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Burntisland Sports Stars

Martin Wins Gold for Scotland

MARTIN Hunter, who has lived all of his 45 years in Burntisland, recently brought home a gold medal which he won at the International Bowls for the Disabled World Championships in Wellington, New Zealand where he represented Scotland. Martin's success was a culmination of many years of hard work and dedication to attain a standard which is the envy of many able bodied bowlers. Born with spina bifida which seriously restricted growth and movement in his lower right leg, Martin was introduced to the game at the age of 12 by his father at the former Aluminium Club at Collinswell. When that Club closed he transferred his allegiance to Burntisland Bowling Club where his standard of play has progressed to the extent that he has won two Scottish and three Fife singles championships in the B7 category. This category is for bowlers who have severe problems with balance but are able to stand unaided. Fairness is assured within the various categories by regular professional assessments of the bowlers' disability.



Martin was one of thirteen Scottish bowlers who took part in the World Championships between 17th and 27th February. A total of 11 countries participated and Martin deservedly won through to the knock-out phase of the singles competition by winning his last round-robin match to finish second in his section. In the semi-final he comprehensively defeated the previously unbeaten Korean bowler (21-9) to set up a final against Australia. In a much tighter contest but playing the "best bowls of his life", the Burntisland bowler emerged victorious (21-16), a tremendous achievement. Martin hopes to build on this success by securing selection for the Scottish team for the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, Australia in 2018.

Martin's achievement has done much to promote the town globally and he has been officially recognised by the Burntisland Community Council with the presentation of a congratulatory card and gift.

Local Boy Ali McLeod is to play for Scotland.

ALI who lives in Burntisland with his mum and dad and his younger brother Lewis has been selected to play Ice Hockey for Scotland.

Ali who is a pupil at Burntisland Primary School first went on the ice in January 2013 and he seemed to take to it with ease – there was no fear, and very quickly it became clear that he had a natural talent. After watching The Fife Flyers he showed interest in becoming an ice hockey player.

However he was told by the coaches he had to be serious about Ice Hockey if he wanted to join the training team; serious about training, food and nutrition, team encouragement and behaviour on and off the ice, all of which formed the total package expected. He was serious and so he joined "learn to play" at Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club. He progressed to their under 10's team, 'The Eagles', and settled well into his position of defence, playing home and away games throughout Scotland and in Sheffield. In his first year of Ice Hockey he gained the award of "best improved player" and often he achieved the accolade of "Man of the Match". In his second year he has progressed to the under 12's team, 'The Redskins'.

After gaining recognition from a Scotland ice hockey scout, Ali was invited to attend a series of intensive Scotland trials in Dumfries and eventually was selected to join the Scotland under 11's squad.

His first International game was against France at Angers on 4th April and a month later, he will play against England in Sheffield Arena.

Ali has done extremely well in a very short period of time to be chosen to play for his local team and for his country. He is fortunate to have the support of his family and significant sponsorship from local company, Briggs Marine.



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AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE BURGH BUZZ

by **Paul Briscoe, Deputy Editor**

The original Buzz was initiated by Andy & Jinti Wight-Boycott almost 12 years ago. The purpose was to serve as a written extension of the activities of both the Community Council as well as other local organisations such as churches, community groups and to serve as a forum for local issues. The Buzz lay dormant for several years, due to Andy & Jinti being out of the area. However, about 5 years ago, a new committee was formed to resurrect the magazine. Three of that committee are still very active in producing a quality, quarterly, community magazine.

For five years we have steadily improved and developed the Buzz into the professional looking publication that you are holding today. The original intention was for the Buzz to be supported by local advertising with the printing costs covered by our advertising revenue. The advertising space is strictly allocated to allow for our printing costs, plus a small contingency to cover any defaults or shortfalls in revenue. The Buzz is entirely supported and made possible by our advertisers and is delivered free to each household in Burntisland.

We receive no funding from the local council or any other body, as we are totally self - sufficient. We have recently changed our printer to a local firm based in the town and are very satisfied with the quality, service and competitive price we receive from them.

We are always looking for new blood to join our editorial committee, as well as any freelance contributions, preferably of a local nature. The development and production of the quarterly would be a great experience for any of the younger members of our community and could be a handy addition to any CV they might compile in the future.

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Community Council Bullets.....

The Community Council holds its regular meetings on the second Friday of each month at 7.00 pm in Burntisland Burgh Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend 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 two meetings is set out below.

- Lesley-Anne Cronin has been welcomed as a full member of the Community Council. One vacancy remains.
- 9 members visited the new primary school and were given a guided tour by head teacher Julie Anderson.
- Fife Council announced a new fund for the renewal and transfer of community assets, focusing on feasibility and preparatory work aimed at attracting external funding. At least £50,000 of the total fund has been earmarked for Burntisland. The Community Council has submitted a bid for funding to support widespread local consultation. It will be used to identify what local people want, what is sustainable, and how best to combine the two. Subsequent bids for funding will then focus on the commercial, architectural, social and operational feasibility of selected projects.
- An ad hoc group led by Burntisland Heritage Trust and supported by the Community Council is pursuing funds for the upgrading and interpretation of the Kirkton cemetery.
- Granite setts recovered from the High Street re-surfacing are likely to be used to upgrade the land adjoining the war memorial.
- There is a strong focus on the condition and replacement of play equipment at the East and West Links but we are awaiting a fuller report on the condition of all play equipment in the town. A public consultation will be held on 6th to 8th May.
- Historic furniture in the Burgh Chambers has been re-upholstered to match the original leather.
- A card and memento were presented to Martin Hunter to mark his success in winning a gold medal in the World Disabled Bowling Championships in New Zealand.
- The members gave broad support to a proposal to host "Live on the Links" as a music festival in future years, subject to a more detailed review of conditions. This year's event will be at indoor venues.
- The map panels at the Kirkgate and the Porte are now over 10 years old and need to be updated and replaced. The work is being led by Burntisland Heritage Trust and will be supported by the Community Council.
- Several members will work with the Heritage Trust to help ensure that new fingerpost signs will be appropriately designed and located.
- There is a major concern over parking at the railway station which is clearly inadequate for the demand and has been made worse by new restrictions at Forth Place. We will be supporting investigations into other options.
- There is unanimous support among the Community Council members for Fife Council to prevent parking on the grass at the Links and to ensure that adequate parking facilities are provided elsewhere.

Your Community Council

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

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Burntisland Buzz

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The Burgh Polis

By

WPC Michelle Murray

**POLICE
SCOTLAND**

HELLO, we are PCs Ross Masterton and Michelle Murray, your local community ward officers. Hopefully you will have seen us walking around the town.

In recent weeks we have been involved with Burntisland Primary and Nursery Schools, carrying out inputs with classes where the children can engage with us and get to see the 'friendlier side' of the police. We had a great time at the Easter Fayre held at the school and were overwhelmed with attendance from the community.

One of the current issues raised is the anti-social behaviour of youths climbing onto the roofs of some of the shops and houses along the High Street and Kinghorn Road. This is not only causing great distress to local residents but the youths are endangering themselves as a fall would lead to serious injury. Names have been provided to us and parents will be informed to try and curb this behaviour.

Parking concerns have also been raised regarding the High Street area. As you will have seen we are working with the local parking attendants to try and crack down on 'lazy parking'. There will be a 'zero tolerance approach' so please find a space in one of the many car park/ bays and just walk that extra minute or so to the shops so that you will not be caught out.

Thieves are on the make in Burntisland, recently allotments have been broken into and an air weapon stolen. Please be extra vigilant, securing all homes, outbuildings, and keeping an eye on our vulnerable neighbours. If anyone has any knowledge please contact 101.

