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New Light Industry for the East Dock



t the April Meeting of the Burntisland Community Council, a majority of councillors voted to support the application by Forth Ports to change the use of the "Blue Shed" at the East Dock. Representatives from Fife Council and Forth Ports clearly outlined their plans to relocate the Scott Timber pallet assembly operation from Rosyth to Burntisland. Raw materials will be imported primarily by sea and the finished product will be transported out of the town via the Lammerlaws Bridge and Links Place thus avoiding the High Street. The waste area to the east of the docks, formerly marshalling yards for railway wagons servicing the docks (for those who can remember), will be cleared and used as a storage area for raw materials. The access road to the operational area will be restricted and controlled and will not afford general access to the docks. The area itself will be fenced off but footpath access to the docks and

breakwater will not be obstructed.

The proposal was debated at length. Forceful arguments were offered to the effect that benefits to the town would be limited and would in no way compensate for the perceived disruption caused by the movement of heavy trucks through the urban environment, particularly when passing the new Primary School. In reply, it was emphasised that truck movements had been assessed at about only three per hour. Additionally, the route has been cleared by Fife Council Transportation Service engineers as being suitable for the size of vehicles that will be used. Furthermore, Scott Timber had already agreed to schedule truck movements so as to avoid the school opening and closing periods. Should the planning application be approved, pallet production at the site is estimated to commence in September. The Community Council and Fife Council will closely monitor the situation.

Queen's baton relay for Burntisland

aving set off on its relay journey from Buckingham Palace in early October and having visited all 70 nations and territories of the Commonwealth, the Queen's Baton will return to Scotland on 13th June. Starting from Edinburgh, it will spend the next 40 days visiting all 32 Local Authority Areas, including Fife and the Burgh of Burntisland. The relay will pass through the town from west to east on Thursday 26th June but at the time of going to print, the Buzz has no information on the exact route, timings or indeed the batonbearers who have been selected for our section.

One batonbearer with a Burntisland connection however, has been identified - none other than Roddy Davidson, son of Bill and Anne of Duncanson Drive. Roddy was brought up in Burntisland and attended the local Primary School and Balwearie High before studying engineering at Edinburgh University. He now lives in Bridge of Earn and for some time he has been the Scottish Co-ordinator for "Over the Wall", a charity founded by the late Paul Newman providing

therapeutic recreational activity for seriously ill children. In his youth Roddy was an active member of the Swimming Club and the Scouts and even at such an early age, helped his parents in community projects and charity fundraising. The honour of carrying the baton is well merited.

Watch out in the local and national media for details of the baton passing through Burntisland on its way to Glasgow and in the prevailing, community spirit of Civic week, turn out and cheer it on its way.

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From the Editor

Once again a proposed development in the town is creating controversy. No doubt by the time you read this, the decision will have been made to allow the change of use of the Blue Shed in the East Dock. Under normal circumstances, the introduction of new light industry would be welcomed in a community such as Burntisland. However, the letter on page 11 highlights the many drawbacks which could result from such a development. We may be powerless to prevent changes taking place in the dock area but as a community we can demand that industry complies with all regulations relating to noise, pollution and public safety, particularly on the roads. It is up to Fife Council to monitor the operation and ensure complicity.

On a brighter note, the spring sunshine is with us and we look forward to the summer sun shining on our very ambitious Civic Week programme. The organising committee has worked tirelessly to draw up a wide variety of events, both indoors and out and it is up to you to take full advantage. However, it is not all about taking. The organisers are still appealing for helpers at the various events - get involved - volunteer - details on page 14. It can be fun!

Another annual event that is an absolute must this summer is the Heritage Exhibition, this year featuring "The Forth at War". This is a well constructed display of exhibits which clearly demonstrates the strategic importance of the Forth Estuary during times of conflict. It is well worth a visit and I can guarantee that you will leave knowing a great deal more about the history of where you live than you ever thought you knew.

Finally, the Queen's Baton will pass through the town on 26th June on the final stages of its long journey to Glasgow. Let us all cheer it on its way.

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St Joseph's RC Church

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 on the town notice board and in the Library. A summary of issues raised during the last three meetings is set out below.

- George McLauchlan has been elected to fill the single vacancy on the Community Council and was welcomed to his first meeting as a full member.
- We have objected to the proposed wind turbine at Balbie, as the site is protected by Fife Council's strategic planning guidance. It is close to the summit of a prominent landform which is directly opposite Edinburgh and therefore fails the guidance on Wind Energy.
- Pathways on the Links which had become worn have been repaired and protected by grasscrete along exposed edges.
- We have given formal support to the Ecology Centre for their proposed new building at Kinghorn Loch.
- The tables in the Council Chamber have now been refurbished and are looking excellent. However, we are extremely concerned at new damage which has been caused within weeks of delivery.
- Work on the war memorial is nearing completion. As planned, original stone has been re-used where possible, additional memorial plaques have been installed and the interior has been re-laid with setts and flagstones.
- We supported an initiative by Kinghorn Community Council to clear Pettycur dunes, resulting in about 150 bags of litter being collected and removed. The result is a much cleaner and fresher foreshore on the new low-tide coastal path between Burntisland and Kinghorn.
- Several hundred school pupils designed posters to highlight the need for dog owners to clean up after their pets. Three winners were chosen, namely Cole Gamble, Ciara Lynch and Kyle Mitchell. All will receive a gift token for their efforts.
- We have supported a planning application to change the use of the blue shed at the East Dock, enabling pallets to be assembled from timber which will arrive by sea. We remain concerned about the potential impact of lorry traffic, which does not form part of the planning application. We are therefore continuing discussion with Forth Ports, Fife Council and Scott Timber on how best to ensure there is no conflict with other community interests.
- The Lord Lyon King of Arms has given consent to other Community Councils to use the term "Royal Burgh" in their name. The process is slow but in our view would be in the interests of Burntisland so we will be progressing it over the coming months.
- There will be Community Council elections throughout Fife in November this year and we await information on the process and deadline for nominations.

Your Community Council

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

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Community Council

ommunity Emergency Plan by John Bradshaw

The Burntisland Community Emergency Plan has been drawn up in response to the RESILIENT COMMUNITIES initiative which is supported by the Scottish and UK Governments. The basic principle behind this initiative is to harness individual and collective expertise within communities to compliment the response of the emergency services during a serious emergency. Local disasters happen all too frequently and can be weather related, fires, explosions and major transport accidents – even helicopters, to name but a few. The basic philosophy of the plan is to identify

and coordinate individuals within a community, and make them aware of how to react in such an emergency and to identify premises that can be used as communications or clearing centres.

Burntisland Community Council has taken the lead in drawing up the local plan which has been accepted by the Fife Council Emergency Planning team and is now in operation. Some 16 residents have already volunteered their services and the Toll Centre has been nominated as the communication centre with church halls also available if required. If you would wish to volunteer or assist in any way please contact www.burntislandcc.org.uk or Tel 01592 872228

All volunteers will be given a policy and procedures pack

Award Presentation

n the evening of 7th February a Civic Reception was held in the Burgh Chambers to honour the 2014 Citizen of the Year, Frances Allan. A large number of guests including former Award Winners, Community Councillors and Frances's many friends witnessed the presentation of the Citizen's Shield and a magnificent, personal certificate designed and crafted by local artist and calligrapher, Duncan Gilfillan.



In his presentation address, the Chairman of the Community Council Alex MacDonald outlined the history of the award and the diverse nature of the winners over the past thirty odd years. He further explained how difficult it was for the Community Council to come to a decision because of the quality of the nominees. Nevertheless, Frances had emerged as a very worthy recipient in view of her devoted and tireless efforts over many years on the organising committee of the Over Seventies Christmas Treat.

In her reply, Frances thanked the Community Council for the award but took pains to emphasise that the considerable success of the Christmas Treat was as a result of the efforts of a large team of enthusiastic volunteers of which she was merely a keen and willing member.





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The Burgh Polis

By

Sergeant Neil Ewing

ince the last edition of the Burgh Buzz the front office at Burntisland Police Station has closed. The community officers and I are still based at the station and 24 hour police presence will still be provided by the response vehicle. Should any members of the public require to speak to an officer, they may either call 101 or attend the station and use the phone on the wall at the front door. This connects the public directly to Fife Area Control Room where a call handler will deal with the issue.

The Bi-monthly Community Engagement Meetings at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park are continuing to take place. These meetings are organised to allow members of the public to meet and speak to the local officers about issues directly affecting them. Historically, the priorities centre on Anti-social Behaviour, Road Safety and Drug Misuse. During 2014 efforts will be made by local officers to deal with these issues and updates will be made available at the forthcoming Community Engagement Meetings. Dates will be posted on Twitter.

