. Twelve years ago I was in Canterbury and Southland looking at local collaborative ministry and I learned much that helped in the setting up of the ABI Group of Churches of which St Serf's is the lead congregation. I also experienced the healing ministry in the Cathedral at Dunedin, a form of ministry and service sensitive to Anglican order and, let's admit it, reserve. This too has become part of our ABI churches ministry.

I hope to have much to share when I return in November.



The most recent major event at Erskine Church has been the retiral of our minister. That this was to happen was of course well known for many months but did nothing to soften the blow of his actual departure. And so it was that on Sunday 26th June the Rev Jim Neil held his final

service as Minister of Erskine UF Church. Rev Neil has, over the past six years become a well known face amongst the Burntisland Community both in terms of his caring ministry as well as his contribution to the Community Council and the work of Churches Together. He came to the town after almost 30 years in Ministry in Cathcart, Glasgow, but felt a calling to Burntisland that he just could not ignore. The move was a huge change for him, his wife Jeanette and their grown up family. However, they settled in quickly and Jeanette got involved in doing supply teaching at local schools and also became renowned for her pancakes at coffee mornings within the church.

The final communion service was supported by a wide range of visitors who had known Jim and the family over his working life. A buffet lunch followed the service and then a local Christian Mime and Drama Group gave a distinctive performance. Under the chairmanship of Session Clerk Rob Blanchard a range of short presentations and speeches followed, concluding with tributes to Jim and Jeanette from the congregation, wishing them a very happy and healthy retirement.

The couple have bought a new home near Lanark but have promised not to be strangers to Burntisland! We feel sure you will all join with us in wishing Jim and Jeanette a long, healthy and happy retirement. Well done thou good and faithful servant.



Jim & Jeanette at the presentation

Kinghorn & Burntisland Youth Fellowship – MALAWI 2012

For the last three years a Youth Fellowship from Kinghorn and Burntisland Parish Churches has been meeting weekly for bible study, friendship and Christian youth events in Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh and beyond.

Earlier this year, when those at Balwearie were discussing the possibility of visiting a developing world country in 2012, we wondered if we could offer our YF an equally exciting experience, but with more besides. The church in Kinghorn has strong links with Ekwendeni in northern Malawi: one of the members heads up the charity EMMS International (<http://www.emms.org/>), which supports health care programmes in that country, while the church's mission partner works in Ekwendeni Secondary School. By visiting Ekwendeni we considered that we might be able to provide an experience of a lifetime for our young people, enabling us all to learn from another culture, deepen our faith and hopefully, challenge us to think about our life style and future life choices.

The plan is, therefore, that in June 2012, 17 teenagers and 6 adult leaders from Kinghorn and Burntisland, will be setting off for Malawi. EMMS will help co-ordinate the trip for us. When there, we expect to spend a week at Ekwendeni. One of the adults going is a teacher and she and others hope to be able to provide one-to-one support to children who are struggling with reading or writing. We intend also to run an after-school sports club for a week and to visit some of the work of the HIV & AIDS programme at Ekwendeni, including orphan care and youth work. For the other week, we aim to have a short safari and a visit to Lake Malawi. We are aware that our input will be minimal - we are young and there for only a short time and we know that we will receive far more than we will give.

Ultimately, our prayer is that seeing God at work in another culture might influence all our lives in a profound way that might lead to.....well, who knows what? We need to raise a considerable sum for everyone to go, but we are hard at work - clearing gardens, baking cakes, running marathons, washing cars, organising ceilidhs, car boot sales, sponsored cycle runs and applying to trusts. Please support any of these ventures that you can. In the unlikely event that the trip does not come to pass, all funds raised will go to work in Malawi.

Should you wish to find out more about our plans, or can support us in any way, please feel free to contact us via the e-mail address below.

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“ON YOUR BIKE FOR THE MISSION!”