If anyone has any concerns or issues they wish to raise here is a list of our Community Engagement Meetings which take place at 7.00 pm at the Pettycur Bay Hotel:

Monday 11th May 2015

Monday 13th July 2015

Monday 14th September 2015

Monday 9th November 2015

The summer months lie ahead of us, always a busy time for everyone, including ourselves and we hope to see you at many of the events taking place in Burntisland.

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Ross and Michelle

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Friday
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Dalgety Bay Donibristle Primary School

Monday & Thursday
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Scots Verse Trophies Presentation

ON the evening of 27th February Burntisland Community Council hosted a civic reception in the Burgh Chambers to honour the six trophy winners of the Annual Scots Verse Competition. The Council Chairman Alex MacDonald explained at the outset how the competition had originated in 1986 to commemorate the 700th Anniversary of the death of King Alexander III who was fatally injured in a fall from his horse above Pettycur sands. Over the past 29 years the competition had been extended to include pupils from Primary 1 – 6 at Burntisland Primary School, the main aim being to encourage and improve the confidence and ability of the children to speak in public.

All six winners confidently recited their pieces with feeling, gestures and facial expressions before an appreciative audience of families, friends and councillors. The poems ranged from “Cat and Mouse” by JK Annand recited by Angus Crawford of Primary 1 to the “Magic Pizza” by Alison Fitt in a very amusing presentation by Eilidh Bachelor of Primary 5. All winners were individually presented with their trophies and medals by George McLaughlan, Community Councillor and partner in local company Hanselled Books, which had sponsored the event this year. Following the presentations, everyone was invited to partake of refreshments and a sumptuous finger buffet in the adjacent Council Chamber.



Ben McElvar, Eilidh Bachelor, Kenzie Young, Darcy Crossland, Jen Wallace & Angus Crawford

Civic Reception for Community Award Winner



A Civic Reception was held in the Burgh Chambers on the evening of 6th February, to honour the 2015 Citizen of the Year, Walter Anderson. A large number of guests including former Award Winners, Community Councillors, Walter’s family and 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 since it was first presented in 1981. He further explained how difficult it was for the Community Council to come to a decision because of the quality of the nominees. However, Walter had been selected as a worthy recipient because of the dedication and perseverance which he has applied in local affairs over several decades - the local Pipe Band, the Rotary Club and the establishment of the Beacon Centre are but three local issues/organisations which have thrived over the years with considerable personal input from Walter.

In his reply Walter said he felt honoured but surprised at the award and expressed his thanks to all who had supported him over the years, particularly his close family. He expressed the hope that during the various civic engagements that he is likely to attend throughout the year, he could be joined by former recipients of the Civic Award, who remain active within the community



SPRING has sprung and FAB volunteers are as busy as ever organising for the summer ahead. Hanging baskets are ordered, the planting and watering schedule is being finalised.

FAB work already completed this year has included additional planting and gravel laying at the beach car park beds. Trees, which were donated by Starley Hall School, have been planted at the car park at the bottom of the High Street. Additional planting has been completed in the grounds of Allan Court and our notice board on the Links has had a facelift.

In conjunction with Fife Council, we have established Burntisland's first wildflower bed on the grass area beside Colinswell Road.

Our community orchard has finally been planted after almost two years. We plan to add more fruit trees and bushes year on year. This will be a legacy that FAB can leave for

A FAB Summer Ahead!

generations to come.

Fundraising efforts have been very successful this year. Our raffle raised almost £900 and we have benefited from additional sponsorship from Deveron Homes, Potter About and Starley Hall. We have also had success with our appeal letters which have included a very generous donation from Briggs Marine. All the money we raise is spent in Burntisland. Without this financial support we would not have been able to achieve all that we have to date. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us financially so far this year.

The best way to keep up to date with FAB activities is to follow us on our Facebook page.

So as the summer months beckon, FAB as ever, is praying for some warm and sunny weather. If you see us, say 'Hello'. You can't miss us in our high viz vests!

We at FAB look forward to this time of year as this is when we can really make Burntisland fabulous!



IT seems incredible to think that more than two decades have passed since the news of a search for a shipwreck first appeared in the local and national press. Where is the ferry boat that vanished in the summer storm on Wednesday the 10th July in 1633 off the coast of Burntisland? ... And what happened to its royal cargo, half a ton of silver and the riches of a king? In more recent times it is one of the longest running and most tantalising of treasure hunts. The search sparked off a huge amount of local interest and a support group was formed in the town in 1994. The mission to find the shipwreck was the stimulus for what was eventually to become Burntisland Heritage Trust. Eventually the search itself was taken over and a project team formed by the Trust.

The story of the shipwreck, the aftermath and the quest to find the wreck is brought up to date and told in a seven panel display in this year's summer heritage exhibition. This tale however is only a small part of this comprehensive display which looks at journeys over the Forth from the days of the early pilgrims to the present day and the key role Burntisland has played over the centuries. The exhibition uses over 100 images to illustrate the stories and many topics relating to battles, ill-fated romance, stormy passages, ferry crossings including the world's first roll-on roll-off ferry and of course the world famous Forth Bridges.

In addition to the display and numerous scrapbooks there is a large collection of DVDs for viewing including a time lapsed video showing progress on the new Queensferry Passage Bridge due to be opened in 2016.

Full details of the exhibition can be found on the posters displayed in the Heritage Centre windows (High Street and Kirkgate) or on the Burntisland web site at www.burntisland.net/heritage-trust.htm

OUTER AND INNER HERITAGE WALKS These free guided walks are another popular summer activity in the town. Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to Burntisland they are a must for anyone keen to learn more about the town's fascinating history. Full details in the Events Diary.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016 Over the past two decades the 10 week long summer exhibitions have displayed many different themes and topics on many aspects of the town's rich and varied heritage. However one area of interest which has not been covered has been natural heritage and we would like to address this by asking for support from anyone who has an interest in this. There are so many species and subjects that can be potentially covered, be it the rocks and landforms, the wildlife, birds, flowering plants, the fish and fauna from the summit of the Binn to the shores and depths of the Forth. For this we need your help and input now.

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

BURNTISLAND EVENTS GROUP

WANT to help with an annual Burntisland extravaganza? The Burntisland Events Group is looking to recruit new people to join its preparations for the 2015 event. The Burntisland Bonfire and Fireworks display is now one of the major events in this part of Fife. It attracts people from a wide area and provides a spectacular and professional display for children and adults. The success and survival of this landmark in the Fife event's calendar rests solely on the voluntary effort of a small group of local people who give their time and energy to plan and support it. Between July and October each year the Group meets once a month, working to ensure that all the essential

services are in place, insurance and necessary authorisations have been obtained, and volunteers recruited and trained ready to help with stewarding, car parking duties and street collection.

If you would like to know more and want to offer to help, contact Richard Perry (Events Group Secretary) or Morna Beuzeval (Chair) who would be delighted to hear from you.

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Burntisland and Flekkefjord Town Twinning Celebrates their 70th Anniversary in 2016



MOST people in Burntisland will (hopefully!) be aware that we are twinned with Flekkefjord, a small coastal town on the southern tip of Norway. The twinning arrangement began in 1946 when a representative from Norway travelled to Burntisland and persuaded the town council to set up the link.

The focus of the twinning has traditionally been on a youth exchange and over the years almost 200 young people have made the trip between the towns. Some of our early exchanges are now in their seventies and eighties and look back with many fond memories of the experience.

A rather younger participant, Bruce Stuart, owner of Food for Thought, recalls his experience:

"I first went to Flekkefjord in 1972 at the ripe old age of 11 with my brother Ron. We drove there in a mini with a tartan boot and bonnet with a saltire on the roof! We delivered a letter from our then Provost to the Mayor of Flekkefjord. We were shown round and treated wonderfully. Everyone spoke to Ron and I in English which made a huge impression on me. So much so that when I moved up to Balwearie, I decided to study Norwegian under a brilliant teacher, William Grahamslaw. I was chosen to represent Burntisland in the mid 70's and spent a couple of wonderful weeks staying with the Prestegård family. After that it was back and forth on numerous occasions culminating in me working in the Hotell Maritim for a time, which improved my Norwegian no end! I returned in the early 80's but then life sort of got in the way and the years passed far too quickly. However, I was lucky enough to return to Flekkefjord last year as a representative of Burntisland Town Twinning as part of their 17th of May celebrations. I was reunited with Bøye & Vigdis Prestegård - My Norwegian 'Mum & Dad' - and it was truly amazing. A handshake and a hug made 30+ years disappear magically; it was if I had never been away."