Anti-social Behaviour

With lighter nights and summer approaching there is a likelihood that there will be an increase in anti-social behaviour. An action plan is currently being created to help tackle this issue and police officers will continue to be seen round the town of foot. Officers in the next few weeks will also be out on bicycles, allowing them greater scope to cover larger distances more quickly. This visible presence should provide

reassurance to the public and act as a deterrent to would-be criminals.

Road Safety

Parking and speeding in Burntisland continue to be areas of concern. Working in partnership with Fife Council Traffic Wardens, we will continue to monitor the areas identified, educate drivers, and where necessary enforce legislation. Officers will also be tasked with conducting speed surveys in the problem areas and again where necessary will issue fixed penalty tickets.

Substance Misuse

Since starting at Burntisland in November, I have identified substance misuse as a key priority that requires addressing. Since the start of 2014 two separate drugs warrants were applied for and executed. This will continue to be a priority and I ask everyone to contact officers at Burntisland Police Station or contact Crimestoppers to pass on any information regarding substance misuse.

Community Engagement Meetings

Community Officers and I will continue to host the bi-monthly Community Engagement Meetings at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park. I encourage as many people to attend so we can listen to your views and concerns, and move forward with local priorities directly influenced by the people living in this area. Your next Community Engagement Meeting is on:

Wednesday 7th May @ 7pm – Pettycur Bay Caravan Park

Twitter

Keep up to date with everything going on in your local area. Follow us @kirkcaldypolice.

Non-emergency contact number: 101

First Aid update

By Alex MacDonald

ot content with learning basic first aid at the

end of last year, 16 people then went on to complete or renew a higher qualification. Our calendar year started off with a presentation to the 20 people who successfully completed the previous course, including local teacher Michelle Gilmour, who was the outright winner of both trophies for best practical and best theory. In the more advanced course, the best theory winner was Fiona Wearmouth and best practical was Dave Mitchell. Their trophies and all of the certificates will be presented in May.

After several years of planning, the Community First Responder scheme will be launched imminently. It's a partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service and will see one or two volunteers being asked to respond to selected 999 calls in Burntisland and Aberdour at the same time as an ambulance is



Scottish Ambulance Service FIRST RESPONDERS



despatched. It means there will be help on scene a few minutes earlier at the time when it matters most. Ten members have now completed the ambulance service training and we await some details to be finalised before the scheme starts. Right now, we're in a transitional period between seasonal events, when we switch from ice hockey and other indoor activities to horse trials, motor sport and local fun events such as the Black Rock Race. In recent weeks we've attended St Monans and St Andrews, whilst the near future will see us in Cupar, Knockhill and Renfrewshire.

Our 1-day and similar classes run throughout the year according to demand, with recent classes in Gateside, Glenrothes and Aberdour, as well as our evening classes in Burntisland. Overall, we taught first aid to 130 people last year and received outstanding feedback, with comments such as "Fantastic, short but very informative course. So pleased I did it! Thanks." Another happy customer said "It was fab and I have learned so much. Thank you very much J"

Enquiries about training and / or opportunities for volunteering are always welcome via our website www.bfast.org.uk or to Alex MacDonald via alex_mac@btinternet.com

Centre

t's been a busy few months at the Toll Centre. In February we joined forces with the Playgroup to hold a Family Ceilidh - we had lots of fun dancing and

being entertained by Andrea MacDonald's highland dancers and Ted Robinson on his bagpipes! Other events have included a Quiz Night and Indoor Carboot Sale, and our kids discos have continued to provide weekend entertainment for the little ones! Thanks to everyone who has come along and supported these events.



The Community Cinema is going from strength to strength,

we completed the second season on April 27th with a showing of 'The Lego Movie' – the third season will start in the autumn, but in the meantime look out for a Civic Week special on 22nd June!

Over the last couple of months we have worked with Fife Diet to run a 'Lunch Munch Club' – this gave young families the chance to try out some fresh family friendly recipes. We're planning a lunch club for older members of the community soon, so keep an eye out for more details.

Upcoming events include a 'Legendary Toll Disco' on May

17th – let us take you back to the 70's, 80's and early 90's.

Tickets are £5 each/ BYOB. As the better weather comes along we'll be making use of our garden and holding some Family BBQ's, keep an eye



on our Facebook page for more details.

We now have a textile recycling box located in the foyer of the centre – if you are throwing out any clothes, shoes or household textiles that are in reasonable condition why not drop them in? They will be sorted and distributed to people who need them as well as earning some cash which is split equally between the Playgroup, BOSS and the Toll Centre. The Centre is held in trust for the people of Burntisland and is a registered charity, so we need your support wherever possible. If you would like to help out and become a 'Friend of the Toll Centre' please contact us on 872854.

Toll Centre Community Facilities

The Toll Centre has a number of rooms available for

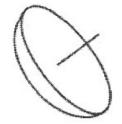
community or business use. The main hall can seat up to 120 people – hire of this area includes use of the foyer, our fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs as required. We have also installed new French doors, so the secure garden



area can be accessed directly from the main hall. Last year we renovated our meeting room – the 'Ramsay Budd Suite' has been freshly plastered and had new windows put in, it's a light and fresh space ideal for a smaller meeting or training session.

We have now secured a grant from Biffa to replace the flooring throughout the main hall and foyer area, this work is due to take place over the Easter break – so if you haven't been in to the Toll Centre for a while why not pop in and take a look? For more information on our events, facilities or to get involved please call us on 872854.

Still very busy at the Museum of Communication



By Dorothy Brankin

It may seem strange to say, but here at the Museum, we are busier in the 'off season' than when we're open to the public!

Early spring is always our most hectic time – and again, we've been visiting schools with talks and workshops. National Science and Engineering Week saw the Museum working 10 sessions in Penicuik High School and this was followed immediately with 11 sessions in Primary Schools across Fife. We estimate that we covered over 700 miles, about 500 pupils took part. We also took part in the Family

Fun Day in the packed Rothes Halls, Glenrothes.

Meanwhile, we're pressing ahead with exhibition preparations. When choosing a theme, we start by looking through anniversaries - this year was an easy choice – the centenary of the outbreak of WW1. We're calling the exhibition *From Flags to Flanders Fields* and are due to open on Saturday 3rd May. It is presenting quite a challenge this year, as we're amending our normal layout to incorporate a trench and a sick bay! Where most museums are busily dusting and polishing, we're merrily working away with battered sheets of corrugated iron, second-hand timber and are wondering how to simulate mud.....

Over the road, Burntisland Heritage is presenting an exhibition entitled *Burntisland and the Forth at War*, so the two should complement each other nicely.

Our very popular lecture programme resumed in February and will continue throughout the year.

On Saturday 31 May at 11.30 am, we have *Fortress Forth, 1914-18*. (Geoffrey Stell makes a welcome return as the Speaker, and the lecture will be followed by lunch). On Tuesday 22nd June we have "*D-Day Landings*" with speaker, Roy Johnstone. Dates for later lectures are still to be finalised.

The exhibition will be open every Wednesday and Saturday, 11.00 - 4.00pm and the first Sunday of the month, 12.00 - 4.00pm until the end of September. Admission is free. Refreshments available.

For further details, visit our website: www.mocft.co.uk

Town Twinning with Flekkefjord Re-launched

small group of Burntislanders are off to Flekkefjord in Norway for a few days in May. The plan is to breathe new life into our long running and very successful twinning arrangement with that town, first established in 1946 in the immediate aftermath of World War 2 when there were Norwegian soldiers based in Fife. Flekkefjord is a really good match for us, being another seaside town with a rich maritime heritage. Over the years many folk, especially youngsters, from both communities have benefited from opportunities to visit their counterparts abroad to better understand cultural differences, encourage cooperation, promote their own towns ... and have a really fun time. At the west end of the Links there is a small stone monument with a plaque commemorating the 50th anniversary of our twinning arrangement in

The twinning arrangement is for everybody in Burntisland, young and old, and the Burntisland Town Twinning Committee looks forward, on your behalf, to arranging and encouraging events over the years to come.



Four happy Burntislanders ready to head for Flekkefjord Bruce Stuart, Sarah Main, Morna Beuzeval and George Kay.