TOUR OF THE KINGDOM CYCLE RIDE – SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Tour of the Kingdom Ride will take place on three circular routes from The Beacon Centre, Burntisland on Sunday 18 September 2011 and is already attracting great attention from cyclists in Fife and elsewhere.

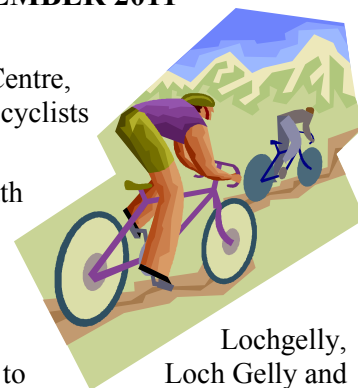
The 15 mile route goes west to Aberdour, then north to Fordell, east to Auchtertool, then south to the Sheriff Road at Stoneyhall Hill, east to the railway bridge just before Kirkcaldy's Linktown and returns west to Dunearn past Craig Kelly and then all downhill back to The Beacon!

The 40 mile route branches north at Auchtertool to the roundabout at the east of then east to Auchterderran and Kinglassie, south to Cluny and Newliston before turning west to south to Auchtertool then following the same route back as the 15 mile circuit.

The 75 mile route starts as for the others but turns at Fordell for Crossgates, Hill of Beath, Keltiebridge, and north to the Glenrothes turn just south of Gairniebridge, then round Loch Leven counterclockwise to Wester Balgedie, turning east on the Dryside Road to Strathmiglo, Falkland and Freuchie continuing east until the turn to Burnturk. The route then goes east to Pitlessie and Ceres, turning south at Pitscottie for Elie where the long return run along the coast west to Burntisland begins through Upper Largo, Lundin Links, Scoonie and the new off road cycle track to Windygates roundabout, onto the Wemyss road, through Dysart and Kirkcaldy promenade and then returns from the railway bridge to Dunearn as for the 15 and 40 mile routes. Participants may need the downhill stretch by then!

The routes have been made as “cycle friendly” as possible and are certainly very scenic but are clearly quite hilly in places. The ride is entirely non-competitive. First riders (on the 75) will depart at 10 am and if any should wish to break for lunch, advice on hostelrys will be available! Water stops will also be provided and there are plans for medical emergencies. Fife Council and the Police are also fully informed and great assistance has been given by Fife House, not least in giving the event publicity at two recent cycling events in Kirkcaldy.

If you are interested in any capacity, as a rider, steward or helper with registration, the contact details are by email to scotland@mtsmail.org or by telephoning 07801465286. The closing date for applications is 2 September 2011 and registration will be at the Beacon car park from 8 am on Sunday 18 September. Bring it on!!



In aid of **“The Mission to Seafarers Scotland”**

The Book that changed the World: the Town that punches above its weight

Burntisland Festival of the Word and Spirit May 2011

Burntisland punches beyond its weight" according to Kenny Borthwick, speaking at the festival which celebrated four hundred years of history linking the King James Bible with the place where it was conceived. The book influenced generations of English speaking people and its existence led to the development of education for ordinary people in Scotland and beyond, so that they could read and understand for themselves what God has done for us and what He requires of us in turn



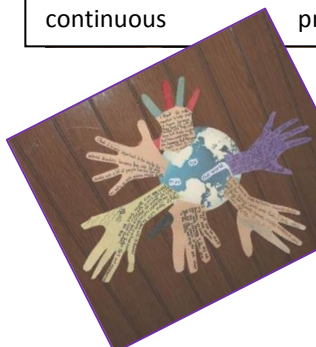
The gates were open to visitors day and night.



Burntisland Primary School produced prayer hands as part of their Health Week, which covered the pillars and helped make the Parish Church a wonderful space for 48 hours of continuous prayer.



