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Summer Scorchers for Games Day



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Swelteringly hot weather welcomed thousands of visitors and locals alike to enjoy the spectacle of the long-delayed 368th staging of the Burntisland Highland Games. The crowds thronged to the games arena, the supporting fairground and to the beach, pleasantly cooled by a gentle sea breeze.

The traditional "Exiles Reception", hosted by the Community Council and featuring local dignitaries, the Summer King & Queen, former Community Award winners and invited guests, took place in the Burgh Chambers earlier in the morning. This was attended by former Burntisland residents from as far afield as Australia, Canada, England, Germany, and even Kirkcaldy. Following the

reception, participants took part in a parade along the High Street, lined by hundreds of spectators, to the games arena, behind the impressive Burntisland & District Pipe Band.

At 12 noon the games were officially opened by the Honorary Chieftain, Tom Courts and throughout the afternoon spectators were able to enjoy sporting events including athletics, cycling and traditional Highland Games heavy events. The more sophisticated Highland Dancing also took place continuously on the stage.

Disappointingly only two local runners entered the Binn Race at 3 pm, however it is understandable given the heat on the day. The event was won by first time

entrant John Henderson, in a time of just under 32 minutes, a commendable effort in the conditions.

(On a personal note, my younger brother Jack would have welcomed such an entry in the 1967 Race, as he would have been able to boast forever that he had come second in the Binn Race!)

Throughout the day, vast numbers enjoyed the unique experience of the wide variety of activities and attractions of Burntisland Games Day.

Finally, a huge vote of thanks must go to the organising committee and to the volunteers who managed to successfully revive this event, the second oldest Highland Games in the world.



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Featuring — Local issues, organisations, events, people and more

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From the Editor

This bumper 28 page edition features the return of two very important local events - Civic Week and the Highland Games. After a two-year absence because of the pandemic, it has been absolutely crucial that they should have been revived. Thankfully, their return has been welcomed with enthusiastic participation on all fronts. However, these events could not have happened without the hard work and perseverance of the members of the two organising committees and the vast army of volunteers that they have managed to recruit. Our grateful thanks is extended to all who have helped.

This is a most significant editorial comment for me as it is likely to be my last. For an extended period of time, I have enjoyed putting the Buzz together. No longer being a resident of Burntisland, it has offered me the ability to keep in touch with former friends and residents and to monitor and report on activities and events in the town in which I was born and brought up.

However, I could not have kept the Buzz going on my own and I am indebted to the support that I have received over the years from members of my editorial team, several of whom have been with me throughout my tenure. They are too many to mention individually, but over the years they have contributed with articles, advice and direction on presentation, maintaining our website, securing and organising advertising and arranging for deliveries of the hard copy throughout the community. I extend my sincere thanks to you all.

I also offer my thanks to those individuals and organisations who regularly submit articles and to the advertisers without whose support we could not have afforded to publish and distribute the free printed version.

Finally, I extend my thanks for the support and advice that I have received from members of the Community Council, a local organisation which has achieved much for the town during my time with the Buzz.

I wish my successor every success in the future and that they will continue to enjoy the same level of support from within the Burntisland community that I have enjoyed over the last thirteen years.

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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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Community Council Bullets.....

The Community Council holds its regular meetings on the second Friday of each month, at 7.00pm in Burntisland's Burgh Chambers. **The dates for the next three meetings are 12th August, 9th September, and 14th October.**

Members of the public are welcome to attend or to raise matters of interest to them. A summary of issues raised during the last two meetings is set out below. Full minutes can also be found on the Community Council website.

- We have welcomed our newly-elected members of Fife Council and look forward to working with all of them to get the best possible outcomes for Burntisland.
- We are awaiting confirmation of progress made in seeking funding from the Levelling Up Fund for the restoration and conservation of the Burgh Chambers, with 10th July having been a critical date.
- All but 3% of the Community Council's total assets are now committed to local projects, including Christmas lights, environmental work and civic events such as the Exiles Reception, Remembrance Parade, Scots Verse competition and Community Award.
- We have attended the Big Green Market in order to help make the Community Council more accessible to members of the public. That is a practice which we are likely to continue for the foreseeable future.
- Work has started with the Community Development Trust to review the hugely successful Community Action Plan. Over time, the plan will be updated and complemented by a Local Place Plan, so that local views on all our futures will be taken into account in strategic decisions.
- A most welcome initiative from Scott Pallets enabled a community litter-pick to go ahead on 14th July, covering the Links, prom, beach and Lammerlaws.
- It's early days, but discussions are now underway about the possibility of funding from Paths for All for improved lighting and / or accessibility in the vicinity of Meadowfield path.
- NHS Fife have refused an application to open a second pharmacy in Burntisland - the third time that such an application has been refused. Given the huge support for a second pharmacy in the relevant consultation exercise, an appeal has been submitted and we await the outcome.
- The water feature on the Links has proven to be exceptionally popular - and indeed it is unique in Fife. However, it was installed in 2004 and is rapidly approaching its end of life. A short-life working group has been set up to seek input from local people to help decide on its future replacement. Google "Burntisland Splash Survey" and follow the link.
- The onset of the tourist season means that parking has again become a critical issue. We are concerned that Fife Council have been reactive rather than pro-active. We will try to identify additional parking options - including locations, restrictions and privileges - but it's a long and arduous task.

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Meet your newly-elected Fife Councillors

Lesley Backhouse

Having been your elected Councillor for the last five years, I am pleased to report that I have managed to change policy on housing, specifically using the Buy Back Subsidy provided by Scot Gov to buy back over 200 ex-council houses across Fife. The policy was originally aimed at helping homelessness but in discussion with officers and my own caseload the overcrowding of families in Burntisland and Kinghorn was very apparent. In 2019 I tweaked the policy to include buy backs of larger family homes and although we have only managed to secure two in Burntisland so far it has helped two families that were overcrowded.

I have supported a number of individuals by giving encouragement and being positive about their contribution to society. Also encouraged a number of unemployed individuals into work. Supported local business by being a regular customer and promoting them through social media and personal recommendations.



I believe that we all need to strive to make the community better by playing an active role rather than just walking by. Pick up empty bottles or cans from our public places and put them in the recycling bins. Phone Fife Council when noticing dog poo on the pavement. They work for you. Don't denigrate the efforts of others but challenge constructively that which you consider wrong and offer positive alternatives.

My top priorities are:

Adequate housing – ensuring that empty properties and plots of land provide the housing that is desperately needed in Burntisland Kinghorn & Western Kirkcaldy.

Social care that is truly joined up and follows the individual not just satisfying the provider.

Accessibility improvements at our Train stations and Beaches to encourage additional tourism and businesses into our towns.

I welcome and support all our Fife Council workers and volunteer organisations and want to get everyone working together to make here better for everyone that lives here.

It is better to text or email me as I don't see Social media posts.

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Kathleen Leslie

Over the past five years it has been a privilege to represent Ward 9 at Fife Council. From my continued support and determination to see Burntisland Railway Station fully accessible to helping people with housing applications, nursery placements and chasing up the Council about road repairs, I have listened to local concerns and priorities and will continue to do so.

One of my hopes for this Council is that we see a further decentralisation of decision-making and budget funding to the local areas. Local councillors are best placed to listen and understand what is affecting people in their area and a more devolved

approach by the Council should mean a better deal for the town and the Ward.

I have been supportive of the Council's bid to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund which in this Ward would mean money to upgrade the Burgh Chambers. If this is successful it will mean the building is accessible to all and will open up further opportunities within Burntisland.

I do not hold set times for Councillor surgeries as I appreciate everyone has different working patterns. Therefore, if you would like to speak with me then please get in touch via email or 'phone and I will arrange an appointment to meet.

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Julie MacDougall

Julie grew up in Burntisland the daughter of late John MacDougall, well known Fife Politician.

Julie went to Burntisland Primary school then onto Balwearie High School and left school to serve an apprenticeship. At the age of 18 she entered the hospitality industry moving up to St Andrews and then at 21 years old, over to Australia.

Working in travel and tourism for a number of years she worked in Italy, Canaries and Mallorca. On returning full time to the UK aged 29, she went into the property market then Estate Management whilst also returning to night School at Fife College to study Business Management in her thirties.

When her father became ill in 2006 her life took a different path. Julie later worked with Lindsay Roy former MP as

Constituency Office Manager from 2008 and also set up a Trust in memory of her late father campaigning for those affected by Mesothelioma Asbestos Cancer and continues with the campaign work.

Julie has been involved in Rotary and other



community organisations over the years in Fife. Julie's priorities for the next five years will be:

Work in partnership with local Community Council/Groups and ensure they can access the right support and funding to enhance the community.

Ensure Beacon Leisure Centre facilities are upgraded to the best standard with maximum funding.