Burntisland's New Centenarian

any congratulations to Mrs Mary Thain who reached her 100th birthday on 23rd April. Mrs Thain was born at Rolands Buildings in Windygates in 1914. As her dad worked in farming, when she was about 6 or 7, the family moved to the Grange in Kinghorn which is in the Teenie Curry's Brae area. She used to walk over the fields to school and come out at the football pitch. She went into service at the age of 14 in a big house in Cupar, was allowed home once a month and was paid the princely sum of £2 per month. When she was 18 she started work at Dodhead Golf Club in Burntisland. She married William Blake in 1936 and started married life living in the Binn Village before moving to Piper Crescent in 1947. She lived there till 2000 when she moved into Fairfax Court, her present home. William Blake



Mary celebrating with some of her family

died in 1965 and she re-married in 1974 to George Thain. She has 9 children 35 grandchildren 15 great grandchildren and 11 great, great grandchildren. She worked at the Woodside Hotel in Aberdour for many years and did various private cleaning jobs in Aberdour before finally retiring at the age of 87. Since then she has remained physically active and only a few years ago joined the band of worthy volunteers delivering the Buzz to her neighbours.

Mary has enjoyed almost a fortnight of celebrations during which time she was personally congratulated by Gordon Brown at the Wednesday Club, received a telegram from the Queen, a bouquet and card from the Community Council, personal congratulations from Fife Council and above all, numerous emotional reunions with her extended family from as far afield as Russia and Australia. The highlight was undoubtedly her first meeting with her 5 year old great, great grandson from Australia.

Anti-Knife Crime Campaign

lan McLean whose son Barry tragically died in a stabbing incident some three years ago, has campaigned vigorously against the carrying of knives and against knife crime in general, since that time. He has personally raised thousands of pounds for organisations that support the survivors of the victims of serious crime and suicide and has raised the awareness of the dangers of knife crime through anti-knife crime marches and by taking the message into local schools. Alan's daughter Lisa will be addressing the senior pupils of Burntisland Primary School on the issue on 28th May.

His fifth Anti-Knife Crime Parade, which was due to take place in Dunfermline on 3rd May has been postponed until June because of conflicting events in Dunfermline on that day. These parades are supported by Burntisland Pipe Band, Fife Fire & Rescue Service, NHS, local college students, family and friends and victim groups from Glasgow. Details of the postponed parade will be published as soon as they have been rearranged. Alan appeals to you for your support.

Burntisland Primary School



School News

By Carolyn Bell

hat a busy time we have all had at
Burntisland Primary School! The excitement

about the move to our new school is really mounting, as we enter the last term in the old buildings. We are very much looking forward to welcoming guests to the school for open nights during May as we say goodbye to buildings, some of which have served us for over 130 years. Look out for further details!

On the very last day of term, Primary 7 returned from an action-packed week at Ardroy where they were involved in many outdoor activities and had the opportunity to develop team-working skills in preparation for their transition to secondary school after the summer.

Meanwhile, some of our P6 and 7 pupils attended a special school screening of 'Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' at the Adam Smith Centre and took part in a lively debate about the themes and issues explored in the film. Primary 6 pupils celebrated their love of reading with many other schools from across Fife at the Big Book Brain Quiz. Magnus Reid joined a team with pupils from a variety of schools, and they were delighted to be prize winners on the day!

Last term we enjoyed some very special performances. One was produced and performed by our P5s, entitled 'Tuishi Pamoja'. The audience was very impressed by their performance, including some very confident soloists. P1/2, P2H and P2R also performed 'Litter Muncher' during the last week of term. They were fabulous performers and passed on a very valuable message to the school community about keeping our environment clean and tidy. P1 pupils hosted a special Mother's Day celebration where they sang songs and shared

poems all about their mums.

Some P5 pupils have been learning about occupations and employment which included involvement in the Scottish Engineering Awards. Mrs Whatmore was very proud to announce that five pupils were shortlisted for an award and had their work displayed at the Barony Hall in the University of Strathclyde. This is a super achievement!

We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Erskine Women's Association Concert in March and over £200 was raised for

charity at this event. Many thanks to them for inviting us to take part.

As a school, we all supported the UNICEF Day for Change and raised over £522. This could buy a water pump, a school in a box, and 15 footballs for children in the poorest parts of the world. Mrs Milligan was an inspiration to all to support this cause and gave us the information we needed to have a successful day. Our 'Your Patch'



Counting the Change!

group has been busy creating windmills, dream catchers and mosaics with Penny from the Sustainable Communities Initiative on Saturday mornings. We are looking forward to seeing them brighten up our school.

$......and \ from \ the \ Head \quad \hbox{by Julie Anderson}$

This term has come around incredibly quickly. We are now in our final term in our old school buildings and I know that many of us in school and in the community will be very sad to leave Ferguson Place as it holds many memories within its walls. However, we are moving forward into a beautiful, spacious new building fully equipped for learning and teaching in the 21st century. I know that many people will have questions about what is happening to the old school and what will be the arrangements for the new school opening and we have many things planned. Firstly we will be holding a range of open avariage for the community, former purils and families to vicit the old school and several and several properties.

range of open evenings for the community, former pupils and families to visit the old school and say their goodbyes, these will be held over the middle three weeks in May. Specific detail of timings will be posted around the community, in the community notice board, on the school website and on the Parent Council Facebook page so please look out for these.

We are also aiming to collect people's memories and stories from the old school and will be doing this in a variety of ways, again look out for details coming out from the school and being posted around the town.

The school will finally close its doors to all pupils on Wednesday 25th June at 3pm with the new school being open for all pupils on Friday the 22nd August. We have planned a staggered programme of visits for all pupils for Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st August and every one of our families will be told of when their time to come for their visits will be over these two days. Moving approximately 700 children and staff is an incredible challenge and we aim to make this transition as smooth as possible so that all children and families feel supported and included in the process.

We will be putting together a list of FAQs and will have this ready for parents before the summer.

After we are all settled into the new school we will then hold a series of events to invite in former pupils and members of the community so that everyone will have the opportunity to see inside as we know many people would love to visit.

This is an incredibly busy time for us and there are many exciting events planned to mark our moving, the key for us all will be in remembering our emotional attachments to our old school buildings, celebrating the work that has been carried out there and being sensitive to memories but also looking forward to a fantastic educational future for the new generations of pupils being under one roof in a school that is fit for purpose. We will be ready to make the building our own, to give it character and life and to ensure that it is an integral part of the Burntisland community. Please watch out for the invitations and take the opportunity to be involved.

burntisland

By Nicola Backler

Another Brilliant Year at Playgroup!

Children at Burntisland playgroup have begun their final term and it's clear how much they've thrived during their time there. Friendships have blossomed, confidence grown and new things learned every day. As the children prepare for their next big step into nursery after the summer, I asked parents their thoughts on playgroup and how the

children have benefited from it.

Susan Cotton, mum of twins Isla and Morag, summed up the collective feeling pretty well. "We were delighted to get playgroup places this year as we'd heard brilliant reports on the relaxed atmosphere and space available for the children to play and learn in. The girls have really thrived in the playgroup environment, with support from the excellent and dedicated staff".

Playgroup follows the Curriculum for Excellence in the same way as nursery does, with an emphasis on learning through play. Jenny Roxburgh, Acting Playgroup Manager is actively planning a busy final term. "We will start the activities with an exciting trip on the train to Kirkcaldy where we'll visit the museum and library. We also plan to spend plenty of time outdoors in our garden, park and beach, as well as trips to the local nursery to prepare the children for their transition to the 'big school!"

Playgroup relies heavily on the backing of the local community and is very grateful for the support it receives from local businesses, groups and individuals. Just this week

the Masonic Lodge donated money towards our funds and also presented each child with an Easter Egg, all of which were very gratefully received. Playgroup is run by a dedicated committee of staff, parents, carers and other volunteers.

"Being on the committee brought a different aspect of the playgroup to light for me" says Susan. "We can make decisions that directly impact on the experience our children have. It's fantastic to be able to have that level of input. It has also been a great way of making new friends, and learning lots about the behind the scenes goings-on".

It's never too early to enroll your child for playgroup. Pop along to the Toll Centre any week day morning and ask for an application form. Applications are still being accepted for the 2014/2015 intake.

Our new website is soon to be launched! In the meantime find us on Facebook to keep up with all the latest news and events.

The Young Community Hall -"The Music Hall"



e're still here and we need YOU.

Do you need space for your group, party or to hold a meeting? The Young Community Hall – Music Hall on Thistle Street in the centre of town is the

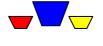
place to be, with very reasonable rates and a variety of session times available throughout the week. We can accommodate your every need.

In recent months a new committee has been formed and we wish to put new life back into the "Music Hall" that was so kindly presented to the town by Messrs John and Joseph Young in 1869 for the use of public meetings and entertainment.