Next year will be the 70th anniversary of our twinning with Flekkefjord and we are planning to have a suitably fitting event to mark the occasion. A whole host of activities will be involved in Burntisland and beyond during the summer. We are primarily looking for young people in the 13–15 years age group, who can host a similarly aged guest from Flekkefjord with a view to travelling to Norway in 2017.

However, whatever your age, if you'd like to be part of this celebration and future town twinning activities, please do get in touch. Also, we are looking at setting up a stand on Parade Day during Civic Week to inspire people to get involved. So if you've been part of the exchange in the past, we'd love to hear your stories and share any photographs or mementos you may have. Contact Bruce Stuart at bruce@fairshares-shop.co.uk

MOC News by Dorothy Brankin



WE'RE putting the finishing touches to our latest exhibition – the main topic is still the First World War (a condition of the funding we received, stipulated that it should run for at least 2 years). As this year also marks the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, we felt this had to be reflected in the exhibition too.

Amazing technological advances occurred during the inter-war years, and in 'From Flanders Fields to Flying Bombs', we illustrate this progress by comparing like objects from both wars.

In WWI the mighty Zeppelin terrorised the land; it was 529 feet long and had a maximum speed of 53 mph... Only 20 years later, the far more deadly Messerschmitt 109 was a mere 29 feet 6 inches long, with a maximum speed of 398 mph! The exhibition opens on 2nd May.

JAMES CLERK MAXWELL is universally regarded, along with Newton and Einstein, as one of the greatest physicists of all time. 2015 has been declared 'The International Year of Light', to mark the 150th anniversary of the publication of his electromagnetic theory of light, on which much of modern physics is built – from radio waves to relativity, the Higgs field and the theory of gases. Maxwell showed that Saturn's rings are made of rocks and also took the first ever colour photograph – all in a life of only 48 years.

A 'Light Baton', resembling the Olympic torch has been specially commissioned (constructed by Mike Stoane Lighting,

Loanhead), and will be carried and displayed throughout Scotland, at every Science Festival. To find out more about the Museum and catch up with our latest news, visit our website:

www.mocft.co.uk



The Moderator of the Church of Scotland and MoC Chairman, Prof. Tom Stevenson, admire the Light Baton.



School News

By Carolyn Bell

IT is hard to believe that we are now approaching the end of our first school year in our new school building, and what an exciting year it has been! Over the last term we have had many big school events to celebrate together. World Book Day was hilarious when the children dressed as their favourite characters, shared our 'Remarkable Reading' and were surprised when a mysterious dragon delivered Julia Donaldson books to all. Red Nose Day was fully supported by our P7 pupils who organised a highly successful Cake Sale that had us all drooling and raised a splendid amount of money for Comic Relief. Our Spring Fair filled our giant hall space with numerous stalls and activities and raised a fantastic £2,500!

The Spring Service at the end of term allowed us to display and observe the many and varied skills that pupils have been developing. Mrs Donnachie's singing group performed 'Lean on Me' the collective talent of the group and the confidence of their soloists impressed us all. They were due to perform at the 'Glee' competition in the Rothes Halls in April. P5s performed 'Speed Bonnie Boat' which they have been studying with Suzanne Jackson from the Youth Music Initiative and it was wonderful to hear the range of percussion instruments that they have mastered during the term.

Our super P6 readers won

the Big Book Brain Quiz and as a result were awarded splendid prizes which included being "librarians for day" at Scotia books. Kiera Young, Blair Wardlaw and Callum Thompson bought books for the school based on wish lists from classes. This term, P6 had the chance to display the depth of their geographical knowledge in the Euroquiz while P7 Rotary Quiz team were excited to have won through to the next round in April.



For Mother's Day, the nursery children made, wrote and posted cards to their mums who all experienced a lovely surprise! It is planned to take the Nursery children to the beach every week during term Four.

During last term pupils participated in trips to Edinburgh Castle, The Science Centre in Dundee, Road Safety Plays and SSPCA workshops. They also took part in Cricket taster sessions, Speakers Competitions, Scots Verse presentations, Easter Egg competitions, Ardroy weeks and many more!

Primary 5s have just completed a series of golf taster sessions kindly provided by Burntisland Golf Club and many pupils are keen to take up the opportunity of lessons. P1/2F and the P1s had a visit from the community police, Michelle, Ross and Sergeant Adamson. P6s studied the causes and effects of natural disasters in the world and had a most interesting visit to RNLI Kinghorn. They were delighted to make a donation of £100 which they had raised through a sponsored obstacle course.

Next term we are all looking forward to developing our school grounds. P7 pupils have already begun work with the Ecology Centre to refurbish garden tools to use at school, and a group of P4-7 pupils have assisted with the community orchard planting in Burntisland.



.....and from the Head Julie Anderson

HERE we are entering our final term of the first academic year in our fantastic new school and under the 'New Beginnings' spring theme we are welcoming members of the public into the school to have a look around. Last term we welcomed members of the Community Council and Burntisland and Kinghorn Rotary Club members and partners for two evenings of guided tours and if any other local clubs or organisations wish to have a guided tour, then they are most welcome to get in touch with me at school to have something arranged.



We are hoping that we see many community members and past pupils throughout our open evenings so please make sure you get a ticket from the school office in plenty of time.

As part of our open evenings we are encouraging a Book Giving Legacy. When we left Ferguson Place we gifted a thousand Rowan trees to our visitors and we feel this has the same feel to it but leaving the legacy inside the school rather than around the town! As part of this, members of the community and anyone who visits are encouraged to donate a book to our library. We feel if everyone is to choose a favourite book they have and gift it to us, it will enhance our library no end as well as ensuring that the children have a wide range of different texts and authors to enjoy. Each book gifted will have a label of dedication inserted in it where you are invited to leave your name, date and reason for gifting your chosen book. If people are unsure which book to gift, we will be having a book stall on the night so that books can be purchased and then gifted. It's a way of everyone in the community having the chance to leave their mark in our wonderful new school.

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(Cont'd) We welcomed an enormous turn out to our Spring Fair, organised by our incredibly supportive Parent Council and a tremendous £2,500 was raised which will go towards playground developments. Our outside areas are very much a 'work in progress' but last term has seen plans coming together and into next session we should see our playground and garden areas really take shape.

We have also undertaken work on the vision for the school and what our shared values are. This work was undertaken by an independent Education Officer who spent time with parents, children and staff to gather together our common thoughts. Set out below is the vision we will strive towards and we will ensure that the values running through these themes become embedded in all we do.

Vision and Values

In Burntisland Primary School we aspire to achieve the highest quality learning and teaching that will ensure all learners achieve their full potential.

Our pupils feel nurtured, safe, happy, healthy, included, respected and responsible and we will achieve this through fostering excellent relationships between staff, pupils and parents.

We strongly believe that learning is a shared achievement and we are committed to developing our partnership with parents and linking with other partners and organisations to give our pupils a range of experiences and outcomes to enhance learning across all aspects of life.

We strive to encourage a participative culture in which children have a clear voice and where they are encouraged to be responsible citizens, showing respect for themselves and others.

We have four key themes for our values and vision for the school;

Burntisland Primary School Feels;

Inclusive, welcoming, friendly and safe. All members of the school experience a genuine sense of belonging. The school is a vibrant part of the wider community in which it is situated.