Campaign for upgrade or replacement of Balwearie High School.

Work towards decreasing anti social behaviour/crime and aim for more police presence in our towns. and.

Continue to address any ongoing outstanding issues with fellow Councillors.

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Burntisland First Aid Services Trust

Burntisland has at least 10 public-access defibrillators, but where are they and what do they do?

The bottom line is that they save lives, but only if they are found and used quickly. In a nutshell, your heart is managed by electricity, which comes from some specialised tissue in one part of the heart. When someone's heart stops, most commonly it's an electrical problem – and it's one that can be resolved only by a defibrillator.

As an added twist, your heart is electrically active only if there is enough oxygen in it. So the whole point of doing CPR is that it gets fresh oxygen to the heart, keeping it electrically active for longer. It's then more likely that the defibrillator will work once it's brought to the scene. Basically, CPR buys time.

How much time? All the evidence from around the world shows that survival from cardiac arrest drops by 10% with every minute's delay in delivering a shock from a defibrillator. So, after 10 minutes the chances of survival are about 10%. CPR can extend that significantly, but only if it's performed early and continuously.



Speed is of the essence. Statistics from Australia are very helpful. They show that the overall survival rate from cardiac arrest was 29% when the first shock was given by a paramedic answering an emergency call. However, when the first shock was given by a bystander who used a public-access defibrillator, the survival rate nearly doubled to 56%.

So what can you do? Firstly, it's vital to learn the essentials of CPR. Any kind of CPR is better than none, but anyone who is trained and able should certainly do both chest compressions and ventilations if they know how and if there is no risk from Covid-19.

Secondly, know where your nearest defibrillator is. Using it is easy. If there's a green button then press it to switch it on. The machine will then talk you through what to do if you're at all uncertain. But whilst you're listening, keep up the chest compressions – it just buys that little bit extra time.

Where are these life-saving machines? Most of them are shown on the map, with those in green available 24/7. There's one outside the High Street Co-op – the first of five which were placed in the local area by our organisation.

The others were placed by different organisations, all with public benefit in mind. Those for which we are responsible include: LDL Gas (High Street), the Sands Hotel, the Primary School, and the Kirkton (opposite the Jubilee Tavern).

There are others at the Sailing Club, inside the Beacon Leisure Centre, the Parish Church Halls, the Golf Clubhouse, Amanda's Podiatry, and an additional one inside the High Street Co-op. The RNLI Lifeguards also have one when on duty at the beach.

Perhaps there are more that I don't know of? If there are then I would strongly urge the owners to register their defibrillator with The Circuit at www.thecircuit.uk, so that Scottish Ambulance Service call handlers can direct someone there in an emergency. Once registered, you'll receive a prompt every month asking you to confirm that the battery and pads are all in good order.

Even when you're out and about, it's reassuring to know that others have your interests literally at heart. Every ASDA and Tesco has a defibrillator, as do an increasing number of other shops and offices. However, do remember that the first (and essential) step is effective CPR. If you need tuition, then my colleagues and I will be happy to help.

Alex MacDonald, Chairman
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Welcome to the latest edition of The Burgh Polis. I am **PC Trevor Farley**, and along with my colleague **PC Stuart Kinnes** we have seen a marked change this quarter compared to the last time we have been in the Burgh Buzz.

This has been a change for the better now that restrictions have been finally lifted in relation to Covid-19. PC Kinnes and I have taken as much advantage of this opportunity as our role allows.

Whilst facing the challenging circumstances of working from the busiest station in Fife and the number of abstractions that brings, we've been able to introduce our Community Policing Surgery the first of which was held in the Toll Community Hub on Burntisland High Street in June.

The Surgery was advertised around the town and the turnout was promising with a

The Burgh Polis

lot of interesting queries raised by residents of both Burntisland and Kinghorn. A massive thanks to Yvonne from the Hub for allowing us to use the Hub and a big thanks to the staff for keeping it open when we've been in.

Our next community surgery is scheduled for Thursday 25th August at 10-11am.

We are fully aware that the Fair has returned to Burntisland Links for the summer but it has not had an effect on the number of calls made to the Police.

We are seeing an increase in youth disorder calls due to the better weather coming in. However, these are not to levels that we've seen in previous years. As always these will be dealt with timeously.

As always, we will take this opportunity to remind the public that there are various ways of reporting crime.

Where persons are looking to remain anonymous, information can be provide via Crimestoppers using the details below:

Website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org
Telephone: **0800 555 111**

When reporting crime to the Police, the public can use 101 to report non-emergencies, 999 to report emergency situations and of course the email address below in order to contact us with concerns which are not ongoing at the material time:

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The Big GREEN Market Burntisland

£10,000 raised by the Big GREEN Market in its first year

This past year has surely been the fastest yet! It feels like only a few months have gone by since our small steering group sat down in the sunshine and sketched out some plans for the first-ever Big GREEN Market back in July 2021.

Back then, we hoped the two lockdowns and years of being stuck at home meant Burntisland residents had a few bags of pre-loved goods they'd like to donate to get our first market off the ground.

We had NO idea what would follow. But we should have, really.

Burntisland proves itself time and again as being a community-spirited, generous and positive town. For decades we've come together to solve problems, help folk out and figure out new ways to keep our environment clean, tidy and healthy. Pretty much everything the Big GREEN Market stands for!

So to celebrate our first birthday, we thought we'd share some Big, GREEN numbers with you so you can help us celebrate our first birthday!



Community groups so far...

We've had the pleasure of helping to raise funds for a range of groups and charities:

- Burntisland Community Development Trust
- Primary school playground
- Local foodbank
- Floral Action Burntisland
- Over 70s Christmas treat
- Burntisland Harbour Access Trust
- Burntisland Playgroup
- RNLI Kinghorn
- Cornerstone Community Cafe
- Burntisland Out of School Service (BOSS)
- Burntisland & District Pipe Band
- Central Burntisland Tenants & Residents Association

If you have a group or charity you'd like extra funding for, get in touch and we'll take you through the application process.

Big GREEN Market - the wider impact

When we first started our pre-loved markets we had no idea how much impact they would make on individuals who come along every month and the whole community at large. It wasn't until we started to work out our savings for our end-of-year review that we realised how far the Big GREEN Market goes.

It's been an incredible experience for all of us on the steering group. We have enjoyed coming together as a group to build the BGM into something that gives back to the community in such a big way. It just shows you what can be achieved when people work together - and we are so grateful to everybody who helps us along the way.

A big thank you (always) goes to our incredible team of volunteers who give up so much of their own time to lend a hand. And a special mention to Rosanna who helped us in the early days of the BGM, and to the heroes who responded to our plea on Facebook when we were running low on helpers for our July market. It's so good to see how many people want the Big GREEN Market to be a success.

So at the end of a very busy, really positive first year, we'd all like to raise a glass and say a huge thank you for helping this happen. To the Parish Church Halls for helping with the venue, the Burgh Buzz for

including our articles, to everyone who shares our posts, tells friends about us, donates pre-loved items, visits the market, grabs a bargain, books a craft stall, volunteers their time or joined our FB group or liked our page. Together, you helped us raise over £10,000. It's a massive achievement and we're so delighted to be able to carry on and work hard to raise even more money for this brilliant town and the great people in it.

Coming up next...

We'll be setting up in the Parish Church Halls at East Leven Street on the first Friday (12-4 pm) and Saturday (10 am-1 pm) of every month for the rest of the year.

5/6 August—The Wednesday Social Club

2/3 September—Burntisland Scout Group

7/8 October—Christmas lights fund

4/5 November—Burntisland Youth Theatre

2/3 December—Burntisland Girlguiding

If you'd like to get involved as a volunteer or a stallholder, email us on biggreenmarket.burntisland@gmail.com or message us via [facebook.com/BurntislandGreenMarket](https://www.facebook.com/BurntislandGreenMarket)



Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 4th June, Rankin Funeral Directors organised an afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was a free event and was so popular two sittings had to be made to accommodate all who wished to attend.

Sunrise Bakehouse, Waverly Cafe, Tom Courts Butchers and Sugar & Spice Cafe all donated some delicious treats as well as homemade cakes brought by people attending.

Neil Robertson local organist, when he

wasn't busy making sandwiches, played some music from the decades of the Queen's reign. Jem Mathewson, Gillian Mooney and Carol-anne Crossan all made sure the cups were always filled with hot drinks.

Teddy Van Rensburg who is planning to be a funeral director when he grows up (he's 5!) was there to assist in the proceedings dressed in his top hat and waistcoat with his mum Errin.

Over £600 was raised for the British Red

Cross Ukraine appeal from donations, sales of wildflower seeds and the tombola which was gratefully received by Elaine Meakin from the Red Cross.

Darren would like to thank everyone involved for making the event a huge success.