The hall currently hosts a number of different groups from within the community. These include Burntisland Parent and Toddler Group, Jujitsu, Burntisland Indoor Bowling, dance and fitness classes and a variety of others. The hall has a long history within Burntisland as a venue for theatre performances with the Youth

Theatre still calling the hall it's home. The hall continues to play a vital role in the function of many organisations in Burntisland. To continue to prosper, we need your support. All the groups using the hall at present will be hosting a fundraising event in the near future and the committee will provide details nearer the time. Until then, if you would like further information on hiring the hall please contact Carol Butterfield on 01592 874274 or 07743164682 to make an enquiry or confirm a booking.

Burntisland Parent and Toddler Group



Open Monday & Thursday 09.30 to 11.30 and Tuesday 12,30 to 14,30 (Term Time)



Are you new to Burntisland or just a new parent?

Give yourself a break come and join us for a chat and a cuppa with other likeminded parents, your little ones will enjoy a change of scene and a chance to play with new toys make new friends of their own.

Our Up and Coming Events

Ladies Night 7pm - Late, 10th May 2014 Summer Day Out - 28th June 2014

Contact - Angle 07583595052 or our facebook page

if you have any questions or queries

Young Community Hall (Music Hall), 21 Thistle Street, Burntisland, KY3 OEQ

Floral Action Burntisland



ell spring has sprung! The daffodils we planted have bloomed along the new fence at the school and the crocuses planted by the council on our behalf looked very eye catching at the roundabout to the Collinswell Park Estate.

By Scott Sweaton

We held a quiz night in March which was a huge success and

together with the raffle, raised £866. FAB would like to thank everyone for their support, especially the local businesses who donated generously towards the raffle prizes. Our local appeal by letter resulted in a significant donation by Briggs Marine, greatly boosting funds.

Many of the improvements we have instigated are becoming more obvious, in particular at the harbour end of the High Street and within Allan Court. These improvements will continue over the next few months focusing on the beach car

Community Orchard and Fruit Tree survey

nyone who has an apple tree in their garden won't have failed to notice that 2013's harvest was memorable for being a truly bumper crop. For our family it meant the re-discovery of old favourites – apple jelly, apple crumble, apple sauce, you name it – we found it could be made with apples. And we also discovered something new to us – Apple Days. This is where apples that might otherwise be left to rot are brought along to be cleaned, squashed, juiced and shared – as delicious a way as any to spend a bleak autumn day. The resulting fresh juice is heavenly – it bears no resemblance to anything available in the shops!

Naturally such Apple Day events are a breeding ground for enthusiastic conversations about our National Treasures – by which I mean our ancient apple varieties all but wiped out by our bland supermarket culture, but which are now making a comeback as individuals and communities get together to conserve and even create new orchards for the benefit of future generations.

If, like me, you feel inspired by the idea of a Community Orchard for Burntisland, complete with Apple Days and all the tasty things that follow, or if you have a tree out the back which

park, the Lammerlaws sitting-out area and the boat on Cromwell Road.

FAB volunteers are planning planting for the summer and the plant order for planters and hanging baskets has been placed. Fingers crossed we have a good summer!

FAB has decided to enter the Beautiful Fife and Beautiful Scotland campaigns. We hope by entering, our efforts will be recognised on a more national level and hopefully we will be able to improve on last year's results. Ultimately, the work we carry out is for the benefit of you, the people of Burntisland, and visitors to the town.

At this time of year we are looking for more support volunteers to assist with watering. Ideally, we would like help with the watering of the baskets on the High Street but if you are able to assist with other areas within the town, we would love to hear from you.

We hope you can spare a few hours over the summer months to ensure we meet our overall aim, to make Burntisland fabulous!

For more information visit our website at burntislandfab.org or email <u>floral-action-burntisland@hotmail.co.uk</u>

year after year produces lovely apples which only end up as compost, we'd like to hear from you at FAB.

FAB would like to map the locations of Burntisland's fruit trees to see if, as other Scottish communities have done; we can join up the dots between apples, pickers and eaters. Whilst we would like to include all fruit trees of whatever variety we are



particularly interested in locating **the oldest specimens.** This is because these are the most valuable trees genetically. They are more likely to be the heritage and locally hardy varieties, from which (with the owners' permission of course) FAB would like to take cuttings to be grafted onto new root stock. The resulting baby fruit trees would be used to populate our proposed Community Orchard with the special local varieties that will survive and thrive in our particular Burntisland climate. Due to the vagaries of pollination and cross pollination over many years there may well be unique varieties to be found. Who knows, perhaps those who donated the cuttings will get to name them for posterity!

The idea is to establish a Community Orchard in Burntisland; and at the time of writing FAB is in the process of investigating suitable sites. If this is your kind of project, to get involved or if you just want to be kept informed please register your interest using the slip below:

Burntisland Community Orchard and fruit tree survey

Count me in! / Keep me informed of developments (delete as applicable)

Name:

Address:

Contact tel:

Email:

I have fruit tree(s) to log on the Burntisland fruit map: Yes/no Varieties if known: Age (if known):

May we take a cutting for grafting onto new root stock? Yes/no/give me more information

Please return this slip to: FAB Community Orchard committee, care of Judith Kisby, 28 Kirkgate, Burntisland, KY3 9DL. Your details will NOT be shared with any other organisations.



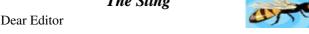
Kids' Gardening Club

ur Kids Gardening Club is a free event for children aged 1 - 7. We run every Tuesday from 3.30 - 4.30pm at Broomhill Community Gardens, Manse Lane. Children can enjoy learning about growing their own fruit and vegetables and take part in some outdoor games and activities. We are also hosting a summer fundraising event on Sunday 8th June from 2 - 4pm where we will be offering cakes and drinks, crafts and storytelling. All welcome.



Sally Grant

The Sting



ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER FOR BURNTISLAND!!

We, as local residents, wish to raise our concerns with Burntisland people about the knock on effect of the development of East Dock. Lammerlaws.

Scott Timber manufactures of wooden pallets will commence operations in September at the dockside. They will manufacture in excess of 22,000 pallets per year. We understand that staff will be transferred from Rosyth to Burntisland with no extra workforce taken on from the town. A minimum of 15 high sided lorries per day will turn at the Beacon Leisure Centre, travel from Lammerlaws Road down Links Place and up to the High Street Junction before moving up Cromwell Road, past the new school and up the Cowdenbeath Road.

Whilst welcoming long overdue development of the docks and newcomers to the town, the balance has to be achieved between economic development and the needs of residents and holidaymakers who frequent the town in the summer months.

The town has just recovered from the lorries transferring bauxite and now we have this volume of traffic travelling through areas where children play at the Links play park, opposite the swimming pool and proposed five a side pitches, up to the school where many Mums walk their children to school. There is an accident waiting to happen. At what cost do we allow industrial schemes of this magnitude to threaten the safety and well-being of our residents.

Make no mistake. Burntisland will never be the same again!

Many people will say "it has nothing to do with me" but when this operation commences we will certainly know about it. And what of notification that it was happening? We were advised it was in the papers – many people are simply astounded at the news. No consultation whatsoever! So much for Forth Ports policy on good neighbours! And no plans from Scott Timber about where noisy equipment will be placed and how neighbours will be protected from this development. It seems Forth Ports can do what they want with their land. Legally, we are stumped apart from ensuring noise abatement processes are followed. Fife Council cannot stop these lorries using the roads to transport the pallets as they do not envisage any problems. Let's see what happens next year in the summer months. Only by next year the lorries will have been in operation for 6 months and it will be too late to change anything.

This development belongs on an industrial site such as Methil away from tourist and recreational facilities. Surely Fife Council Economic Team could have made a better offer to Forth Ports still getting the revenue they want from use of the port there?

The noise and pollution from carbon emissions of lorries, dust from wood stored and transported and the incessant noise for residents opposite the new development. will be unbearable. At what price to our lovely town? History books describe "the bonnie Lammerlaws" - all gone to satisfy the greedy coffers of Forth Ports. And who are we? WE **ONLY LIVE HERE!!**

A Number of Local Residents (Names and Addresses Supplied)



Annual Heritage Exhibition and Guided Walks

o commemorate the centenary of the First World War the theme for the Burntisland Heritage 2014 summer exhibition is 'Burntisland and the Forth at War'.

The Firth of Forth has played a vital role in every conflict affecting the country down through the centuries. This free exhibition of 38 panels contains more than 60 displays relate the stories of numerous topics all vividly illustrated by over a hundred photographs.