Burntisland Primary School Values;

Respect for each other and for the school. We should be confident, hardworking and act responsibly.

Learning in Burntisland Primary School;

The school is an exciting place to learn. Learning is fun, enjoyable, stimulating and inspiring. Learning poses challenges but support and team work helps everyone make progress.

Relationships in Burntisland;

All members of the school community act fairly, they are supportive and caring. Difficulties are addressed openly and honestly and issues resolved through discussion.

Kids Gardening Club

INTRODUCE your children to the wonders of gardening the Broomhill Community Garden Kids Gardening club - bring them along to the Broomhill Community Garden Kids Gardening club?

It runs on Tuesdays (starting Tuesday 14 April) from 3.30 – 4.30pm each week and is aimed at children under 7 (although older children are welcome).

This year the plan is to grow lots of fruit, vegetables and wild flowers. Over winter the community garden planted fruit trees and bushes so they're hoping for a bumper crop this year.

In 2014 the garden built a bug hotel as part of an ecosystem project and there are plans to expand on the hotel this year to learn more about insects, pollination, habitats and conservation. There's also a fascinating worm farm which children enjoy observing with magnifying glasses.

The kids gardening club recognises that learning can be fun and each Tuesday there is something different to do including cooking classes, craft projects, games and treasure hunts.

Gardening has long been recognised as a good way to keep fit, enjoy the fresh air and take part in an activity that

connects us to the world around us – it's a great environment for children and adults to learn about nature, so drop in one Tuesday and find out for yourself how you or your children can get involved.

The biggest day in community garden calendar will be the Broomhill Community Garden Open Day on 7 June (2-4pm), when the whole town is invited to visit – there will be produce for sale, storytelling, cakes, plant sales, games and loads more fun is being planned.

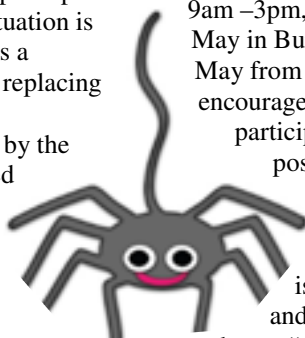
This is a great way to find out more about the community garden and help raise funds to continue with this fantastic community initiative.



Spider Playpark Consultation By Morag Douglas

BY now people will have noticed that most of the play equipment in the West Links play park or "spider park" has reached the end of its usable life. Sadly the situation is that rightly or wrongly, Fife Council no longer has a budget to provide play equipment and will not be replacing these items.

As a result of this, a group has been set up by the Community Council and involving other interested parties to replace the equipment and also to introduce accessible play equipment to both ends of the links. This is still at an early stage but is now beginning to move forward. A public consultation has been set up to see what sort of play equipment our children would like to have to



play on and this will take place over three days in May. The dates are Wednesday 6th May at Burntisland Primary School 9am – 3pm, mainly for children and parents, Thursday 7th May in Burntisland Library, all day 'til 7pm and Friday 8th May from 6-7 pm in the Burgh Chambers. We would encourage as many people as possible to come along and participate so that we can provide the best play park possible for the children of the town.

Once the consultation is complete we will then be able to draw up plans and costings and from there start to apply for funding. Unfortunately it is not going to happen overnight but it is happening and in the future we will have a new and hopefully better "spider park" to be proud of.



Civic Week



OUR volunteer group is now in its fourth year under the leadership of Morna Beuzeval, and looking to build on the success of recent years. The committee has been hard at work planning this year's programme of events, which take place from Friday 19th to Sunday 28th June. A wide variety of activities make up the 10-day programme - with live music, comedy, children's activities, sport and more - there should be something for everyone!

As ever we are grateful to the local companies who make Civic Week possible by providing financial contributions. New sponsors this year include Deveron Homes, Scott Timber and Keystore. Thanks also go to Briggs Marine, BiFab and Fife Council who have once again donated to help fund the events. The theme for this year's Parade Day is "The Circus" - we're looking forward to seeing the imaginative costumes that our local groups and individuals will come up with! Stewart Paton and Renee Davies will be crowned as the 2015 Summer King and Queen at the Parish Church, before leading the parade along the High Street. We hope the run of good weather during Civic Week continues - fingers crossed for sunshine in June!

Some of last year's highlights return and include the Sandcastle competition, Potter About's Open Mic' night and the ever popular Des and the Dingoes at The Star. The hilarious Billy Kirkwood will join us to headline our comedy event at the Jubilee Tavern. For the Civic Week Dance, local bands Funk Soul Other and Strait Jakit (tbc) will perform at the Music Hall on the second Saturday.

During the week we have Darts, Dominoes and Civic Week quiz competitions all taking place. Burntisland Heritage Trust will provide guided walks around the town, alongside their exhibition "Crossing the Forth". We're also pleased to add new events to our calendar. These include Lazy Yoga taster sessions, kids rugby, a bike adventure trail, Toll Centre BBQ and bingo at the Jubilee Tavern.

Look out for more details in the Civic Week programme leaflets, which will be delivered to every household at the beginning of June and keep up to date by visiting our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/BurntislandCivicWeek - where we'll be posting news and photos from the events. You can also let us know your thoughts on Civic Week by contacting the committee via email: burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com

Civic Week Diary

Friday 19th June

- 3.00-4.00 pm Shop window competition.
- 7.00-9.30 pm Battle of the Young Bands at the Music Hall.

Saturday 20th June

- 9.00 am Potter About ceramic painting (tbc).
- 11.00 am Burntisland Heritage exhibition - "Crossing the Forth" opens.
- 12.30 pm **CROWNING OF THE SUMMER KING AND QUEEN AT THE PARISH CHURCH**
- 1.00-3.30 pm Parade along the High Street, Party on the Links hosted by Kingdom FM.
- 6.00-11.00 pm Summer King & Queen Disco - hosted by Rosie's disco at Burntisland Parish Church Halls.
- 8.00 pm Adult comedy night (over 18s) at the Jubilee Tavern, featuring Billy Kirkwood and A-Z Improv. Comedy.

Sunday 21st June

- 10.00 am 5-a-side football tournament, hosted by Burntisland Shipyard.
- 1.30 pm Bowling competition at Burntisland Bowling Club.
- 3.00-6.00 pm **DES & THE DINGOES AT THE STAR**

Monday 22nd June

- 7.00 pm Burntisland Sailing club races at the Breakwater.

Tuesday 23rd June

- 10.00-8.00 pm Chinese massage taster sessions at Lazy Yoga, High Street.
- 3.30 pm Bike adventure trail at the Toll Park (tbc)
- 6.15 pm BASC Civic Week sprints at the Beacon Leisure Centre.

- 8.00 pm Dominoes competition (over 18s) at the Crown Tavern.

Wednesday 24th June

- 2.30 pm Inner Heritage Walk - guided tour around Burntisland's historic landmarks - sets off from the Heritage Centre.
- 3.30 pm After school story (primary 1-3) at Burntisland Library.
- 7.30 pm Potter About open mic night, including buffet supper and local musicians.

Thursday 25th June

- 3.30 pm Sandcastle competition on the Beach
- 7.00 pm Food For Thought Civic Week dinner (BYOB).
- 8.00 pm Darts competition (over 18s) at the Silver Tassie.
- 9.00 pm Civic Week quiz (over 18s) at Burntisland Sands Hotel.

Friday 26th June

- 1.30 pm Outer Heritage Walk - extended 3 hour guided tour around Burntisland - sets off from the Heritage Centre.

Saturday 27th June

- 10.00 am-12 noon Messy church at Burntisland Parish Church Halls.
- 1.00 pm Treasure hunt at the Beach.
- 8.00 pm Civic Week Dance (BYOB) at the Music Hall - featuring live music from *Funk Soul Other* and *Strait Jakit*.