Burntisland Community Development Trust

It's been a busy first three months in post for our job-sharing Development Officers. We now have been in contact with lots of local groups but have been working particularly closely with the Community Council to think about reviewing the existing Community Action Plan and creating a new one for 2023 and beyond (that's where we will need YOUR help) and a Local Place Plan. Talking to and working with each other whether as individuals, businesses or community organisations, is something we are really keen on, we want to help turn your ideas into realities.

Recently some of our members have expressed an interest in creating a tidal pool in Burntisland, hosting a Climate Café and organising a dementia information event with a view to making Burntisland as inclusive as possible for people living with dementia. Would you like to see any of these ideas happen? Or do you have ideas you would like to talk to us about? We can help with scoping out initial plans, bringing people together, suggesting sources for funding etc.

The groups around town who we are already supporting include The Big Green Market, the new Acoustic Music Club, the monthly family friendly Beach and Links Cleans (see the events diary on page 26 for details) as well as sustainable travel plans and the Burntisland Harbour Access Trust.

Why not be part of all of this? The Burntisland Community Development Trust is guided by our volunteer Directors but we are a membership organisation. The more members we have, the stronger our voice and the more we can connect with you, the people who live or work in our fantastic wee town. Membership is free and takes less than a minute to join. Please join us online at www.burntisland-trust.org or ask us for a paper form.

If you would like to get more involved, then we currently have an opportunity to join our Board as Treasurer. Staff take care of the bookkeeping and managing budgets within agreed boundaries so it is really someone who loves numbers and cares about the community that we are looking for, could this be you?

Look out for the date of our AGM, which will take place later in the year. We will be making our AGM a lot more exciting with free food and good music. Date and venue to be confirmed.



Tidal pool at Pittenweem

To find out more about our work and how you can get involved and have your voice heard, contact us through our website, join our Facebook group or email us at DevelopmentOfficers@burntisland-trust.org. Let's work together as a community to make Burntisland the best possible place it can be to live and work in!

Bonfire Night and Fireworks Update



Sadly, there will be no bonfire and fireworks display this year as there are not enough office bearers on the Events Group committee to organise the event safely in time for November.

The event relies on volunteers for planning, bonfire building, stewarding and bucket shaking, etc. A number of key positions need to be filled on the committee, namely

the roles of secretary and treasurer, before planning can begin on the 2023 event.

There will be an AGM of the Events Group, which organises this event, in November—date to be confirmed in the next Burgh Buzz.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee as secretary or treasurer, please get in touch with the Events Group Chair, Ailsa Powrie via ailsapowrie@gmail.com

Burntisland Primary School

Written by Elise, Isla, Leah, and Matthew from Primary 7.

We were delighted to welcome our Education Manager and two Fife Headteachers to see the work of the school in June. Some children represented their classes and enjoyed speaking to our visitors and sharing their views on our school.

We were very grateful to the parents who volunteered to speak to them too. Our visitors visited most of our classes and playrooms. We were really pleased with how the visit went.

The information gathered from this visit has now gone into our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report which gets shared in the new term.

We also sent home short questionnaires to all of our parents which the children worked out all of the questions for, this also helps inform our next steps.

Our newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers organised and promoted our Walk to School Day. It was a great success and a fabulous start towards changing how we all get to and from school.



It was also welcome back to the lunch hall! Our dinner ladies made everyone feel so welcome and it's been great having everyone in and out of the school hall once more. They even served a wonderful Jubilee Lunch in full costume!



Nursery have been watching their caterpillars turn into cocoons and they have been enjoying reading the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Primary 1 have been doing an Under the Sea topic and are enjoying it very much! They have also been putting data into charts and have been working with money.

The P1s have also been improving writing sentences. They've been learning about their emotions and how to handle small situations. They took a look at World Bee Day and celebrated the bees and they have been building 3D boats.

Primary 2 have been learning about fractions. In writing they have been using creative language to make an imaginative story. P2 have also been looking at weather and in P.E. they have been focusing on ball skills.

Primary 3 were learning how to use commas in a list and also, they have been learning how to identify fractions. They have been looking at travel and transport.



For literacy, **Primary 4** have been basing their learning from their book Kensuki's Kingdom and learning about measurement. Some classes were also focusing on their topic, Living Things in other environments, with P4Si growing tomatoes and basil from seed. They have also been doing Japanese Hokusai Waves!

Primary 5 have been looking at the rainforests and were enjoying their topic very much. They had also been learning about fractions for numeracy and been practicing their note taking in literacy.

The Rotary Rambles were back for P5, all three classes had a fabulous time learning so much on the way over the Binn to and from Kinghorn Loch.

They also enjoyed a Celebrations Afternoon Tea using the money they had raised way back in Primary 3.



Primary 6 have been coding in ICT, using JavaScript, HTML and CSS. PE was all about gymnastics for them and for literacy they were working on persuasive writing and skimming and scanning in reading. Their topic has been 'Democracies' and they really enjoyed this topic

Finally, **Primary 7!** We have been busy with so many things, mental maths and algebra, as well as percentages. Building sustainable cities to do with our topic, Global Goals and developing our persuasive writing skills.



We were also super busy getting everything ready for moving up to High School. We had two great transition days, recorded a school leavers show and also had our parents in for our Leavers Service, on the very last day of term.

During our last week we made lots of final BPS memories by having a great Leavers Party with a Festival theme and we all headed out for tea at the Sands Hotel!



...and from the Head



It has been another very busy year at BPS!

At the start of the session, we were still working under strict Covid regulations with many measures in place to reduce numbers of children being together, the mixing of year groups and no visitors were allowed in to school.

We were then hit with a tough period from November to February where staff absence was high as a result of Covid measures, and this included my own absence during my father's illness and then his passing. I feel it appropriate to mention this as I was overwhelmed by the support I received from the staff, parents, pupils and the wider community during those months and upon my return.

The staff in BPS worked incredibly hard to lead the school so well during my absence, especially the school leadership team and Mrs Emma Clunie who took on the role of Acting Headteacher during this time. I will always be appreciative of the way the BPS 'Family' rallied round me and pulled together so well during this time.

I was fortunate to return just at the time when restrictions were lifting, and we were able to celebrate being together again as a school community.

Assemblies returned, giving us a great sense of togetherness and the opportunity



to celebrate achievements together. We have all returned to the lunch hall and can play together across year groups outside once more.

We had continued to deliver our Sharing the Learning Assemblies by video but, at the end of the session, we were able to invite all parents in to celebrate the Primary 7 Leavers Service – which was incredible after two years of not being able to do this.

Some of our classes were able to get out and about undertaking litter picking around the town and our newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers started their mission to improve parking around the school and encourage more people to leave their cars at home. All of our sporting events started back up again, which allowed our teams to play against children from other schools and enjoy fabulous teamwork, sportsmanship, and great success into the bargain!

Our Nursery enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic and a Garden Party and all our children who will be joining us in Primary 1 had great opportunities to visit the school and be in their new classes.



Beach Day, as part of Civic Week, was a pretty windy day but our Parent Council did a great job of organising it all—there were so many wonderful sandcastles right the way along the beach that morning. The Parent Council continue to raise money towards improving our playground and Rainbow Day, where we wore bright colours and celebrated being 'ourselves', raised a few hundred pounds towards the overall funds too.

Civic Week Parade Day saw us dress up and walk together as a school and it was a great day to be together. We dressed in a school theme.... "B. P. S". But we were also in line with the Fantasy & Fairytale theme. The Bee from Bee Movie, the Pea from the Princess and the Pea and the S was for Superheroes!

We also had a visit from Lee Duffy from Safer Communities Fife, who challenged us to make more interesting and effective posters to deter people from leaving rubbish that the seagulls then feed on. He collected many of the posters the children had designed and is organising a competition to find some winners.




At the very end of term, we were delighted that Mr Hubbard, who leads our Sports Committee and develops 'being active' in BPS, was awarded with the overall Sports Hero Award for Scotland, as a result of all of the work he does in the school. This is a fabulous award, very well deserved, we are very proud of him and the work he has developed in BPS over the years.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone back in August for the new session ahead. We will be thinking of our Primary 7 Leavers and wishing them well for high school whilst also being excited to welcome our new Primary 1.

I really do feel being the local Headteacher is the best job in the world, and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the school community into next session.

Julie Anderson






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Burntisland & District Pipe Band

The outdoor competition season finally got underway in early May after a long three years. The band's first competition was at Gourrock Highland Games which saw around 40 band performances on the day, here our wee town's band managed to secure a fantastic 5th place!

Our next outing was a return to Gourrock just two week later, for the first major championship of the season. After a long-wet day of competing prize giving was finally upon us, where the band placed an incredible 5th place overall with our Ensemble place being 2nd.