The exhibition is housed at Burntisland Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate, Burntisland (just round the corner from the main door of the Burgh Chambers in the High Street). It will be open every Saturday in May from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Then from Saturday 15th June to 30th August open on Wednesday afternoon from 1.00 to 4.00pm and on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Also available for viewing and browsing are videos and large collections of other types of historical material relating to the town's fascinating history. Admission is free.

The Trust's free guided historic walk will take place every Wednesday in July and August at 2.30pm. The meeting place is the Heritage Centre at 4 Kirkgate. The walk takes about two hours and includes visits to the Parish Church, the Burgh Chambers and Rossend Castle by arrangement.

In addition the Heritage Trust offers guided walks of the town's outer trail every last Friday of the month from May to September. The meeting place is the Heritage Centre at 4 Kirkgate at 1.30pm. The walk takes about three hours and includes a climb to the summit of the Binn. Walkers should be reasonably fit, wear appropriate footwear and clothes suitable for the weather conditions.

All guided walks are undertaken at walker's own risk.

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'The World of 21cc Fireworks'.

hen you watch the fireworks at the Burntisland annual bonfire, have you ever wondered how the explosive spectacular is created and orchestrated? Well, now's your chance to take a glimpse behind the scenes. To coincide with its AGM on 11th May 2014 at 3.00 pm, the Burntisland Events Group have organised a special presentation in the Burntisland Sands Hotel. Geoff Crowe Director of 21cc, the company who provide the town's amazing fireworks, will be giving an illustrated insight into the work of the company including the manufacture of fireworks and the process of planning, designing and delivering a pyrotechnic display. This will serve to emphasise how lucky the town has been in securing the services of a fireworks company with a growing reputation

The annual bonfire and fireworks event is only able to go ahead because of the efforts of the small group of people on the Events Committee and the support of other individuals who help with stewarding and countless other jobs in the days running up to the event and on the day itself. These key people are being invited along to the presentation and, numbers permitting, other members of the local community will also be given the opportunity to come along. A limited number of tickets will be available from the Burntisland Library at the beginning of May.

This is a rare opportunity for people to see and hear first hand from an expert about the techniques involved in planning, setting up and setting off a firework spectacular.

Contacts

in this field.

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"Our Jimmy"

Helen Mabon - a tribute on behalf of Burntisland Heritage Trust

immy Wilson who recently passed away, will be sorely missed. You may not have known his name but he was part of the landscape on Burntisland High Street and you won't see the likes of him again. Let me try to reflect on the life of a remarkable man whose life spanned almost 99 years through a time of accelerating world and local change.

You might have seen him on his way to the paper shop to get his Edinburgh Evening News (maintaining the link with his original birthplace in Leith and following the fluctuating fortunes of Hearts as a faithful fan). Or you might have seen him blethering on the High Street in the morning when he went to the butcher and the baker. You might even have seen him in the summer months at the Heritage exhibition or outside the doors of 4 Kirkgate engaging with more visitors. Perhaps you remember him being honoured in 2006 with the 'Community Award'. If you had links with Lodge Dunearn, you would know Brother Jimmy. He kept everything in that building running smoothly, as the faithful general factotum.

His childhood was spent in the Binn Village and extracts of Jimmy's recollections of this time are documented in Iain Sommerville's 'Burntisland Voices.' When old enough he would caddy for "toffs" on the golf course to earn some cash. At 15 he began his apprenticeship with Graham the butcher, riding the laden delivery bike with the deep basket in the heavy frame below the handlebars, up steep hills as far afield as Aberdour.



There followed a spell in the Aluminium works. When war was declared in 1939 he was one of the first to volunteer. Of the fifteen who turned up in Hunter Street in Kirkcaldy he was one of only two who passed the medical! and into the Royal Engineers - initial equipment was from WW1; the rifle sling being a piece of string! Tobruk; captured by the Germans in the desert where he escaped in one of their trucks back to his unit; continued active service through Italy and Germany - he 'saw' the whole of the war in Europe. Home in one piece, to Burntisland in 1945 and a job in Fisons, where he met Bess who worked in the office. Their marriage was happy and long, giving Jimmy a loving and extended family. Jobs followed in the Dockyard, the Shipyard and finally the Town yard from where he retired.

Jimmy was a valued Trustee of Burntisland Heritage Trust. His pragmatic input helped steer the Trust through its formative years. He had an encyclopaedic memory for all things Burntisland and its inhabitants, which so many grateful visitors benefited from when researching family roots. His company was sought and enjoyed by many of the volunteers and although an irascible side could be triggered by a perceived arrogant or pompous visitor, this was fleeting and raised smiles among those who knew his more constant self effacing modesty. Jimmy would have been in his element with this year's exhibition. "Burntisland and the Forth at War". His persistent attendance at Community Council meetings over decades, campaigning for the refurbishment of the war memorial, was finally realised. Although he will not see it completed he saw the work begin. His precious protection of the Burntisland roles of honour books WW1 & WW11, mean they are now on display in BHT. Above all else Jimmy was an 'old soldier, forever honouring his fallen comrades.

The Kirkton Church

ubsequent to the article in the October issue of the Buzz, the efforts of Burntisland Heritage Trust to restore and preserve the Kirkton Church and churchyard continue apace. Following the removal of thick ivy covering the building by Fife Council staff, a site visit took place to further assess the feasibility of implementing the work recommended by an earlier report by Historic Scotland. The Trust later hosted a meeting with Fife Council officials during which the full scope of the restoration project was agreed, rough estimates of costs established and sources of possible funding identified.

The Council officials agreed to prepare and submit funding applications. To this end the Trust has already forwarded essential supporting data. This information includes background information on The Heritage Trust, Burntisland the town, the history of the Kirkton Church and details of the considerable benefits that will accrue from a successful restoration project. The outcome of the funding applications is eagerly awaited.



CIVIC WEEK JUNE 2014 UPDATE

e are now into the third year of the new Burntisland Civic Week Committee

and I think we can all agree that under the leadership of our Chairman, Morna Beuzeval it has been a great success. One of the most memorable events last year was the VIP reception held at Rossend Castle, a spectacular venue to introduce our New King and Queen, Caine and Adele to the townspeople of Burntisland. Hopefully this year, our new look Burntisland Rio Carnival Parade, will be the highlight of the Burntisland Civic Week and bring us sunshine and dance.

As always one of the biggest tasks is funding. However we are pleased that, thanks to a Fife Council and local companies such as Briggs Marine, BiFab, Smart Electrics, Myrtle Coffee and BH Plumbing & Heating providing early donations, the Burntisland community can expect a full and exciting, week long, line up of events. I do hope you will support us and attend these events.

This year's theme for Parade Day is 'Burntisland Rio Carnival', and I just know we will, once again, not be disappointed in the imaginative costumes that the children will design and wear ...We are certainly providing a bigger and more fantastic Parade this year, with samba dancers and

drummers, stilt walkers, fire eaters plus more ...

A full week's programme of varied events will follow the Crowning of our new Summer King and Queen, Finn Wallace and Joana Barron. "Here is a taster"; we kick off with the Young Bands at The Music Hall on the evening of Friday 20th June. And we have our new restaurant Indian Spice providing us with a banquet of flavours, on the Monday evening. We have a new look Civic Dance again in the Music Hall, 'Saturday Night at the Music Hall', a mix of outstanding funny comedy with headliner "Billy Kirkwood" followed by a Disco. Other activities include 'After School Story', 'Burntisland Sailing Club Races', 'Bike Ride & Picnic', '5-a-Side football Tournament'. Other events are planned (see diary below) and some are still to be finalised, a full programme will be available towards the middle of May...

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

Should you wish to join us and help with any of the above events...Please contact Wendy Hawthorne, Publicity on 01592 872893

Civic Week Events Diary

Friday 20th

3-4pm Shop Window Competition – open to all retailers

7.30pm Potter About 'Food'n' Comedy' (byob)

7-11pm 'Battle of the Young Bands' in the Music Hall,
Thistle Street More information Tel 872893

Saturday 21st

9am Potter About paint a' Rio-tastic coaster using a riot of colours'

11am Burntisland Heritage 'Burntisland and the Forth at War'. Open throughout the summer

12.15- 3.30pm Parish Church — Crowning of Summer King & Queen and Parade

4-6pm Playgroup Disco - Hosted by Rosie's Disco (time tbc)
6-11pm Summer King & Queen Disco - Hosted by Rosie's
Disco (time tbc)

Sunday 22nd

10am 5-A-Side Football Tournament at Shipyard Park tbc

11am Guided Family Bike ride and picnic to Silver Sands Beach, Aberdour

1.30-3pm Toll Cinema Children's Film (time and film tbc)

1.30 Bowling Competition tbc at Burntisland Bowling Club

3-6pm Des and The Dingoes tbc at the Star, High Street 9pm Civic Week Quiz (tbc) at the Sands Hotel

Monday 23rd

6 - 9pm Civic Week Banquet (tbc) - SPICE Indian Restaurant

7pm Sailing Club Races tbc at the Breakwater

Tuesday 24th

3.30pm After School Story (primary 1-3) 'Burntisland Rio Carnival' Theme (tbc) - Public Library, High Street.