Sunday 28th June

- tba Kids Rugby taster sessions, run by Kirkcaldy Rugby Club (tbc).
- 7.00 pm Bingo night at the Jubilee Tavern.

Summer King and Queen Announcement

SUMMER is on its way, and with it comes the announcement of the 2015 Summer Queen and King and their Party. At a successful fundraising disco in March the headteacher of Burntisland Primary School, Julie Anderson, revealed the royal party:

Summer Queen - Renee Davies.

Summer King - Stewart Paton.

First Attendant - Holly Gordon.

Second Attendant - Rebecca Thomson.

Queen's Trainbearers - Callum Paton & Bailey Howarth.

King's Trainbearers - William Smart & Josh Holmes.

Flower Girls - Fern Kelly & Chloe Simpson.

Posy Girl - Olivia Robertson

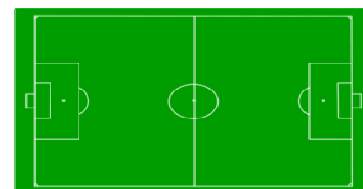


The Royal Line-up

Many thanks to those who attended the disco, and helped get Civic Week celebrations off to a good start. Special thanks to the Davies family, Kirsty Bett and family plus Rosie's Disco. The Royal Party look forward to joining the Circus themed parade on 20th June!

Sports Facilities on Track!

By Gillian Lowe



BURNTISLAND Sports Group are delighted to report that building works on the long awaited outdoor pitch facility are due to start on 20th April. It is expected that this work will take 12 weeks to complete and a provisional opening date for the new pitches of 3rd August has been suggested.

A meeting has been arranged to look at the allocation and booking arrangements of the astro turf pitches and any clubs interested in gaining a booking should contact the Beacon leisure centre. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) facility will be open to all, be free to use and suitable for sports such as tennis and basketball.

This exciting development will be a great asset to the town and will put Burntisland on the map as a place to visit for sport.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the Sports Group (Ron Edwards, Ralph Watson, Bob Smith, John Russell, Tim Hailey, Mark Lindsay, Councillors George Kay and Susan Leslie) for their dedication and commitment to this project.

I would also like to give special mention to Gordon Ritchie who was a member of the group from its formation but sadly passed away before seeing the project completed. Gordon was very enthusiastic about developing sports facilities in Burntisland and would have been delighted to see this project come to fruition.



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Burntisland Golf House Club

By Alistair Maxwell

THE 2015 season kicked off with a bang on Saturday 28th March when the Captain's team narrowly defeated the Vice Captain's team in the traditional season opening event.

Our new member offer with a subscription of just £375 has proved to be very popular and as we enter the third and final year of this deal, we have so far, welcomed over 200 new members to the club. This has ensured the well-being of the club for some years to come and enabled us to invest in some badly needed maintenance on the clubhouse and locker areas. If anyone fancies joining us here at BGHC then contact me on 01592 874093 or info@burntislandgolfhouseclub.co.uk

We are keen to encourage more **lady golfers** to join us here at BGHC, and with that in mind, we have a special trial membership offer. Ten rounds of golf plus three lessons from

our local professional for just £125 and if full membership is taken up, the £125 will be credited against the normal subscription. If interested, contact as above please.

The club continues to develop as a real community asset and during 2014 we hosted several charity fundraising events for local organisations, so even if you are not a golfer, why not become a Social Member and come along to see what we have to offer in terms of social and charitable facilities.

Despite the attraction of computer games, we continue to attract and encourage junior golfers to the club and we have an excellent partnership with the local primary school. One of our local professionals has been coaching 90 P5 pupils with a 12 week block finishing before Easter holidays. We have put together a flyer offering further coaching at the club starting in April for those children interested in taking up the game.

We also have equipment from ClubGolf – plastic hazards and holes etc and we plan to set up a mini course at the school for their last school session and are looking at doing something similar at the school sports day.

All we need now is decent weather for our season!



Swimming Club Success

By Olive Grayson

WE have had a very successful start to 2015 with many of our swimmers achieving Personal Bests whilst taking part in a variety of meets including the Novice and Fife Leagues, which are held in Glenrothes. Last year, one of our best ever, the 9/U Girls and Boys and 10/12 Girls teams were Novice League winners and 13/14 Boys team were Fife League Winners.

Catherine Comrie in a commendable effort, competed in the 50m back, 100m fly and 100m breaststroke in the Scottish National Age Group Meet in Aberdeen. Twenty seven of our swimmers attended a most enjoyable swim camp in St Andrews from 6th - 9th April. This experience has increased confidence and will reap rewards in this year's Novice and Fife Leagues which commence on Sunday 26th April and Sunday 17th May respectively.

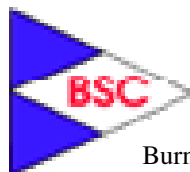
As well as taking part in the Civic Week Parade, we are staging three events in support of Civic Week. On Friday 15th

May we are holding a family Ceilidh in the Parish Church Hall. Tickets are available from members of the committee. Cost is £6 each or £20 for a family of 4.

On Sunday 21st June we are having a "Skins" Competition in which swimmers have their stroke picked randomly out of a hat. The slowest swimmers are eliminated in each round and this event is great fun compared with the normal competitive races. We will also run a fun race for the younger swimmers. On Tuesday June 23rd we will be staging the Civic Week Sprints which involve the whole club. Backstroke and Freestyle are the 2 strokes that we run for this event.

On Saturday 15th August we are planning a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park financed using money saved when the pool has been closed.

If anyone is interested in joining the Swimming Club there are still spaces in most lanes. We meet on Tuesday and Sunday evenings at the Beacon and also have a masters section. Come and see us if you would like to join or contact the secretary at bascenquires@hotmail.com



Burntislanders push the boat out....to Norway by Sarah Price

SAY 'Norway' to the average person and their imagination may float to visions of Vikings, forests and fjords. Or perhaps, to the convoluted thrills of their favourite cult Norwegian TV drama. People of Burntisland have extra links with our closest neighbour to the east through the Burntisland-Flekkefjord twinning project (see page 7 in this month's Buzz) which next year celebrates its 70th anniversary.

To celebrate and mark the connection, a small flotilla of yachts from Burntisland Sailing Club is planning in 2016 to reverse the track across the North Sea taken by the early invaders. However, unlike the Vikings, whose arrival may have caused fear and mayhem, the modern flotilla will sail strictly in a spirit of peace and friendship.

One of the yachts planning to make the passage is the 30ft 'Sonas' jointly owned by 2 locals, both brought up in the town. Gordon Alder and Martin Birrell are already preparing for the voyage. Gordon first proposed the idea over a year ago. 'Planning is incredibly important for the success of this trip' says Gordon, 'making sure the yacht is safe and seaworthy and that we are properly provisioned for the crossing, which we estimate will take about 3 days'.

One thing that cannot be anticipated too far in advance however, is the weather. Gordon added, 'When the time comes we will try and pick a suitable window, when the wind will be most favourable, neither too much of it, nor too little'. Modern yachts are considerably more wind-efficient than the old Viking longships. But for both new and ancient sailing vessels alike, it remains a challenge when the wind dies completely. 'Unlike the Vikings, you can be certain that we won't be getting the oars out when the wind drops!' says Martin. 'These days, at the heart of many a sleek yacht is a thumping great diesel engine'.

Burntisland Sailing Club and yacht moorings are situated at the entrance to Burntisland harbour. Visitors are welcome at the clubhouse on Monday and Friday evenings during the sailing season, May to September.

Website: www.burntislandsailing.org.uk



Burntisland Shipyard A.F.C. Funding Appeal.

By **Andrew Beveridge**

THE Shipyard are continuing to make progress in their East of Scotland League adventures under their new management team comprising three well-known Burntisland football devotees – Alex Lowe, Neil McLeod and Tommy Roxburgh.

A thriving youth set-up, under the watchful eye of David Costello, continues its success with over 100 children taking part in the various age groups, coached by dedicated local volunteer mums and dads.