June was finally upon us where I think we experienced the busiest month in the band's history! We somehow managed to fit 7 different gigs into the space of 4 weeks! The first week in June saw the band being invited to play at the opening of Christies Tapas, a new restaurant in Dunfermline. Then on the Saturday we played at the West Fife Show in Crossgates followed by Markinch Highland Games on the Sunday, where the band competed in two different grades, NovB/4B and NovA/4A, achieving 1st and 2nd place.

After holiday Monday the band then led the parade at Kinghorn Gala where we had

a huge turnout of players ex, current and future. This was then followed by our hometown Civic Week Parade Day on the 18th where once again another record attendance was accounted for.

As the month was coming to a close the band had only one thing on their minds, and that was a championship winning performance at the next major event on the calendar, the European Championships in Inverness. The day began with a 4am wake up call for parents and players! It was a lengthy bus trip up to Inverness, after arriving and settling down to the atmosphere the band played their set very successfully, where we clinched another 5th place. A huge mention to team drum who walked away with a 2nd place! Massive congratulations to you all!

Finally, June ended with the band combining with Lochgelly High School and Kirkcaldy & District Pipe Bands to help our friends at the Benarty Gala on the following Sunday.

Despite the Summer holidays starting at the beginning of July, the band tends to have a relatively quiet month with only two events taking place but these are arguably the most important events of the year.

Games Day has just passed and I can truly say that it has lived up to the hype of expectation. What an incredibly hot day for everyone but especially for our players, huge credit to all who played and a massive thank you to everyone who cheered us on. The support is truly appreciated and helps to push the band forward in a positive direction. The Scottish Championships on 30th July will have taken place by the time you read this in print, so make sure you check out our Facebook page to read about the results!

Our very own wee Junior Drum Major Catherine Spears competed for the very first time in June at Markinch and Lochore. Here Catherine made a very bold statement by walking away with two 1st places! On behalf of everyone at Burntisland & District Pipe Band I would like to say a HUGE well done to Catherine and all her hard work! Hopefully this will inspire young kids to join in becoming a drum major just like you.

Thank you all for your continued support for our wee band! If you'd like to keep up to date, please follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/burntislandanddistrictpipeband

Erica Wyse, Leading Drummer



Burntisland Shipyard FC

It was a pleasure for the Club to once again host the Civic Week 5-a-side competition at Recreation Park. There was a great turnout for all age groups and it was only the adults who had to endure some rain, as there was a late afternoon shower, not that it dampened anyone's enjoyment! Our family fun day in July was also a great success with everyone enjoying the glorious sunshine, the entertainment and the food and drink on offer.

As you may be aware the Club secured its place in the new First Division of the East of Scotland League by finishing in the top seven of Conference B, though we left it late as our place was not finalised until the last game of the season. A great attendance of 197 turned up for the match against Kinnoull which gave us an overall average attendance of 105 for the league campaign. We were delighted with these numbers and hope to build on them next season in what promises to be a very competitive and attractive set of fixtures.

By the time you read the Buzz in print format the new league campaign will have already kicked-off. The first two fixtures being a home match against Fife rivals Lochore Welfare on 30th July, quickly followed by a midweek home game against Preston Athletic. The vast majority of the squad have re-signed for the coming season and so far, there are two new signings through the door including local lad Cammy Lewis.

As the Club continues to grow, we are seeking more people to either join the committee or act as volunteers on matchdays, to hopefully make it a better matchday experience for everyone. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity and assistance over the season, support that no doubt helped us secure our place in the First Division.

Andrew Beveridge



Central Burntisland Tenants and Residents Association

It has been a fast year and unfortunately, we have had many Covid casualties which have affected some of our plans, but we will carry these forward. Due to unforeseen circumstances we needed to cancel the planned tea dance in June. Apologies to all who were looking to attend but it is hoped that we will run the event later in the year.

The TRA continues to work away in the background to identify funding for the purchase of new street furniture (benches, planters etc.). These fixtures would be sited around the central area of Burntisland but we need the residents of the area to advise the committee where they would like to see them positioned. It has also been suggested that we look at purchasing outdoor chess tables and maybe an outdoor table tennis table. What are your opinions on this?

The TRA works on your behalf to improve the area in which we live, not only enhancing our area but working to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Please come along to our next meeting on 9th August at 6.30pm, upstairs in the Burgh Chambers.

Iain Ralph

Live on the Links

It was a successful weekend of live music back in June, with a great atmosphere at The Sands. Thank you to everyone who attended our music festival, to those who helped, the musicians, the Sands Hotel staff, and the people who came and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



And although we were not on the Links this year, our event at The Sands was warmly received. There is definitely a demand for its return next year, wherever it is held.

Despite the temporary loss of power to the building on Saturday evening, Mike Delaitre was able to step up and play his music acoustically and the dancing carried on to Mike's extended rhythm section undeterred.



Thanks also to Stuart Nicol at Evolve Group for the posters and t-shirts.

Next year will be our 40th Anniversary, and a new team will take over the running. One day there may be a return to the Links. We'll just have to wait and see what new ideas come from a younger team.



Have a look our Facebook page for photos and videos from the weekend.

www.facebook.com/LiveontheLinks

Charlie Kilgour



Local Business Updates

in association with Totally Locally Burntisland

Since the last issue of the Buzz there have been a number of shop and business changes in the town.

Poison Hair & Beauty and Global Mobile Phone Shop have opened on the High Street, with flower shop Wildbells also due to open.

Pretty Presents has moved to replace Cards & Flowers, while Spotty Dog Customs has relocated across the road and is now named "Talented Witches". Amanda's Podiatry has also expanded into larger premises at the station buildings.

A successful Fiver Fest was held in the first two weeks of July, with almost 50 businesses taking part. Look out for another one later in the year! Totally Locally also has a new website, which will feature all the Fiver Fest offers: www.totallylocallyburntisland.com Thanks to Lauren Macauley for setting it up!

Congratulations to The Fix Fife for their win at the Fife Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2022. They scooped the Young Business Award back in May.

Kathryn Blades, aged 14, has drawn artwork of local businesses, as well as a town map featuring independent shops and businesses. All proceeds from the postcards and prints are going towards Cancer Research UK in memory of her auntie.



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Finalist 2022



Burntisland Golf House Club

As the season hits full stride we have been delighted to welcome many visitors to the Club. Many nationalities have taken to the fairways of Dodhead and almost to a person they have been fulsome in their praise of the condition of the course as well as the outstanding views. There should be many more to come as they stick around for The Open and beyond.

Our Club Championships were held recently during a period where the winds were high, making play very difficult indeed. That didn't stop some fine golf being played.

In the main Championship it was Greig Kilpatrick who regained the Championship Shield. Generally a very steady player, Greig needed all that stability and more, to see off a determined opponent in John Noble at the 37th hole. Those of you who know John (who was winning championships back in the 1960s!) will appreciate what a fantastic effort it was for him to play all the rounds during the week as well as the two rounds on the same day in the final. Commenting on the final in his usual droll fashion, he said that he had only prepared for 36 holes and not the 37 that were required! He'll know better next year.

The Ladies Club Championship was contested by Anne Main and Joyce Murdoch. Both ladies played their usual determined games but on this occasion it was Joyce who added to her haul of titles.

The Seniors Scratch Champion once again is David Thom, who didn't have too many scares on his way to glory. This year's runner up David Costello.

In the other divisions – Stuart Haig (Wee Man), won the 'B' Championship in the Gents, seeing off Stephen Sinclair in the final; Kenny Weir took the Senior Handicap honours, against Steven Bett; and Greig Carscadden retained the Junior title, against the up and coming Dexter Blackwood. There was a new junior trophy



for the smaller ones and it was Arran Haig who came out on top in that division

The Ladies Bronze championship was won again by Kerry Foley, with her opponent this year being Dorothy Browne.

Congratulations to all the participants and the winners.

During the presentation evening congratulations and thanks once again were given to Stevie McAughey, our Head Greenkeeper and his team, for all their endeavours.

Away from the Club, two local stalwarts – John Bell and Stuart Murdoch qualified for the final of the R&A 9 hole competition. As a reward they got to play on the Old Course at St Andrews the week before The Open in front of the grandstands and many interested spectators. Although they didn't win, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The Junior Academy goes from strength to strength, which is great to see. There are activities continuing during the Summer holidays for the young players. Any aspiring young golfers who are interested can contact the Club and join in.

There are deals for NEW members in most categories, and you can also take

advantage of an extended deal to the end of 2023. Golf is a great way of getting active, enjoying the fresh air and meeting new people at the same time. There's no requirement to be competitive, it's more about having fun.

If you've not been up to the Golf Club in a while, or are new to the town, please pay us a visit either for a game or coffee/food, or even just a look round. Walkers are welcome to come in for a refreshment and we are dog-friendly, with free doggie-treats available.