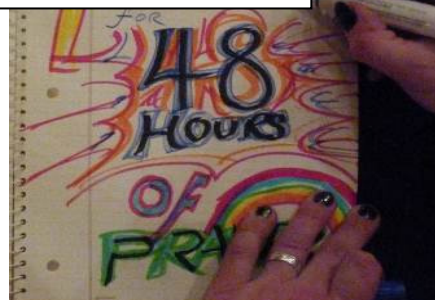
Primary 6 & 7 pupils came to a special Event with the Lord High Commissioner



So many people came into the church over the weekend that we couldn't keep track. We estimate they clocked up over 100 hours of prayer for our town, nation and world. People prayed with music, artwork, craft, silence and dance as well as words.



The Museum of communications joined in with the festival by displaying a King James Bible dating back to 1772. They hope to host a visit of the People's Bible later in the year.



The festival programme included 2 celebrations with worship led by Jonathan Dean and the "Master Speak!" dance team; a Prospects celebration for people with learning disabilities and their families; practical training by Healing Rooms Scotland and Light and Life; teaching on the Holy Spirit and how God speaks today, plus workshops on Celtic Spirituality, dance, Fair Trade and Christians Against Poverty. The 48 hours of prayer was rounded off with a service led by the Upper Room Singers, plus a fun 'Caedmon evening' at Potter About café, which had also hosted the Taste of Light and Life event. All the local churches opened their doors for prayer, displays or events. Visitors to the town pointed out the openness of the community and its relationship with the churches. They felt warmly welcomed and many commented on what a special place Burntisland is. **Thank you to everyone in the town for this.**



Andrew, the drummer, had an old injury from a horse-riding accident. He came back to visit for the Ceilidh at the end of June and told us what had happened at the Festival.

"When they prayed for me, I felt my spine and ribs open out where the cartilage had been compressed. That was more than 3 weeks ago and I am completely healed."

The Space Upstairs hosted special dance workshops and some of the participants joined the team for the evening celebration.



"See I have placed before you an open door that no-one can shut"
(Revelation 3: 8)

"If church was like this I'd be there every week!"

Although it has great literary beauty, the King James Version is not in language that most people understand today. We now have versions of the Bible that are more accessible and more accurately translated, but the real message of them all is that Jesus himself is God's communication to us.

The festival was about translating this Good News of God's kindness to us so that we can understand it and receive it.

by **Andrew West**



Burntisland Prospects Group

Prospects meetings for adults with learning disabilities and their friends are held every month in Solid Rock, the High Street, Burntisland.

We meet on the second Saturday of the month, 10.30-12.30 in Solid Rock, the High Street, Burntisland. Our next meetings are 13 August, 10 September, 14 October and 11 November. Some of us are helping with a Workshop at CLAN, a big Christian Conference in St Andrews at the end of July. We are hoping to raise awareness about the work of Prospects and encourage people to start new groups.

Friendship, fun, celebration, support and sharing the good news of God's love are what we are about. We recognise each other's gifts and celebrate the fact that everyone has something to contribute when we get together. We'd love some new members so please spread the news about the group.

Over a cup of tea or coffee we catch up with each others' news. Everyone is free to join in the singing, playing instruments, waving flags and using signs and symbols. After a short talk we get crafty – we've made lots of different things, some more successful than others! We end with a simple soup and bread lunch together.

We'd love to meet you – why not come along and give us a try?

..... **And a piece of trivia** - In 1956 The Daily Mirror was, successfully sued for describing whom as follows:

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Views Sought on Widows' Land Development

Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) is one of the groups behind a proposal to develop a plot of land in Burntisland known as The Widows' Land. The idea behind the project is to build a development with a low environmental impact that provides affordable rented housing and an outdoor education centre. SCI aims to demonstrate ways of living sustainably and this project will showcase a number of innovative ideas and technologies. The development will use sustainable building methods to create permanent low impact buildings such as Earthships. An Earthship has been built by SCI next to Kinghorn Loch. It's open to the public and gives an idea of the type of construction that is possible using recycled materials and sustainable methods. The site will be, as far as possible, off-grid - generating its own power, recycling its own waste and growing some of its own food.

In September and October we are carrying out a community-wide consultation on the plans. Following the consultation we'll be commissioning detailed site surveys before submitting planning permission some time next year.