The club also has an association with Fife schools and this year will see us hosting the under-14 cup final on 28th April. Recent improvements have seen the construction of a new stand and dugouts and attention has now turned to the Changing Facilities.

As football squad sizes have continued to increase, the Club's current changing facility struggles to accommodate them and plans have been prepared and approved for the necessary extension and alterations. The Club has successfully sourced considerable financial support towards the project but there remains a shortfall, preventing the project from being given the go-ahead.

This appeal is to encourage anyone who might wish to help the Club at this time to do so. We are keen to encourage all members of the public, local residents and businesses to contribute to our appeal and would welcome any notice of interest - we have a number of sponsorship initiatives available.

We also know that there are a great many ex-players out there who still treasure their memories of playing with the Club and we would welcome any contribution that they might wish to make at this time – either as individuals or by encouraging their employer's support.

Any contributions will be used solely for the club to further improve its facilities. This work will enable us to meet the exacting demands of the Scottish Football Association, ensure that Burntisland continues to proudly boast a team that has been a full member of the Scottish Football Association since 1929, safeguarding that part of Burntisland's heritage and also help preserve the memory of the famous Burntisland Shipbuilding Company.

We invite everyone to visit our website – www.burntislandshipyard.co.uk – where more information on the Club and contact details can be found.

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Let's Clean Up The Town !

THERE'S an infection in this town that affects each and every one of us as we go about our lives. It lies in wait for us in the busiest places – along our most used walking routes, at bus stops, on the way to school, along the High Street and all around our parks and green spaces. Should you come into contact with this infection (which is very easy to do – especially for kids) it can stick to your shoes, be smeared onto your clothes and can be dragged through your house. It smells disgusting and is very hard to get rid of. It can give you a sore throat or a stomach ache and in some cases cause blindness or asthma.

The infection is dog's dirt – and, according to many - Burntisland is covered in it !!

Many disgusted and frustrated residents have pleaded with the Buzz to highlight the problem and examine ways to eliminate it.

So what are the main issues with dog's dirt? Apart being disgusting - it can be dangerous if picked up, a ball can roll through it, a shoe can be pulled off that stood in it, kids can roll through it when they're playing, your own pets can run through it and bring it into your house. Cleaning it up is a horrible job but what if it contains Roundworm eggs?

Toxocara canis is a roundworm found in dogs and their eggs live in dog's dirt. The toxins from these eggs cause the main problem but also, they can stay active in soil and on other surfaces for many years – long after the dog mess has worn away.

We questioned Burntisland residents about it and 100% of them had been affected in some way. A mum of three young children, told of dirt being trampled into brand new carpets after a dog had fouled right outside her garden gate and all three children had trampled through it. Another ended up with it all over her hands after pulling off her child's wellies. Others talked of frequently stepping in dog poo and not finding out until it was too late. One local business owner described having to clean dog dirt up from the street to avoid customers bringing it in with them.

One dog owner questioned why people don't train their dogs to do their business in the gutter, so that people can avoid stepping in it. Another felt that most dog owners were responsible and often picked up not just after their own dogs but also cleaned up after others. One owner carried extra dog waste bags to distribute to people who were without but cautioned that advising people about cleaning up their dog's mess could lead to confrontation.

Around the town, there is a strong sense that it is a minority who don't care whether people trample in their dog's mess but people feel that the situation is getting worse and would like something to be done about it.

Our contact at Fife Council confirmed that in 2014, 56 fixed penalties ranging from £40 to £500 were issued across Fife but none of these were in Burntisland. In the same year, the Council received 36 complaints from Burntisland residents but there was never enough information provided for penalties to be issued. Many people suggested that there are not enough



bins along some of the worst affected residential streets. A

Council spokesman intimated that bins could be requested in badly affected areas and reminded us that any bags can be used now – not just the red ones.

If you are fed up and want to complain, the Council can help in four different ways – they can:

- Discuss more bins in residential areas;
- Patrol 'hot spots' – under cover if need be;
- Clean up individual piles of mess;
- Start legal proceedings on dog owners who don't scoop.

They can't do any of this without information. If you know there's a time of day in a certain area that is always being fouled – tell the Council. If you give them

the details of the mess, they can clean it up. If you've witnessed someone walking away from their dog's mess and you can give a description and details on the person (and/or the dog) then they can start to take action.

School initiatives also have been very successful – teaching the children about the habit means they'll take the messages home to mum and dad. Burntisland Primary School ran a small poster campaign to draw attention to the problem and their posters were displayed throughout the town.

Community groups, schools and businesses in towns and villages throughout Scotland have run successful campaigns to raise civic awareness and instil a sense of pride in their environment to help eradicate the problem. In Portobello, they have even sprayed the offending mess pink to draw attention to the problem.

You can view some examples at the Keep Scotland Beautiful website and take the pledge to do your bit to clean up after your dog. You can register any community events or initiatives to be part of a Scotland wide network of people wanting to take pride in their streets once more.

www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/dog-fouling

One thing everybody agrees on is that the problem is worse in winter when it is dark with less people about. As we head into summer, with so much going on it can be easy to forget just how bad dog fouling can get and how unhappy it makes us all. But it might also be the perfect time and opportunity to join forces and take action to eliminate dog dirt once and for all from Burntisland streets and public open spaces.

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We wish to apologise to all for the upset/confusion we have given everyone.

But Clarke and Valerie are back...

This month in April sees the hotel facing a massive make-over, new features starting too –

Our QPP (quiz, pie and a pint) night, starting on Thursday 30th April, hosted by Hannah.

The soothing sounds of Darren McElvar can be heard on Friday 1st May.

Wishing everyone involved for Civic Week the best of luck.

We're hosting the Quiz Night on our QPP night on Thursday 25th June.

Market Day on 20th July, follows the massive take-over of pipers arriving on Saturday, best of luck to them.

Weather dependant, we are hoping to have BBQ's in July/August but you'll all have to follow us on Facebook – The Burntisland Sands Hotel, Twitter - @sandshotelx and Instagram – Burntisland Sands Hotel.

So watch the make-over taking place, all the news, events etc.



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WHEN Kathryn & Rankin Bell took ownership in 1986, the Kingswood Hotel offered a restaurant with 4 letting rooms. Today the hotel now employs between 25 & 30 staff, has 15 bedrooms, the popular Alexandria Suite, Canmore Suite and Conservatory. Possibly best

known as a wedding venue, over the last quarter of a century literally hundreds of couples have celebrated their Special Day at the Kingswood. The stunning views and the hotel's 'Secret Garden' created in 2003, beautifully compliments its tranquil setting.

While busier with passing trade in the summer, it is the year round local support which it receives that has enabled the hotel to extend and thrive over the years, perhaps reflected in

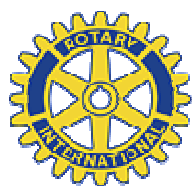
the £12,000 proudly raised for Kinghorn Lifeboats since 2012.

In recent years the hotel has placed a greater emphasis on developing strong environmental practices culminating in the major investment of installing a Biomass boiler last year. Always looking to move forward, as well as a partial refurbishment of the Alexander Suite, 2015 will see a major upgrade of the restaurant, including the introduction of new menus, all due for completion by May. Watch this space!

The Kingswood is also one of those select local enterprises which has supported the Burgh Buzz through advertising since the first issue over 17 years ago. Without this loyal support the Buzz would not be possible in its present format.



The Kingswood Hotel



Burntisland and Kinghorn Rotary Club

IN January some 50 Rotarians and partners attended a formal Burns Supper at the Kingswood Hotel. The guests were entertained by the winners of the Club's Burns competition; Blair Petrie from Burntisland Primary School with his recitation of Tam O' Shanter and Hannah Williamson from Kinghorn Primary School who recited Willie Wastle.