Tickets are on sale for the next social night, which will be on Saturday 27th August, priced at only £5. Painted Wolf is a local band of high repute, and it's sure to be a great night. I'm sure Sheena our Bar Manager will come up with some great drink promos for the occasion – so don't miss out.

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Burntisland Harbour Access Trust

After a lengthy period with nothing to report, there have been some very significant developments – and fantastic news! To recap, we have been working to register a community interest in the land that comprises Burntisland's East Dock. This would mean that the community would have first refusal in the event of any of the land coming up for sale. There are two landowners involved: Forth Ports, who own the land around the dock basin and Network Rail, who own the strip of land edged yellow on the plan.



We heard in July that Scottish Ministers have approved both of the Burntisland Harbour Access Trust (BHAT) applications. We, the community, now have first refusal on both the Forth Ports and Network Rail areas of the East Dock. The current owners may appeal the decisions but the Ministers' letters make it clear that we have made a convincing case. We have no doubt that the decision was made on its merits, but we are grateful for the support and interest that we have received from our elected members at every level of government and from all our supporters.

Our aim has been and remains retaining community access to the East Dock - breakwater, western peninsula (Shanks Pier) and the north quay. After the frustrations of failing to achieve it by

negotiation we sought ways to purchase the East Dock. We now have first refusal; this blocks the sale (but not a lease) of the East Dock to any other party, including a transfer to another company in the Forth Ports group, and may open the way to a compulsory purchase of the pieces of land which could be regarded as "wholly or mainly derelict or neglected".

As you will probably know Forth Ports have submitted a bid to establish a Forth Green Freeport, with Burntisland dock area being earmarked as a customs site. As we understand it this would involve a high security duty-free zone where value is added to imported goods before exporting them again. One of the conditions of approval for a freeport is that there are benefits for the local community. What these might entail we have no idea because we, the Burntisland community, have been kept entirely in the dark. Given that Fife Council and the Scottish Government are partners in the Freeport venture, can we hope for more transparency and public accountability?

We're now considering the next moves. In the meantime, as potential landlords, we will engage with the East Dock stakeholders to see how we might meet their aspirations. Armed with this information we will seek a wider community view on how to proceed. We have a long way to go but these early steps are encouraging. You can keep up to date with developments by visiting www.burntislandharbour.co.uk or the Burntisland Harbour Access Trust Facebook group.

Meanwhile, and sadly, we've been advised that completion of the fencing is imminent. Maybe some repairs too: the top strand of barbed wire is already unravelling (a handy metaphor?)

BHAT now has 110 members. If you'd like to join us and have a say in the future of the harbour and surrounding land you can do so online or by picking up a membership form from Grain & Sustain on the High Street. It's free and carries no obligation.

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Civic Week 2022



Civic Week made a successful return in June, with a new committee organising the first full programme of events in three years. It was brilliant to have Parade Day back, especially as the sun was shining. The crowds came out and lined the High Street to watch the Pipe Band leading the parade, followed by Jayce Haston and Summer Lee as newly crowned Summer King & Queen with their Royal Party.

The Fantasy & Fairytales theme saw lots of great costumes in the parade, with best dressed group awarded to the Playgroup, who brought along the Hogwarts Express.

The committee would especially like to thank Adrina Wallace, who has organised the Royal Party since 2016, for all her hard work over the years as she steps back from that role. Thanks also to Carole-anne Crossan for acting as Master of Ceremonies and to Citizen of the Year Luke Drummond for his help during Civic Week. This included crowning the Summer King & Queen, as well as helping to judge the shop windows, talent contest and sandcastle competition.

Our programme of events began with the Shop window competition, won by Sugar & Spice bakery with their Star Wars theme. We introduced "Burntisland's Got Talent" at

the Toll Community Centre which saw some amazing performances in front of the judges. Other highlights included a sold out fundraising Bingo Night, Funkidz disco, fitness sessions, the return of pub events at the Port, Jubilee, Tassie, Sands, and Smugglers, plus comedy at the Star. The Summer King & Queen also performed their royal duties by opening the Bowls competition and starting the Sailing race.

The 5-a-side football tournament returned to Burntisland Shipyard, with the Shippy team winning a hard fought final. Burntisland Young Boys won the primary school tournament. Many thanks to Burger Island for the BBQ, and The Fix, Roasting Project, Sugar & Spice, Olive Tree, Sunrise Bakehouse, Waverly Cafe for the cakes.

On the final day of Civic Week there was a great turnout for the sandcastle competition on the Family Beach Day, won by Erica and Robin Graham. The event also featured a BBQ and stalls, and was run in conjunction with the Parent Council who are raising funds for play equipment at the primary school. The choppy conditions meant only a few hardy rafters took to the water, with the winning Fruit'n'Fash raft claiming the first prize sponsored by Tom Courts. The RNLI Lifeboat and their mascot Stormy Stan also made an appearance!



As ever we are grateful for the support from all our programme sponsors: Albavet, Bel & Etta, Boho Chic, Briggs Marine, Burntisland Sands Hotel, C.Sinclair Fresh Fish Merchants, Call-Clean Dry Cleaners, Darren Rankin Funeral Directors, Evolve Group, First Class Childcare, Funkidz Partyz, Kingdom Amusements, Kingdom Kilts, Links Fish Bar, Macauley's Fruit & Veg, Novelli's, Reflections Hairdressing, Righteous Rides, Scott Pallets, Smarter Tax, SM Autos, Time for You, Tom Courts Butchers, Totally Hardware.

Amanda Jones, chairperson said "It has been a great return for Civic Week after two years of 'virtual' activities. We've had fantastic support from the community at all our events. A big thank you to all of the local businesses who provided support, as well as all the groups and venues who participated in the programme of events.

None of this would be possible without our hard working and proactive new committee and wonderful volunteers."

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





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Visitors, young and old, are in for a treat this year as given the town's close links with the sea, the summer exhibition will now comprise of three maritime themes.



Model Ship Collection

In total Burntisland Heritage Trust now has a collection of 23 model ships. These include a battlecruiser, whalers, fishing boats, yachts and sailing ships. All vary in size from a Clyde Paddle Steamer and U-boat both 1.4 metres long to a small kit built aircraft carrier. The display is a must see!

Crossing the Forth

This part of the exhibition 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 numerous 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.

The Search for King Charles I Lost Treasure

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 of 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 of this tantalising saga is brought right up to date with very recent ongoing developments. It is a true life adventure story on our own doorstep.

In addition to the display there are numerous scrapbooks and a large collection of DVDs for viewing.

The exhibition is open during August on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – 11am-4pm, at 4 Kirkgate. Admission free.

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The Ecology Centre

We have been busy as usual up at The Ecology Centre. The weather has been kind so far this summer and our volunteers are enjoying the good weather as they work on our beautiful Lochside site.

Restoration Forth Project

As we mentioned in the previous issue, Lyle, our Seagrass Officer, is part of Restoration Forth, an exciting new conservation project which has begun here in the Forth. The project endeavours to reintroduce 30,000 native oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and restore 4 hectares of seagrass meadows by 2025. The bold new project intends to connect local communities with their marine and coastal environments. Through volunteer opportunities, interested individuals can witness conservation activities first hand and contribute to the restoration of these two habitats while developing their skills in conservation.

In the UK we have lost up to 92% of our seagrass meadows and 95% of our native oyster beds, it is vital that we first protect the areas where these habitats exist and secondly assist them where they have been damaged or lost. Seagrass and oysters are vital components of a healthy and resilient marine landscape which, when intact, provide essential services for our prosperity and wellbeing.

This project is headed up by the conservation charity WWF but is a collaborative project comprised of community organisations, scientists and volunteers. If you wish to enquire how you can get involved, please contact lyle@theecologycentre.org to find out more.

Beehives

There are now two beehives at The Ecology Centre. A variety of pollinator beneficial plants have been introduced to the site to help our new residents along. In one of the hives, a new queen is being developed – a young larvae is fed 'royal jelly' by the worker bees and develops into a queen.

So, if you see what looks like a spaceman on site, don't worry, it will be Lee tending to the bees. And, who knows, we might even be able to share some honey in the future.

Volunteers

Our ongoing 'Save Our Pond' project has been a success thanks to 450 hours of work from both staff and volunteers. The once stagnant pond now hosts a variety of aquatic life as well as 'Elvis' the duckling. A 1910 survey is now being used as guidance in the planting of over 700 missing or scarce plants. It will take time to revive the delicate marsh/pond ecosystem so we ask that visitors do not enter the marsh area at the moment.

We celebrated the achievements of some of our highly committed volunteers recently. Certificates were presented to Bob, Bill, Mark, Billy and Paul who, between them, have worked over 8,000 volunteer hours. Our volunteers are the heart and soul of The Ecology Centre. What would we do without you?!