6.15pm BASC Civic Week Sprints (see BASC Noticeboard) tbc

7-9pm Museum of Communication D-Day Lecture (tbc)

8pm Dominos Competition (over 18's Only)

Wednesday 25th

2.30pm Heritage Walk – Guided tour around Burntisland historic landmarks

7.30 – 10pm Potter About Open Mic Night

Thursday 26th

7.00 pm Food for Thought's "A Taste of Brazil"8pm Darts Competition (over 18's Only) tbc

Friday 27th

11am-2pm Sand Castle Competition, bring your own Picnic

1.30pm Outer Heritage Walk – extended Guided tour (3hrs) around Burntisland

Saturday 28th

1-3pm Summer Fete - Burntisland Young Community
Hall - Music Hall

8 – 12pm Civic Week Dance 'Saturday Night at The Music Hall' (BYOB)

Sunday 29th

11am-2pm Treasure Hunt on The Links (tbc)

ummer's on it's way! It's official news- along with the recent announcement of the 2014 Summer Queen and King and their party. At a hugely successful fundraising disco on 22nd March, Julie Anderson, headteacher of Burntisland Primary School was able to reveal the royal party:

Summer Queen- Joana Barron, Summer King- Finn Wallace First Attendant- Rhiannan Cartmel

Second Attendant- Sophie Paterson

Queen's Trainbearers- Finn Doherty, Gregor Bruce King's Trainbearers- Lewis Watson, Lucas Brown

Flower Girls- Francesca Sharp, Ana Doherty

Posy Girl- Chloe Ryan

Many thanks to all who helped to get Civic Week celebrations off to a good start, especially to Cristina Davies and Rosie and Tom Innes, as we look forward to 21st June and Brazilian style parade to join the Royal Party.

"Fantasies, Fables, Fibs and Frolics"

is the latest book from Burntisland author Hamish Brown. Featuring new, traditional tales all set in Fife in the neverland days of storytelling.

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he work and play of the club has continued unabated over the last three months. The Burns Supper again was host to two wonderful local P7 youngsters, reciting Burns poetry. Alicia Thomson inspirationally matched the spirit of the

Bard with her interpretation of 'To a Louse'.

This year so far, our donations to Charity have included Burntisland Heritage Trust in support of its annual exhibition, Girlguiding Centenary Year, VRN, local Health Visitors, and the McQuarrie Rotary Club in Australia's village and school project in Nepal.

We have also welcomed Rita Attewell as a new member; Rita was a very special nurse in the USA for much of her professional career. Our speakers have, as usual, come from many varying backgrounds. John Bradshaw spoke poignantly of his participation aboard H.M.S. Plymouth in the Falklands War of 1982. Ewan MacDonnell described in meticulous detail the planning and building of the approach roads to the new Forth Crossing, with close explanation of the installation of the bridge platform.

The annual Plant Sale in Kinghorn will happen on June 7th; bedding plants, etc. will be supplied by the Scottish Association for Mental Health as well as from Rotarians' back gardens!

And the usual Rotary Rambles programme begins on April 25th with the first of two walks through the Bluebell Woods to Aberdour and back, with certificate presentation 7 walks later on June 18th. The Club meets at the Sands every Tuesday at 6.45.......

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Sports Clubs



Burntisland Shipyard Amateurs

As we enter the last few weeks of the season the team has been performing reasonably well in an effort to finish as high up the league table as possible. Fourth place is very much an achievable target though third

is still an outside possibility. Bearing in mind that two of the club's that are in the top three, Hibernian and Berwick Rangers, are SPFL members, it would be no disgrace to finish fourth. Already this season we have gained more points than last and from fewer matches. We have to be satisfied with the progress, wherever we finish in the league table. One of the highlights since the last issue was the capture, albeit for only one match, of ex Scotland international Colin Cameron. Colin played and scored in the home match against Hawick Royal Albert before he took up his new post as manager of Berwick Rangers. His participation in that match was well covered in the national press.

At long last we have been given the green light to proceed with the construction of the covered enclosure. Work began at the beginning of April and is due to conclude by the end of May.

Hopefully there will not be too much disruption around Kerr Court. The next project we are going to undertake is to extend the clubhouse, in particular the dressing rooms, so that we will comply with the SFA license criteria.

More impressively, Dave Costello's youth team remain unbeaten in their league campaign. Unfortunately, the boys lost out to Blue Brazil 2-1 after extra time in the Fife Cup in only their second competitive defeat of the season.



Burntisland Golf House Club



s the clock springs forward, it is the signal for many of our "fair weather" golfers to make their seasonal re-appearance here at Dodhead. Our winter regulars have kept the club ticking over nicely but it is still good to

see so many back enjoying the golf course and the facilities. Here at BGHC, we actually bucked the current trend for many golf clubs and increased our membership numbers by over one hundred during 2013. Membership remains competitively priced at just £375 for a new Full Member and this year we have an additional benefit for our members. As a playing member at BGHC, you can also get Five Day Membership additional £100 per annum. TWO CLUBS FOR UNDER £500

We are an all-inclusive golf club and we are keen to encourage girls and ladies to come along and enjoy the golfing experience. We recognise that many may wish to try out their golfing prowess without having to commit to a full subscription.

Ladies Trial Membership - BGHC has introduced a new membership category to encourage more lady members to join the club. The trial membership is for 3 months duration and provides 12 rounds of golf for a cost of £125. If at the end of the trial period, the individual wishes to join BGHC, then the trial membership is deducted from the full membership fee.

Clubhouse Facilities - Function Suite - Our new catering facility is now well established and has helped to generate more Social members at the club. In addition to providing an (Monday to Friday) at Thornton Golf Club for just an excellent service to our members, our bar and catering facilities are available for parties / events (capacity 80 people). To find out more contact the bar staff on 01592

874093 (bar option).

New Professional Shop - We have shown support to our Professional Paul Head Wytrazek by entering into a partnership to create a brand new, state of the art pro-shop. The shop will open around the 21st of April and will stock one of the most comprehensive ranges of golf clubs, bags, shoes and clothing in the area. You will find that Paul's prices are very competitive with internet prices, with the added benefit of a local personal and an easy replacement service should that become necessary.

Contact e-mail is

info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk

Telephone - 01592 874093 (select office or bar option) dependent on required service



Burntisland Swimmers go Camping!



Burntisland has had a very busy few months in the new year. There was a large number of swimmers at the Livingston Development Gala where older swimmers demonstrated the strokes before each race, a real opportunity for the young ones to learn. It all must have paid off as the



BASC Timed Swims gave us a sheet covered in red with the number of PB's broken. Calum McDonald and Catherine Comrie really excelled with Catherine qualifying for the East District competition and achieving four PB's out of five races and Calum breaking his own club record at Ayr plus gaining a third place.

Other competitions included the Mad March Meet where almost every result was a PB and both Fife Leagues which are always very exciting! At the time of writing the club is at an Easter Camp in St Andrews for three days where some of the younger swimmers have joined us for a day to get a taste for extra swimming. There are three swim sessions a day plus lots of additional activities. The swimming was combined with a trip to the ice cream shop for Irn Bru Ice cream - I thought swimmers were meant to be healthy people! I have seen a sneaky picture of our coach Alex on a chute -

look out for that one appearing on the website!

We have lots more competitions planned for this year, are hoping to have a summer outing again and hope to release information shortly about an exciting event to celebrate the Commonwealth Games later in the year! Watch this space and visit our website http://www.burntislandswimmingclub.co.uk

Fantastic new outdoor sports facilities at the Beacon leisure site

Burntisland Sports Group has been working for many years to develop sporting facilities in the town. The group, with the help of Fife Council have successfully secured funding to develop a new outdoor pitch complex on land next to the Beacon Leisure Centre.

The facility is set to be built from autumn 2014 and will comprise of:

A 60m x 40m synthetic Astroturf pitch with fencing and floodlighting which can be used as 2 x 7-a-side pitches or opened up to a single pitch. These pitches will be suitable for training and recreational use and will operate through a booking system managed by the Beacon Leisure Centre.