The Club sponsored two events at the Fife Festival of Music held in January and in February, the local heat of the Primary School quiz was very closely contested by all taking part, the ultimate winners by 3 points being, Burntisland Primary School, Team 1. Burntisland will go on to represent our Club at the Area Final which is being held this year at Burntisland's fantastic new school on 29th April.

March has been a busy time for the Club which included a vocational visit to the new Primary School – a most enjoyable and informative visit thanks to Head Teacher Julie

Anderson and members of the Parent Council who gave up their time to show us around.

Our President's wife, Irene McKinnon organised a ladies night to support the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS). The event took place at Burntisland Golf Club on 18th March when guests were entertained to a fashion show with a difference. All the clothes being modelled came from the CHAS shops in Dunfermline and were available for sale. The evening was a great success with £2,760 being raised.

Rotary Rambles will resume in April with three P5 classes each doing two designated walks – The Binn and the Monks Walk. .

Future Events:

The annual Plant sale/coffee morning will take place at Kinghorn Church Hall on Saturday the 9th of May from 10 am to 12 noon. On Friday 22nd May the Club is organising a concert "Music in May" at the Old Kirk in Kirkcaldy. The Langtoun Singers, The Kingdom Fiddlers and two soloists from the Fife Festival of Music will provide the entertainment. Tickets (£10) can be obtained from Rotary Members.

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IN January we enjoyed a family ceilidh which was held in conjunction with the Playgroup. Ted Robinson welcomed everyone with his bagpipes. There was live music from the Kingdom Ceilidh Band, and the Andrea MacDonald School of Dance provided a brilliant display of highland dancing. Almost £600 was raised to be split between the Toll Centre and Burntisland Playgroup. Thanks to all who attended. February saw the return of our 'Mini Disco's' with Liza from Funkidz and in March we held an indoor carboot sale, a Pensioners lunch, and also showed 'Paddington' on our big screen. In the next few months we hope to have another movie afternoon, and when the summer comes in look out for our fabulous community BBQs. Keep an eye on our facebook page and local press for more information.



The Wednesday Club

Our regular programme of activities continues with youth clubs, computer classes and sports clubs. Wednesdays are busy with The Art Club and the Wednesday Club, both meeting on the second and third Wednesday of each month and we have Tai Chi Classes on Thursdays 1.45pm -2.45pm. If you would like any information about these activities please just drop in or give us a call on 872854.

Don't forget that our hall and meeting room are both available for hire. The meeting room is perfect for small groups, training sessions and committee meetings. The main

hall is ideal for parties, fund raising events and public meetings – use of the kitchen is included in the hire of the hall.

The Toll Centre is a Community Centre and is held in trust for the people of Burntisland. The Centre is run by a voluntary management committee and small number of paid staff. We are looking for new people to join our committee – we are a friendly bunch and meet once a month in the evening. If you would like to get involved or find out any information about the Centre and our activities, please drop in or give us a call on 872854.

Try our
Art
Club!



Over Seventies Christmas Treat by Frances Allan

WE kick started this year's fund raising with a Coffee Morning which although only moderately well supported, managed to raise £288.

Forth-coming fund raisers - Quiz Evening Friday 5th June 2015 at Burntisland Golf Club.

Supper / Comedy Evening Date to be confirmed.

Special note - Unfortunately our 2015 Calendar has a mistake with the month of June dates. Anyone wishing a replacement cover with the correct dates can find them in the Post Office or The Star public house.

Once again we are looking for volunteers to join our small committee. We meet monthly for 1 hour to arrange fund raising events, so if you are interested in giving up a little time to keep this long standing lunch continuing please contact us at

francesallan@btinternet.com



THE Blood Transfusion Service extends its thanks to the 94 volunteers who offered to give blood on 23rd March in Burntisland. A total of 85 donations was received which included 5 new donors.

The blood collection unit will next visit the Parish Church Hall in Burntisland on Monday 7th September - opening hours: 2.00 pm - 4.00pm and 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

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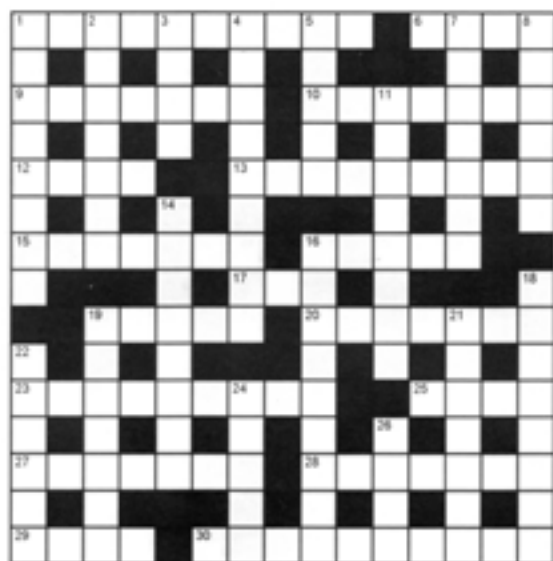
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Solution to Winter Crossword

Across 1. Lammerlaws, 6. Lamb, 9. Cardiac,
10. Aral Sea, 12. Drey, 13. Endurance,
15. Washtub, 16. Perth, 17. IDL 19. Carse,
20. Alarmed, 23. Oilfields, 25. Oslo, 27. Gringos,
28. Balmaha, 29. Moss, 30. Greenlight

Down 1. Lockdown, 2. Mercers, 3. Elie,
4. Lockerbie, 5. Weald, 7. Absynth, 8. Braces,
11. Agrarian, 14. Stirling, 16 Plausible,
18. Advocaat, 19 Collins, 21. Mustang,
22. Dodgems, 24. Laser, 26. Elul.

ACROSS

1. Teacher (10)
6. Smooth-talking (4)
9. Abbreviate (7)
10. County of E. Anglia (7)
12. Satellite (4)
13. Mostly (2,3,4)
15. Spanish princess (7)
16. Batter (5)
17. False statement (3)
19. Greenfly (5)
20. Buff cotton cloth(7)
23. French cheese (9)
25. Quintet (4)
27. Shrink slowly (7)
28. A planet (7)
29. Regular (4)
30. Evaluation (10)

DOWN

1. Inability to sleep (8)
2. Ostentatious behaviour (7)
3. Putting on the— (4)
4. People who eat people (9)
5. Commencement (5)
7. Spotted cat (7)
8. Two piece swimsuit (6)
11. Occurring often (8)
14. Finally (2,3,3)
16. Contrition (9)
18. Unseemly (8)
19. Procure (7)
21. Gourmet (7)
22. Card game for four (8)
24. Follows orders (5)
26. Primates (4)

Winter Crossword Winner: **Christine Gillan,**
Landale Gardens,
Burntisland

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE.....

Completed entries by 21st June to :

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Events Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
MAY		
Saturday 2nd	Annual Exhibition at Museum of Communication opens	All day
Friday 8th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 9th	Rotary Club Coffee Morning/Plant Sale at Kinghorn Parish Church Hall	10.00 - 12 noon
Monday 11th	Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Hotel	7.00 pm
Saturday 23rd	Coffee Morning with pancakes in the Erskine Church Hall	All morning
Friday 22nd	Rotary Club Concert "Music in May" at the Old Kirk Kirkcaldy	Evening
Saturday 23rd	Music Session with Caro Bridges at Earth Ship Visitor Centre, Kinghorn Loch.	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Saturday 23rd	"The Amazing Love Tour" Concert in Parish Church Hall	7.30 pm
JUNE		
Sunday 7th	Broomhill Community Garden Open Day	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Friday 12th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Friday 19th	28TH CIVIC WEEK BEGINS See fill programme on page 10	
Saturday 20th	Music Session with Caro Bridges at Earth Ship Visitor Centre, Kinghorn Loch.	2.00 - 4.00 pm
Saturday 20th	SUMMER KING & QUEEN CROWNING CEREMONY & CIVIC WEEK PARADE	
Sunday 28th	CIVIC WEEK ENDS	
JULY		
Friday 10th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Monday 13th	Police Community Engagement meeting at Pettycur Bay Hotel	7.00 pm
Saturday 18th	PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE LINKS	
Monday 20th	BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES	
Monday 20th	Snacks, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee in Erskine Church Hall	ALL DAY from 12.00 noon
AUGUST		
Friday 10th	Community Council meeting in Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Saturday 25th	Messy Church at Burntisland Church Hall	10.00am - 12.15pm

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EASTER week brought the churches together again for special events and services. Palm Sunday saw the annual walk around the town's places of worship, and on Easter Sunday around 70 people made it along to our early riser services (8am) on the beach and up the Binn. The mist meant our view across the town was virtually non-existent, but the atmosphere was warm and friendly. Did you notice the many wooden crosses around the town again this year?