If you would like to volunteer at The Ecology Centre please get in touch with: lee@theecologycentre.org

Nest Café

The Nest café has just passed its first birthday and is going from strength to strength. Going forward, the 'Nest' will be a training kitchen supporting those with barriers to employment and who would benefit from experience in the Hospitality sector. Sam, who started with us on the Kick Start programme, will now be the Training Kitchen Supervisor. He will use his knowledge to help individuals improve their skills and gain the right experience to improve their outlook on life and opportunities for the future.

The Nest Café is now open Thursday to Monday 9am to 3.30pm with takeaway drinks, ice cream, etc. available 7 days per week.

Summer by the Loch

We are all enjoying the beautiful weather up by Kinghorn Loch. Don't forget, the site is open for everyone to enjoy all year round. A picnic in the sunshine and a walk around the loch is a great way to entertain the family and enjoy your local area.

And finally....

Would you like to join our Tool Library? Membership is only £20 per year, with a large choice of tools at your disposal. Contact: toolshed@theecologycentre.org And if you are having a summer clear out of your garage or shed, don't forget that we take donations of old tools.



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Girlguiding at the Parish Church Halls



Units have been busy this term, you may have seen us on the beach on 22nd May taking part in Girlguiding Scotland's 'Take 2 in 2022' challenges. The Guides, Brownies and Rainbows took up their litter pickers and spent two hours picking up litter on the beach, playpark and skatepark areas in Burntisland. They ended the event with games on the beach until a sudden downpour had everyone dashing for cover. As part of this challenge the units each planted 22 sunflowers and gave away the young plants to passers-by as a random act of kindness. It was a great way to chat with locals and visitors to the town.



Guides, Brownies and Rainbows enjoyed getting into costume as fantasy creatures and taking part in the Civic Week parade, the Rainbows and Brownies dressed as unicorns whilst the Guides found their wings and dressed in fairy costumes. They were delighted to receive the groups category second prize.



Our end of year event was held at the Girlguiding campsite at the Carmichael Centre in Balmullo. Guides, Brownies and Rainbows had a great day exploring the site as they coped with being shipwrecked



on a desert island, building their own shelters, making mini rafts, escaping from pirates and finding the treasure. They learned practical camping skills, putting up one of our new tents and learning how to safely set and light a fire. The day ended with a sing along around the campfire and of course S'mores.

1st Burntisland Guides

The Guides have been working on their programme and this year we presented 3 Bronze and 3 Silver awards. They have also been busy with the Take 2 for 2022 challenges. The unit handmade and decorated a banner from recycled fabric for use at the beach clean, handy that 'Girlguiding Burntisland' has exactly 22 letters!

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee the Guides hosted a tea party, Guides donned tiaras and their invited guests wore crowns as they sat down to a delicious afternoon tea. The Guides took part in a bake-off competition and had baked their signature cakes, after the judging the cakes were enjoyed by everyone. Guests and Guides enjoyed a game of royal bingo and took up the challenge of decorating hats fit for a royal occasion. A very enjoyable start to the Jubilee festivities.

Guides are once again looking after the planter outside the library on the High Street. Guides tidied up the planter and put in a selection of new flowering plants, they will pop down to water the plants on a rota basis over the summer, we look forward to a colourful display.

1st Burntisland Brownies

The Brownies are now back to their normal meeting time of 5 to 6.30 pm and have been spending more time on their theme awards, 8 Brownies have already earned their Bronze awards. This term the unit has been working on their Zero waste badge, Brownies have had fun recycling all kinds of materials and even watering plants with left over water from their school water bottles.

A great time was had by all at the joint Brownie and Rainbow Platinum Jubilee party, the decorations in the hall looked fabulous, and everyone enjoyed drinking their juice from tea cups!



1st Burntisland Rainbows

We have been having a bit of a party this term at Rainbows as we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee and also Girlguiding Rainbows had their 35th Birthday which we celebrated. Cara (one of the Brownie leaders) made us a lovely birthday cake and the Brownies made the girls birthday cards. We also took part in a Birthday card swap with other Rainbow units around the UK.



We awarded 6 Bronze awards and welcomed 5 new Rainbows to the unit.

We said goodbye to 6 girls who are continuing their Girlguiding journey by moving up to Brownies.

Another action-packed fun term!

Spaces are available in all units for starting after the summer holidays, contact us for more information or register online at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus and we will get in touch with you.

Units meet in the Parish Church Halls on Monday evenings.

Guides: 7 to 9 pm
burntislandguides@gmail.com

Brownies: 5 to 6.30 pm
Unit Leader **07580 130612**

Rainbows: 5 to 6 pm
1burntislandrainbows@gmail.com

Jean Priestley



11th Fife (Burntisland) Scout Group



We started our summer term by welcoming 12 new Beavers into the scout group. We've had a busy term outdoors, all over Burntisland. This included visiting the community gardens to see what vegetables had grown from the seeds we planted in the Winter term. The Beavers were amazed by the green beans and large lettuces, and most children tried both.

We completed a walk to the waterfall, den building and explored Kinghorn Loch. 10 Beavers completed their Bronze Chief Scout award which was presented on the last night of term.

It was very exciting in June as 36 beavers completed their first sleepover in the church hall with lots of activities that helped them gain their Musician level 1 badge. The children had great fun putting up tents, having a pretend campfire and creating their own musical instruments.

We are looking forward to the Autumn term where we have lots of new fun activities to do!

**Shirley Kent and Simone Thomson,
Beaver Scout Leaders**

Another busy term out and about making the most of the dry weather and the assets on our doorstep. We spent time den building at the Dells, a nature walk at Kinghorn Loch and then we hit the Links for some Frisbee Golf. And if that wasn't enough, we then headed up to Kilmundy woods to do fire lighting which of course means S'mores!

We had a mini Highland Games on the Links and a sandcastle competition at the beach. We also took part in the Civic Week parade and decided that after all this we had earned a treat for the last week of term and visited Novelli's for an ice cream.

Next term we are looking forward to our first big Cub camp since lockdown.

Michelle Paton, Cub Scout Leader



SCOUTS

The Scouts have had another busy term, we have spent most of it outside making the most of what our amazing town has to offer. We completed a scavenger hunt around the town, played Frisbee Golf on the Links and did fire lighting and S'mores at Kilmundy woods.

We then spent a couple of weeks in the hall practising and taking part in an archery tournament which saw Monday Scouts and Thursday Scouts competing against each other. There were some amazing scores and I'm sure there will be lots of practice for next term's competition.

We took part in the Civic Week parade and on the last week of term enjoyed an ice cream at Novelli's.

We finally rounded the term off with a Summer Camp which saw us enjoying an amazing visit to the Scottish Gliding Centre and sleeping on the airfield was a new experience for us. After that we spent another two nights at the Nineacres campsite where we enjoyed hiking, pond dipping and water fights in the river.

Craig and Michelle Paton, Scout Leaders



11th Fife (Burntisland) Scout Group

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EXPLORERS

Our Explorers were out and about town this term with some frisbee golf on the Links, exploring and navigation at Kinghorn Loch, cooking on fires at Kilmundy woods and the whole group took part in the Civic Week parade, dressed as the Pied Piper of Hamelin and the rats.

We also had a trial Monopoly run where they use a monopoly board to work out clues to places in Burntisland and get points for what they find and bonuses for sets. This was in preparation of our camp at Fordell Firs where we did the same thing in Dunfermline, finding clues in the Andrew Carnegie Museum, Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline Museum and Library and the High Street. They then finished off camp with some Zip Line and 3g Swing fun.

Rosie and Fraser were presented with their Platinum Chief Scout Award and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. We finished the term with a pizza party in the hall playing games and bowling and said goodbye to James and Sorley as they turn 18 after the summer and move on to other adventures.



We also invested 8 new Explorers that have moved up from Scouts or joined us from Ukraine.

Davie and Kerry, Explorer Leaders

Keep Burntisland Beautiful

It's been another busy couple of months for the group.

We held a successful beach clean at the Rossend Point where we worked with the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and removed two trailers full of rubbish from the shore and immediate area. Many thanks to David Spence and Mike Delaney for their help and for taking away the rubbish.

Amongst the items picked up were tyres,



an old TV, a bag of dumped electrical cables, fishing rope and even some dentures!

I have also enjoyed spending time with the P3 and P3/4 classes of Burntisland Primary School on their class litter picks as part of their Environment topic. They all did a great job!

There are still a few bad areas in the town which we are still focusing on. We will continue our litter picks as the town gets busier now that the summer holidays are here.

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone whether you are part of our group or not but who stops and picks up litter in our town.

Whether it's one piece of netting from a bucket and spade that's been discarded which could trap and kill our marine



wildlife, to those who fill a whole bag, every single piece picked up matters so thank you.