A "free- to- use" multi-sports court also known as a MUGA (similar to the one at the Beveridge Park). The court will be suitable for many informal uses such as tennis, basketball, 5-a-side, dance and other group activities

The total cost of the project was approximately £330,000 and

most of this has been secured by funding from Sports Scotland and Fife Council.

Information on how you can help is in the poster below. On how to donate contact Gillian Lowe, chairperson of Sports group on 873210 or e-mail: lowe7@btinternet.com

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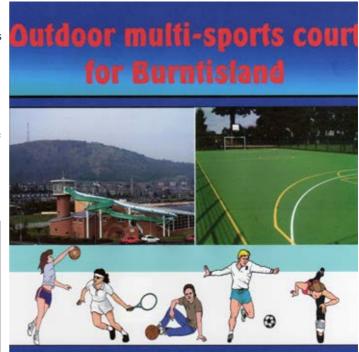
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Burntisland Sports Group needs your help to raise the final £3000 needed to build a "free-to-use" pitch next to The Beacon Leisure Centre (similar to the one at the Beveridge Park). The pitch will be suitable for many informal uses such as tennis, 5-a-side, basketball, dance and other group activities. The Sports Group is required to raise this final amount from within the community to complete the full sports package at The Beacon. We hope to do this by receiving donations from generous individuals and businesses in the town. The Sports Group is asking for pledges of any amount, but £50 will pay for one square metre of the pitch. Once the pitch is built a giant poster will be displayed which will name all contributors.



11th Fife -1st Burntisland Scout Group

Beaver Scouts have had a busy spring term working on Emergency Aid and what to do at an accident. They experimented with magnets and made their own compasses. Beavers also enjoyed a

sleepover in the Church hall and worked towards completing their Air Activities Badge by learning about different types of planes and having paper plane races. Looking forward to the better weather, some hikes have been planned along with a Fun Day at Cluny Clays.

5 Beavers were awarded with their Bronze Chief Scout Award for completing 6 of the challenge badges. This is the highest award that a Beaver can achieve.

The Cub pack have been working on safety too, covering home, personal, road and water safety along with the country code and a some first aid. Pack members are working towards their Naturist Badge examining local trees, birds and wildlife. Following a half-term sleep over in the Church Hall, the pack visited the Museum of Flight where Cubs were able to learn about aircraft of all shapes and sizes. They also played in 3 District Competitions the 5 A-side Football, The Kinghorn Trophy and the Harper Safety Trophy. 24 Cubs are due to attend the Kirkcaldy District Cub Camp in May

he Scouts have had a busy term with visits from Fife Flyers where they held an interview with Matt Nickerson followed a visit to the Fife Arena to see them play. Football coaching paid off when they were runners up in the District 5 A-side Football competition. Two weekend camps are planned for Wemyss, the District Camp site where they will work on their Outdoor and Global Challenge Badges. 20 Scouts attended the Hawkhurst Scout Activity centre during the Easter Break.

uring a busy term, the Explorers improved their general fitness tackling the Fitness Challenge Badge and managed to fit in our first ever cycle Camp. 5 Explorers were brave enough to take on the challenge. The end of term

saw us fit in a trip to the ten pin bowling where a great time was had by all. More importantly some individuals found time to support our other sections as part of their young leader training, an experience which is greatly enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to another busy term when we can achieve more with the lighter nights.

As a whole troop In January we visited the FCM Panto, "Oh yes we Did!!" at the Carneigie Hall Dunfermline. This is a charity-run Panto with all donations given to local children. All sections helped to raise the fantastic sum of £424.74 through the Scout Christmas Post Delivery Service throughout Burntisland. Last year we assisted F

Scout Christmas Post Delivery Service throughout Burntisland. Last year we assisted FAB to plant daffodil bulbs and this year we will again be assisting FAB in the vicinity of the Beacon.











The Earthship Fife Visitor Centre at Kinghorn Loch is 10 years old this summer – doesn't time fly!
Sustainable Communities
Initiatives (SCI) warmly invites you to come and share in the fun

and celebration on June 14th on the shores of Kinghorn Loch. The Earthship is 10! birthday event is on from 2pm on the 14th June and is an event for all. There will be children's activities, live entertainment, tours, storytelling, displays, stalls and an eco building area.

In addition to the above birthday event SCI is running a *Waste Busters* Competition this year, inviting school, college and community groups to turn their waste in useful household

items. A fantastic project for the crafty and creative! The deadline isn't until mid September so plenty time to get thinking!

During the summer we are also offering **free children's tours** and **creative waste workshops** for all ages – put June 2nd, July 9th, August 8th and September 6th in your diaries.

This year we are also starting **Skill-sharing Days** for adults – dates and themes to be confirmed.

Keep an eye on SCI's website for more details – www.sci-scotland.org.uk or call Louise on 01592 891884

If you can't make any of the above events then why not drop-in to the Earthship for a cup of tea and a chat – see our website for opening hours. We would love to see you this summer!

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JUNE

*WEEKEND OF THE 30TH OF MAY TO THE 1ST JUNE-COME AND TRY OUT OUR SPECIAL SPANISH CUISINE!



*DON'T FORGET FATHERS DAY ON SUNDAY 15TH OF MAY- WE HAVE YOUR

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*COME AND JOIN US FOR THE FUN THAT IS CIVIC WEEK ON SATURDAY THE 21⁵⁷ JUNE!

JULY

*COME AND CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON THE 4TH OF JULY WITH US WITH AMERICAN THEMED SPECIALS!



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The Churches



St Joseph's R C Church

ince we are now in the month of April it seems inappropriate to be thinking of Christmas

but having been unable to contribute to the last edition of the Buzz it would not seem fitting not to mention the wonderful celebration of that Feast which we enjoyed at St.Joseph's with our beautifully decorated Church, our joyful musical liturgy, culminating in a lovely Nativity Tableau with its cast of what seemed like hundreds and Oscar winning performances by the children which brought tears of pride as well as laughter to the eyes of the congregation.

But that was then and in what seems like the blink of an eve we are moving through the solemn but hopefully thought provoking period of Lent towards the Feast of Easter with its very different but also beautiful liturgy.

During this time we were privileged to host a very well attended World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th March. The speaker was the Rev. Alan Sharp of the Parish Church in Burntisland. We are also pleased to be involved in the Palm

Sunday walk which will begin at the Erskine Church, visit all Burntisland churches including the old Kirk ruin and finish at St. Joseph's Church

Also despite the, what never seems to be decreasing, burden of the Building Fund incurred by the renovations (almost rebuilding!) of the Church the congregation continue to fund raise for various charities. We had a wonderful response to the Mary's Meals initiative and to that end there will be a collection for "Rags to Riches" where bags of clothing (no bric -a brac) will be picked up on the morning of 11th May from 9 till 10 am The S.V.D.P society also, are continuing their wonderful efforts of collection for Food Banks.

Easter sees what is the culmination of a very special spiritual journey for many people throughout the diocese and indeed the country when they will formally become members of the Catholic church after a long period of preparation. We will rejoice with them at this happy time.

Upcoming events include a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on 21st June which we hope will be supported by all Burntislanders as they have done in the past and for which we are grateful.

More information about our Church can be found at our lively website www.stjosephs-burntisland.org.uk



Erskine News by Rev. Alexander Ritchie

our annual Palm Sunday Burntisland churches. really gives a sense of the town's

past to reflect on the generations of Christian service in our community, as you visit these buildings and think about their long history. One of the most striking things is the size and number of our churches in these very changed days, when it is far more the exception than the rule to attend worship on a regular basis.

of a single church for each local community, a place where Christians share. people can simply gather. Perhaps those from different traditions will be allowed to access the building using their in April, May & June-all held in the church halls @ 6.30pm. own entrance, but the congregation would meet together at the Then (if the weather finally improves) summer should be here. church's centre. It sounds perfect, but because of history and division the original Biblical idea of calling and gathering again for the usual refreshments during Games Day (Monday people together in one place to worship God has been lost. That's sad.

By the time you are reading this, Easter will have come and gone, hopefully with decent weather on Easter Sunday for the early morning services (8am) on the beach and atop the

Binn. Erskine Sunday School is planning to have a bake-off during our family worship later that morning for this year's Easter mission project, MAF (www.maf-uk.org). Easter is tied 'm writing this the day after in with the arrival of spring as new life becomes visible again. But it is much more than that, as the Gospel claim of Jesus to afternoon walk around the be the risen Son of God is celebrated and remembered by all It Christians-together!