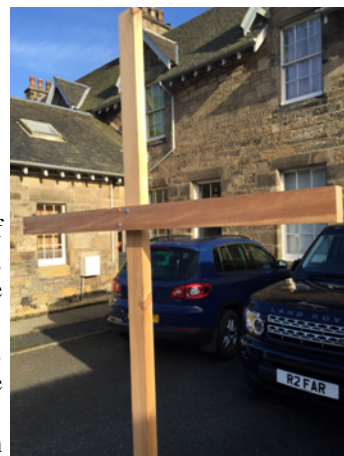
This year's **Easter Scheme project** has seen us busy collecting for the great work of Stand by Me, an organisation helping children and families in crisis locations around the world, such as Ethiopia. A small national team of leaders and young people from the United Free Church will be heading out to Africa for three weeks during this summer (www.standby.me).

The next **coffee & pancakes** is due on Saturday 23 May from 10am in Erskine halls. These events are always well-supported by people in the community, thank you for that. We look forward to seeing you again in May!

Two new elders were ordained on Sunday 26 April during **Communion Weekend**. An evening service was held on that Sunday, and there will also be one on 31 May @ 6.30pm in the halls. Please join us if you are free!

It's amazing how spring causes everything dormant to come alive again. That's true even of our town, when suddenly the Links bursts into life with the first signs of a real change in the weather. The Easter message poses this question, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" The answer given about Jesus is this, "He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24.5-6, NIV).

I trust that you'll take this message of grace and peace with God into the months ahead.



Open Doors

**Tuesday & Weds Mornings at
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HAVE you ever been in St Serf's Church on Ferguson Place? The response that most people give when they do drop in is 'Wow it is like a Tardis (from Dr Who) it is bigger on the inside than the out' or

'It is beautiful!' A good description one visitor gave was 'it is a hidden gem.'

We want to change this from being hidden to making this beautiful and spiritual space more accessible to all. So starting in May 2015 the church will be open to the public every Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 noon for those to come and experience a place of stillness and reflection- a Thin Place.

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Jesus said, "*Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?*

Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." [Matt 11:28-30](#) (Message Translation)

You are Welcome...

At St Serf's we want to enable people to experience such a thin space so our Doors are Open and all are welcome to come along every Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Coffee, tea, juice and biscuits will be available and all ages are welcome children included (colouring and picture books will be available for children). No fuss, no rituals just a place to sit to catch your breath to take a few moments to connect with God. **We hope to see you there.**



The Parish Church

ON Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church hall we are staging 'The Amazing Love Tour' concert. Clive Parnell, singer/songwriter & band will entertain. The concert is in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship. Their aircraft bring hope and help to thousands of isolated people here in

Scotland and in ten Commonwealth countries, while spreading the good news of what GOD is doing through his church. Tickets (£5.00) can be obtained from Ann Smith, Tel 01592 873994, Chapter & Verse on the High Street, or at the door. Thank you.

Ann Smith



Wildlife in your Garden

FOR those who love wildlife, spring and early summer brings a combination of excitement and nerves. This is when a lot of our garden wildlife is especially active - birds building nests, incubating eggs, finding food for their young; butterflies, bees and hoverflies visiting nectar-rich plants; hedgehogs emerging from winter hibernation

We humans become more active in spring too, and that's where the nerves come in. So often our actions harm and destroy nature, even if we don't mean to: hedge & tree cutting and ivy pulling destroy countless nests each year; slug pellets and other chemicals can lead to toxic build-up and eventual death in hedgehogs and birds, or could even poison a pet, and they kill all the little creatures that the bigger ones need to eat; replacing front gardens with slabs ruins that piece of habitat for ever, and ruins your chance of watching nature.

But don't be downhearted, there are loads of easy and quick ways to have a real positive impact. Some do cost but many are super-cheap, or even free. Here are just a few things to try: - let a patch of grass grow long and sprinkle some wildflower seeds; don't clear away all garden debris, leave piles of cuttings and deadwood; let a tree grow to maturity; build a hedgehog lodge or an insect hotel; put up nest boxes for birds, bats, bees, bugs; dig a wildlife pond; plant a native wildlife hedge or even just a few shrubs or bushes; give your cat a collar with two bells and keep it inside at dawn and dusk; and so much more. Google 'pond'/'hedge'/'nestbox' etc, along with the words 'wildlife-friendly', and endless useful guides and tips will come up. The RSPB website is a good place to start. Burntisland library has some good books.

As well as benefiting your plants (birds eat aphids & other 'pests', and they help pull moss from your lawn as they search for grubs; insects make our fruit and veg grow by pollinating our plants; hedgehogs, frogs, beetles & toads all gorge on slugs and snails every night) wildlife brings endless fascination and enjoyment. Soon you'll be hooked and discovering that the more you look and learn the more you'll want to look and learn.

In my first year in this house I've had butterflies, bees, two hedgehogs and 25 species of bird in the garden - blue, coal & great tits, house sparrow, robin, wren, blackbird, dunno, chaffinch, goldfinch, spotted



bullfinch, goldcrest, blackcap, grey wagtail, great woodpecker (so exciting!), jackdaw, carrion crow, magpie, feral pigeon, woodpigeon, collared dove, lesser black-backed gull, herring gull, sparrowhawk.

This year I'm digging a pond and planting lots of native fruit and berry-bearing hedging. I can't wait to see which other species start to appear.



You can record your wildlife sightings for science through schemes such as the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)'s weekly *Garden BirdWatch*, and the RSPB's annual *Big Garden BirdWatch*.



Have fun!

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The Ecology Centre News

WE are happy to report that the construction of our new centre building is progressing well. The foundations are down, services are in and the building structure should be in place by the end of April. All being well, a completion date looks set for July 2015 when we will once again be able to run our volunteer and education programmes from Kinghorn Loch. Happy days. The ground around the new centre is also undergoing a transformation as our trainees work to turn the area into a fantastic outdoor space for the local community to enjoy and wildlife to thrive. The views from the east side of the loch are stunning and the new grounds will greatly enhance the area.

Meanwhile, our Tool Shed projects at Kinghorn Loch and Benarty are still open for business and keen to receive donations of surplus hand tools, rakes, hoes and spades that can be refurbished, safety checked and passed on free of charge to schools, community groups and for use on our new growing

project Easy Peasy. So If you are fed up opening your shed door and stumbling over a load of old tools dig them out and give us a call on 01592 891567 or email :

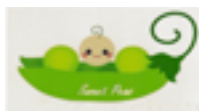
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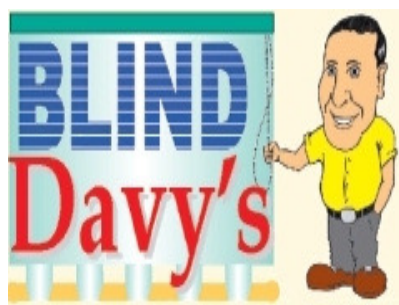
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