If you are interested in joining one of our events you can find us on Facebook by searching for Keep Burntisland Beautiful.

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Burntisland Parish Church

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee



The Parish Church planted a Rowan tree in the west Links after the Sunday service on 5th June to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

With thanks to Fife Council for permission and preparation of the area and to Burntisland Community Council for their advice.

In the photo is Rev Eileen Miller (Locum Minister until 30th June 2022) and Mr George Lees.

Ukraine BBQ



A BBQ was kindly hosted by Ruth and the Duffin family on 9 July in her garden on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

The invitation was to extended to all guests and hosts under the 'homes for Ukraine' scheme in Burntisland, Kinghorn, and Aberdour. Everyone enjoyed the good food and relaxed atmosphere as people got to know one another.

Erskine Church

Crowds. I'm writing this just after Games Day 2022, it was amazing to see so many people out in brilliant sunshine for the procession before the Games were officially opened. Colour, excitement and activity everywhere. The Pipe Band was great and after such a long wait with so much preparation behind the scenes, finally the big day had arrived!

The very fact that this major event can be co-ordinated to welcome large crowds into the town is something that's to the credit of our Burntisland community. Walking through the Links after the Games opened, passing countless different people and families, I wondered what their personal stories are and how these two years of Covid have changed them.

Erskine's halls were open for light snacks, it was busy with the number of groups and families in the town. Thank you to those who supported us, it is greatly appreciated. When the sun had gone, along with the crowds, we walked our dog on the Links after 10pm. Another Games Day over...

Dates. The good news is that our legendary Coffee and Pancakes mornings should be restarting on Saturday 3rd September from

10am. Please keep checking our Facebook page for latest updates. It doesn't get much better than freshly-made pancakes with some coffee, that's for sure.

Our BEK (Burntisland, Erskine & Kinghorn) partnership activities continue to gather momentum. These include the relaxed Chilled Church in one of our buildings every third Sunday at 11am, a summer holiday club for children up at Kinghorn (10th & 11th August from 10am-3pm), whilst our monthly Sunday evening BEK Bash services and online Communions will restart in early autumn.

Erskine's weekly service takes place each Sunday at 11am. Our Monday Association resumes on Monday 19th September at 3pm in Erskine halls. This session will be a mix of in-person and Zoom gatherings. You'll always receive a personal welcome.

Jesus attracted crowds, full of people eager to hear what he'd say and see what he'd do. He always made time for those he met, listening to their needs and helping them. The Bible says, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9.36, NLT).

We very much hope that all local congregations are able to do more together in future. It makes so much sense to co-operate rather than compete! Sincere thanks to Rev. Eileen Miller for an excellent year as Locum Minister at Burntisland Parish. She's been great to work with and really enthusiastic about getting things done. We'll miss you, Eileen.

Finally, think about Jesus' compassion for these crowds. It's easy to find fault with our visitors, we complain about no parking or litter around the town. Yes these are genuine issues, but people bring things to life and sometimes we're the visitors ourselves at events elsewhere. Shouldn't we treat others with the kindness, warmth and respect that we'd expect to receive ourselves? After all, a crowd is simply a gathering of individuals. Just like us.

Have a great and safe summer. I hope the sun shines!

Rev. Alexander Ritchie



St Joseph's Church

Having had a busy time in the parish, it's nice to be in a more gentle phase at the moment. We had lovely celebrations for some of our young parishioners, three of whom celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and ten made their First Holy Communion. We've had quite a few Baptisms as well and a couple of weddings, so there have been many life-giving celebrations.

The Knit and Knatter group now meet on a Wednesday morning in the Church Hall and they would be delighted to welcome new members and it is hoped that the Flower Arranging Class will resume on a Wednesday afternoon/evening. Further details can be obtained by calling the Parish House.

We are very much looking forward to a parish Pilgrimage to Holy Island mid-September and the bus is already full. The plan is to leave in the morning and have Mass and a talk in St Aidan's Church, followed by some free time to explore the Island and some supper on the way home. We had originally planned this trip for two years ago, but you know what happened.

May you have a good, happy and safe Summer. Take good care and God bless you.

Fr. James



St Serf's Scottish Episcopal Church

Burntisland High Street is in summer mode, with holiday-makers and locals alike enjoying the Shows, ice-creams or teas and coffees and generally sampling what this remarkable town has to offer.

Although the blustery winds have prevented us from making use of our gazebos for outdoor hospitality as we had hoped to, we at St Serf's have also been welcoming visitors this summer.

The garden is a delight at the moment, with the new apple trees beginning to fruit and the veg. not far off ready for harvesting. Watch out for information on the noticeboard to let you know when you can come and help yourself to a "bilin' o' tatties" or pick a few beans. Until the veg is ready, you can always simply come through the gate and watch the bees busy in the wee meadow or the beetles visiting the bug hotel.

On Thursday afternoons in summer the church is open from 2–4 pm so that all can come in and see what it looks like inside and out, have a cup of tea or coffee and share a chat with whoever is there.

Our summer series of events started on 23rd June with a talk by Ian Archibald on the notable Mary Somerville, after whom Somerville Square in Burntisland and Oxford's Somerville College were named. You may also have been lucky enough to carry her portrait in your pocket, as she features on the RBS £10 note!

Future events include music, a film night, a BYO barbecue (to be confirmed) and further unmissable talks. See the events diary on page 26 for further details.

We see these activities as opportunities to share the astounding gifts we enjoy and to give thanks to our Creator God for them. Underpinning them all is our worship, which takes place in church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. You're more than welcome to come along any Sunday and meet our friendly congregation.

Summertime blessings

Rev. Carol Latimer



Pictured are Dorothy Peterson (top) and Moira Baynham (assisted by son, David) planting two apple trees in St Serf's garden.

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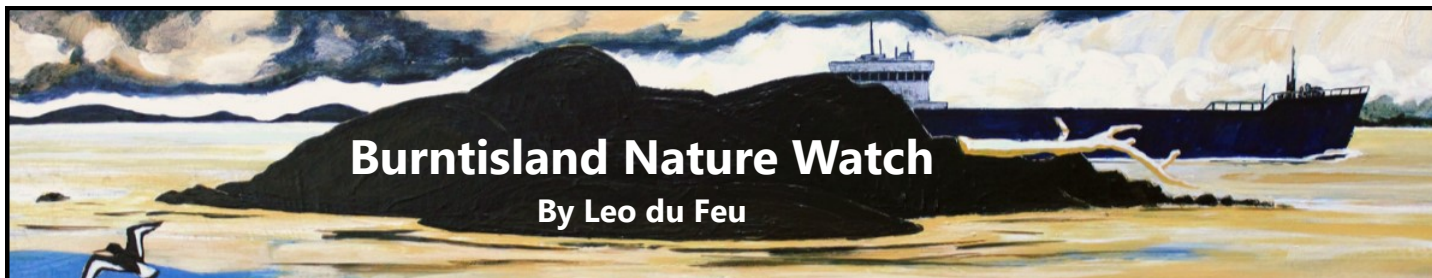
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Burntisland Nature Watch

By Leo du Feu

We recently got back from a wedding in Germany, the whole journey done by train (look up Flight Free Pledge and Man in Seat 61). I feel relieved that I have little desire to travel overseas, but each time I do go I get so much enjoyment from seeing what wildlife is there and from spotting species I don't know. I love trying to remember and jot down as much detail as possible then poring over bird books later (other wildlife is available). Also reading up on local wildlife in advance of going to a new place makes it even more exciting.

It reminds me of my early days of getting into wildlife, birds really, back in my late teens. The joy of those first months and years as I learned to recognise more and more and became more and more hooked. So much to learn and see. How many bird species do you think have been recorded in the wild in Britain? As of 1st January 2020 it's 619! This is known as the British List. The Scottish List is 516 and the Fife List to end of 2009 was 323. I wonder what the Burntisland List is.

What I'm saying is, wildlife, it's so great. Knowing and watching it enriches your life. If you're just getting started, I'm envious. If you haven't yet, I hope you soon will. Even if you've been at it for years there's always more to see, always something new to turn up. A Long-eared owl for example, there's been a recent report within a few miles of the town and seven or eight years ago I found the feathers of a predated one up beyond the Binn. Or that time when for a few days we saw lots of Little auks from the breakwater. Or a couple of years ago when someone watched an Osprey fly right over the town. You just never know.

Back to Germany. What I had most hoped to see was Storks which nest close to where we stayed in Rodgau, near

Frankfurt. Sadly we didn't but we did see the much smaller and gorgeous Black redstart. One pair was nesting by a busy Frankfurt building site and another carrying insects to chicks under the guttering of a centuries-old building in the hill village of Kronberg, a half hour train ride from Frankfurt.