SCI has been working on the ideas behind the project for a number of years and many of you will be aware of our initial consultations. From this we have discovered various community needs: more affordable housing; outdoor education facilities; increased allotment space and the development of renewable technologies. We also identified a number of concerns - the impact of traffic, the viability of technologies at the site and the conservation of green space and wildlife habitat. These issues have been or will be addressed as the plans evolve.

The map gives an overview of the proposed site map and we'll be providing more details of our ideas during the consultation. These plans will develop as a result of the ideas and concerns from the community and other interested groups and we're looking for as much feedback as possible. We're also looking for more volunteers to get involved with the project so if you have any ideas, concerns or just want some more information then feel free to get in touch with me. My email is ed@sci-scotland.org.uk or you can call the SCI office on 01592 891 884. We'll be attending the Burntisland Community Council meeting on 12th August and holding an event at the Toll Centre in October. Feel free to come along if you have questions you wish to raise.



Broomhill Garden Project Blossoms

By
Elly Kinross

It has been a busy few months at Broomhill Gardens. We have been weeding and planting since February now and the site is doing justice to everyone's hard work and the produce has started growing thick and fast. We are still developing the facilities on site, most recent additions being a polytunnel, an improved water system and our open-to-all herb garden. The site has 12 individual plots which are looking brilliant with some impressive produce coming from them. In the community garden the Kid's Club got off to a great start with a fantastic visit from the primary school. First Class Nursery have also taken on a space in the garden.

Our series of workshops have begun with great workshops on composting and herb growing. These sessions are all aimed at developing best practice at the site and deepening our understanding of sustainable and nature-friendly gardening.

There are lots of people involved in making the garden a success. In the community garden and the site as a whole Frank Park has made an enormous contribution with help from our other weekday volunteers. Jurga Turner is organizing the kid's club. The members of the management committee, Clare Archibald (Chair), Ed Pybus (Secretary), Lynette Grey (Treasurer), Gordon McGregor, Julie Moran, Martin Donnelly, Tania Savage and Meg Elphie have been working behind the scenes planning and developing the management structure of the garden and establishing Broomhill Gardens Association. Finally there is Fife Diet who have funded, coordinated and developed this project over the last 2 years. Fife Diet will be stepping back in March 2012 and the management of the site will be taken over by the Broomhill Gardens Association.

Forthcoming Activities:

Every Tuesday and the second Sunday of every month from 1-4pm we have a volunteering session at the garden - an opportunity for all to see what's happening and join in.

Kid's Club: 18th August 1-2.30pm and 22nd September 4pm. The kid's Club is an opportunity for parents and children to come and join in with growing and art/craft activities in the garden.

Before



landfill.

16th October 10-3pm

Home Herbal Preparations.

Learn how to make home remedies using common herbs from the garden and everyday ingredients.

13th of November 10-4pm
Forest Gardening.

In an introduction to the fascinating world of forest gardening we will learn about the theory behind this both new and ancient method of growing food by imitating the patterns of nature.

The workshops are all **free** but places are limited so please book early.

We still have space in the community garden for community groups and local organizations to take on small areas to look after and enjoy. We are also happy to receive organized visits from groups wanting to look around or use the garden as a venue for activities. Please get in touch if this sounds like something that could interest you.

Keep up-to-date with what is happening at www.fifediet.co.uk/grow

Contact for enquires and bookings: elly@fifediet.co.uk

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After



Upcoming workshops:
21st of August 10am – 3pm
Gardening with Nature.