When was the last time you went to church? Perhaps a family wedding or funeral? Maybe it was to attend a Carol service at Christmas or even to mark Remembrance or a more personal anniversary. Let me encourage you to think about attending again. Some things won't have changed much, but it might just surprise you what will be different in terms of what's happening and how you'll be made to feel included. A trusted friend & colleague always holds to the vision One thing never changes-that's the message of hope which all

Erskine is planning evening services on the last Sundays

Looking towards summer, Erskine halls will be open 21 July). Our next coffee morning is also scheduled for Saturday 23 August (from 10am) and the legendary pancakes should be available-so don't miss out!

Keep up-to-date on what's happening at www.facebook.com/ Erskine-Church-Burntisland.



120th Anniversary **Celebration**

Burntisland Parish Church Guild celebrated its 120th anniversary with a special meal at the Kingswood Hotel.

Guests of honour included Kay Keith, The Guild National Convener, and Linda Young of Kirkcaldy Presbyterial Council. Burntisland Guild was formed in 1894 and is the oldest one in Kirkcaldy Presbytery.



Long Service Presentation for Parish Church Elders

Two elders of Burntisland Parish Church in Fife were presented with long service certificates for achieving 65 and 50 years as elders of the Church. Mrs Myra Deas, Moderator of Kirkcaldy Presbytery made the presentation.

James Brown Harvey – 65 years Certificate

Jim was ordained by the Rev J H Mitchell Dabb on 16th January 1949 and at 29 years of age, was probably one of the youngest elders to be ordained at that time. Jim is one of the longest serving elders within the Church of Scotland.

Jim started the first of two periods as Fabric Convenor of our elder's duties in the late 1990's.

Church, on each occasion he remained in this important position for 12 years. It was through Jim's fastidious work that the Church building and the Halls remain in such good dedicated elders who have gained the admiration and respect condition.

Bill Sweenie, Session Clerk said that "Since their ordinations, Tom and Jim have both been hardworking, considerate and dedicated elders who have gained the admiration and respect of all members of the congregation over the years". Both of then



Solid Rock

Solid Rock, the youth café on the High Street is approaching its 10th anniversary. It's difficult to believe we've been going for 10 years – it seems like only yesterday we were painting the place and getting it all ready for our first group of teenagers. We had a celebration on Saturday 26th of April in the café, which involved lots of pizza and cake!

We have had the privilege of seeing many young people grow up through the years and we've enjoyed chatting to them and getting to know them. We have 2 pool tables and a projector and screen on which they can watch the X-Factor etc. There is also a Nintendo Wii, board games and packs of cards. The idea is to give kids somewhere to hang out that isn't on the street. While they're in the café they aren't allowed alcohol, so for a while at least, they are safe and keeping out of mischief.... The attendance has fluctuated. The first few years were very

Thomas Reid Allan – 50 years certificate

Tom was ordained as an elder on 16th February 1964 in Burntisland by Rev Jim Monaghan. Tom was a lieutenant in the Boys Brigade in charge of the colour party, a member of the Fabric Committee for many years and retired from active elder's duties in the late 1990's.

Bill Sweenie, Session Clerk said that "Since their ordinations, Tom and Jim have both been hardworking, considerate and dedicated elders who have gained the admiration and respect of all members of the congregation over the years". Both of them still to this day, maintain an active interest in the life of the Kirk Session and of the Church, and we thank them for their loyal service and for dedicating their lives in support of the Church

busy with an average of 20 kids in every night. There was a quiet phase when those kids left and to generate some enthusiasm we decided to get the young folks to come and do a graffiti workshop and paint one of the walls. And so the 'Our House' wall came into being with the help of a professional graffiti artist. This gave the next generation a sense of ownership of the place, and before long we were busy as ever! We now see up to 30 kids every Saturday!

Although for many years the café was open on a Friday and Saturday night, it is now open on Saturday nights only. This is mainly due to volunteers giving up and moving on. There are always at least 2 adults present who have the necessary disclosures, and often 3. We are very short of volunteers, so if anyone from any of the churches in the town would like to give it a go, you'd be more than welcome. Pop in and see us any Saturday night if you're interested – it can be challenging, but also extremely rewarding.

Burntisland Over 70's Christmas TreatBy Frances Allan (Citizen of the Year)

We held our first fundraiser on Saturday 5th April a coffee morning & raised an amazing £390. Many thanks to all who supported us.

Forthcoming event Saturday 10th May Curry & Comedy evening in the Parish Church Hall tickets £15 food served from 7pm. Come along & enjoy a fantastic evening. Quiz evening 6th September watch out for adverts.



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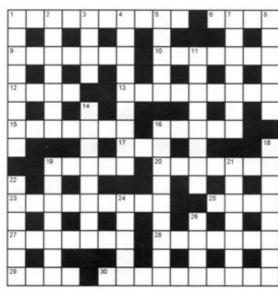
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THE PRIZE CROSSWORD



Solution to Winter Crossword

Across 1. Basketball, 6. Buzz, 9. Aggripa, 10. Hamburg, 12. Glen, 13. Furniture, 15. Rotunda, 16. Delay, 19 Theft, 20. Sandbag, 23. Stevenson, 25. Edit, 27. Elector, 28. Element, 29. Tusk, 30. Babysitter

Down 1.Braggard, 2.Segment, 3.Erie, 4.Beanfeast, 5.Lehar, 7.Uruguay, 8.Zagreb, 11.Mainline, 14.Interest, 16.Dysentery, 18.Agitator, 19.Theseus, 21.Bedrest, 22. Assert, 24. Syria, 26. Yeti

Winter Crossword Winner Mrs Norma Ross, 14 Lonsdale Crescent Burntisland.

who also spotted the deliberate spelling mistake in 9 across!

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

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Completed entries by 21st June to:

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Events Diary

MAY		
Saturday 3 rd	'Burntisland and the Forth at War' Heritage Trust exhibition opens (Saturdays only in Ma	ay) 11.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 7th	Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Caravan Park	7.00pm
Friday 9th	Community Council Meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 10th	Curry & Comedy at the Parish Church Hall –an Over 70's fundraiser	7.00pm
Sunday 11th	'Burntisland Fireworks Display' presentation by Geoff Crow Director of 21 cc Fireworks and AGM of Burntisland Events Group. Sands Hotel	3.00pm
Sunday 25th	Parents Council Summer Fare	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Sunday 25th	Sunday Strollers Seafield Towers and return - from Nethergate car park	2.00 pm
Friday 30 th	Guided Outer Heritage Trail Walk from Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate	1.30pm
Saturday 31st	MOC Lecture "Fortress Forth, 1914-18" by Geofrey Stell	11.30am
JUNE	·	
Sunday 8th	Open Day at Broomhill Gardens	2.00 - 4.00pm
Friday 13th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00pm
Friday 20th	CIVIC WEEK COMMENCES	
Saturday 21st	Coffee Morning at St Joseph's RC Church Hall	All morning
Saturday 21 st	'Burntisland and the Forth at War' Heritage Trust exhibition opens Wednesday	to Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm
	for summer season	
Wednesday 25th	Old Primary School closes for the last time	3.00pm
Tuesday 24th	MOC Lecture "D Day Landings" by Roy Johnstone	7.30pm
Wednesday 25 th	Guided Historic Town Walk from Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate	2.30pm
Thursday 26th	QUEEN'S BATON RELAY passes through the town	????
Friday 27 th	Guided Outer Heritage Trail Walk 1.30pm from Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate	2.30pm
Sunday 29th	Sunday Strollers - The Binn from Burntisland Golf Club Lower Car Park	2.00 pm
JULY		
Friday 11th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 19th	Messy Church at Burntisland Parish Church Halls (free buffet lunch)	10.00 am - 12.15 pm
Monday 21st	BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES	From mid-day onwards
Friday 25 th	Guided Outer Heritage Trail Walk from Heritage Centre, 4 Kirkgate	1.30pm
Friday 25th	Bruce Morton comedy show at The Star	Evening
Sunday 27th	Sunday Strollers Dalgety Bay to Burntisland (or Aberdour)	Start 2.15 pm depending on bus times

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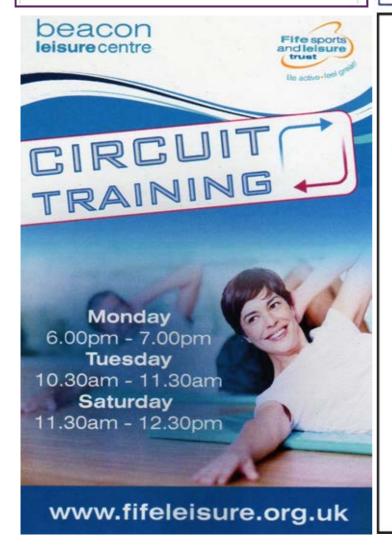
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