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11th September 10-4pm
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Events Diary

AUGUST

Saturday 6th	Race Night at the Star (Old Folks Christmas Treat)	8.00 pm
Friday 12th	Community Council Meeting (SCI Presentation on Widows Land development Proposal)	7.00 pm
Saturday 13th	Burntisland Skate & Sounds (Skate & Bike comps with young DJs at Burntisland Skate Park)	12.00 - 5.00 pm
Sunday 21st	Workshop "Gardening and Nature" - Broomhill Gardens	10 am - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 23rd	Lecture at MOC - The Bell Rock Lighthouse and the Stevensons—A Dynasty of Engineers	7.30 pm
Saturday 20th	Rotary Brass Band Concert in the Adam Smith Centre, Kirkcaldy	7.30 pm
Saturday 27th	RESTORATION OF TOWN CLOCK CHIMES AND CARNIVAL PARADE	2.00 pm
Sunday 28th	Sunday Strollers – The Black Rock – from Pettycur Bay car park, Kinghorn. (time to be determined according to the tides).	2.00 PM

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 7th	Police Community Engagement Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.30 pm
Friday 9th	Community Council Meeting	7.00 pm
Sunday 11th	Workshop - "Build a Worm Box" - Broomhill Gardens	10 am - 4.00 pm
Thursday 15th	Deadline for Submission of Burgh Buzz Crossword	Midnight
Saturday 24th	The Harry Mathews Memorial Lecture at the MOC Dr Ken Skeldon, University of Aberdeen	11.30 am
Sunday 25th	Sunday Strollers - The Hermitage, Dunkeld – from Hermitage car park, Dunkeld (off A9).	To be advised
Wednesday 28th	Education and Planning Consultations on New Burntisland Primary School (Provisional)	To be advised

OCTOBER

Friday 14th	Community Council Meeting	7.00 pm
Saturday 15th	Deadline for articles to the next issue of the Burgh Buzz.	Midnight
Sunday 16th	Workshop - "Home Herbal Preparations" - Broomhill Gardens	10 am - 4.00 pm
Tuesday 18th	Lecture at MOC - History of the Ordinance Survey: A Revolution in Mapping (Ian Archibald)	7.30 pm
Sunday 30th	Sunday Strollers - The Binn – from the Golf Club car park	2.00 pm

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2nd	Police Community Engagement Meeting at the Toll Centre	7.30 pm
Saturday 5th	BONFIRE NIGHT ON THE LINKS	from 6.30pm
Friday 11th	Community Council Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday 11th	"Ladies' Shopping" Kinghorn RNLI fundraiser at Kingswood Hotel.	5.00 - 9.00 pm
Sunday 13th	Workshop - "Forest Gardening" - Broomhill Gardens	10 am - 4.00 pm



The Sting
(Letters to the Editor)

Dear Sir,

Referring to new Stagecoach bus services 57/X57, I suggest that owing to low off peak daytime patronage to Ferrytoll Park & Ride by Kinghorn, Burntisland, Aberdour and Dalgety Bay residents it is likely that the service could be withdrawn next year (notwithstanding the fact that peak time buses are well used). There is a need to get the message across "Use it or lose it" !

Yours sincerely

Alasdair McFarlane



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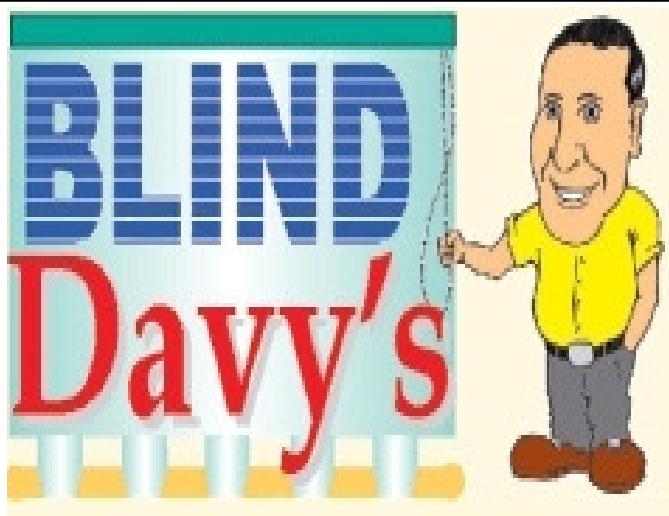
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