A lot of what you'll see across Europe is also in Scotland. Swifts seemed to be always above us, much more than here although there are three definite Burntisland nest sites that I know of - Cromwell Road, Castle Estate, Forth Place. Are there any others? There seem to be house sparrows in every European city square whereas in Britain they have been in decline for decades. And Wagtails. Our lovely little black and white Pied wagtail with its long bobbing tail running back and fore outside the High Street Co-op, it's a variation of the bird known in Europe as White wagtail. The White has a light grey back rather than the black of ours.

What else close to home? On the **Burntisland Wildlife and Woodlands Facebook group** (join us!) we've had Puffins off the Lammerlaws; Mating Soldier beetles (everywhere on these hot

July days); Hedgehogs in a happy number of gardens. We see them or their oily beetle-case-filled droppings in ours almost nightly, in fact I can hear hog huffing through the kitchen window as I type right now at 11.45pm. We put out non-fishy cat food for them, water in shallow bowls, the wildlife pond and washing-up-basin micro ponds. If you can please make them a wildlife micro pond, cut a hole in the base of your fence or gate, put down piles of leaves and sticks in an untidy corner of your garden.

There have been lots of stunning moth photos and a fair number of different butterflies though not in good numbers. Butterflies have included Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, various Whites, Speckled Wood, Dark Green Fritillary, Common Blue, Northern Brown Argus. There have been Dolphins, Hares, young Stoats known as kits. Assorted Flies, Hoverflies, Ladybirds, Wasps, Bees. One Bat. Gannets diving. On which, you are probably aware that Avian Influenza ('avian / bird flu') is currently decimating seabird colonies and any dead or ill birds you find really must not be touched, nor dogs allowed near them. Search 'avian flu' seabirds Scotland' to know more of what is happening and what we must do.

Finally, House martins and Swallows. House martins are nesting under the eaves of houses up by high Coop (Co-Up) again. It's wonderful to see them swirling over our heads. Having them in the town is a privilege which may have to be fought for as nest sites are often destroyed during roof renovations, wall insulation etc. There are easy ways around this and councils and homeowners are usually very happy to adopt them. And Swallows, does anyone have any nesting? I've seen so few, I'd love to know if we have any town nests left.



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The Trust's Walking Festival returned this Spring after a two year absence and remained as popular as ever. We were blessed with beautiful sunny weather and, as always, there was a great, friendly atmosphere. Everyone enjoyed the lovely scenery and the views. Every day of the two week event offered something different. Our excellent walk leaders made each walk so interesting, always much appreciated by everyone who took part.

The walk through the tranquillity of Otterston Loch was new to most, coupled with a trip to Laura's tower through lovely woodland. On another beautiful hot day, we walked out to Monks Cave and continued around the sandy coves near Braefoot Bay. It was a blend of the industry of the gas terminal, the heritage of two World wars and the seals and Eider Duck. It



was a treat. It is great to have this event back in our annual calendar.

Next came the 'Come and Try' day at Kinghorn Loch. This annual event has been running since 2007, and is a great way to try out a new activity, with experienced people on hand to advise and help. This year all the groups were available to take part; the coastal rowers, canoes and sailing dinghies were kept busy all afternoon.

Visitors could also watch the radio-controlled boats or just enjoy a stroll around the woodland paths. In addition, there was a moth expert on hand to show off the beautiful moths found during the regular surveys at Craigencalt. Unfortunately the weather was rather chilly on the day, but that did not quell the enthusiasm of everyone.

It was good to see the Civic Week back in Burntisland and we took a stall on the Links. The organisers did a great job, but they could not have predicted such a windy day. Our gazebo was held down with sandbags, and occasionally we held on tight as well! Most importantly we had plenty of visitors who especially liked the moth display and the exhibition of our many projects.

We decided to take the opportunity to seek a name for our troll who has sat beneath the bridge at Rodanbraes Path for some years now. We asked visitors, especially youngsters, which name they liked best. The favoured name was Frodi so we will put up a sign where he lives to let people

know. In the ancient sagas, Frodi was the name of a Viking Warrior Berserker who built up the spirits of the Vikings before going into battle. Our Frodi troll has retired from active service and sits quietly under the bridge. He is due a makeover, as his complexion has faded over the years. This will be done soon and he will be ready to greet many more visitors in the future. Children love to play "Three Billy Goats Gruff" on the bridge.



Summer always brings the challenges for maintenance and project planning. We are always looking for people who can spare a little of their time. If you would like to help us, either as a volunteer, or as a Friend supporter please get in touch by email info@craigencalttrust.org.uk or phone 07740999514.

Marilyn Edwards

ROCK | SALT Exhibition launching in Burntisland

Life on the Fife coast is, and always has been, fuelled by liminality—an ever-shifting space infused by tides and weather. In the past, many had to choose a life at sea or a life on or even within the land, a choice between rock or salt – farming or mining; fishing or shipbuilding.

In a collaborative poetry and mixed media artwork project from Burntisland residents Elspeth Knight (mixed media artist) and Larissa Reid (poet), ROCK | SALT explores this local heritage. Looking at the concept of work and family relationships, how romantic relationships might weather the storms, and how people build relationships with the land and sea here, both past and present.

Larissa and Elspeth first met when they were children in St. Andrews, and have known each other for thirty years. Despite having careers in the visual arts and the written word, and having a passion for both, this is their first project together.

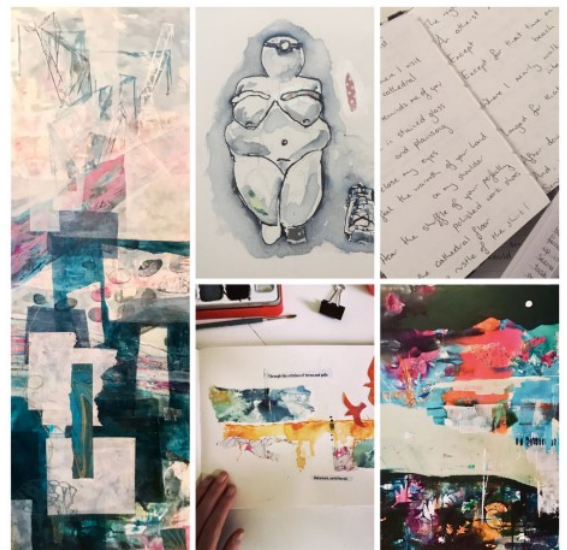
"Working on this project has really opened our eyes to the amazing history of Burntisland and the surrounding area. While we remember the Aluminium plant and its chimneys from growing up in Fife in the 1980s, and the dominating landscape of the coal mines across the area, we hadn't really dug into the detail of what people's lives were like, and how this heritage can link so closely with us in the present day.

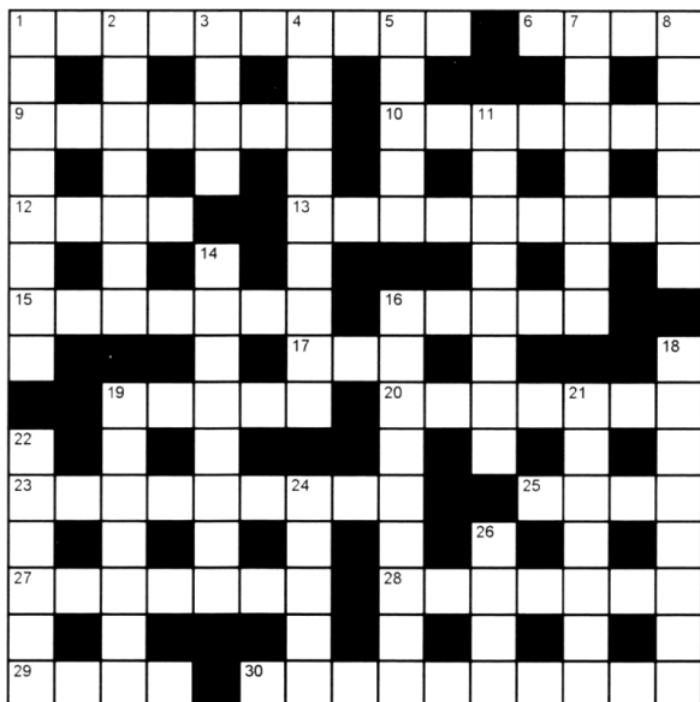
It's been brilliant to explore these themes through the mixed mediums of visual art, poetry, sound and texture - we're hoping there will be something for everyone at our exhibition in the autumn!"

ROCK | SALT will run Fridays to Sundays from 28th October to 20th November at Glisk Gallery on the High Street (admission free).

Follow [@rocksaltproject](https://www.instagram.com/rocksaltproject) on Instagram or Facebook to see their work in progress and find out more.

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9. Clothing(7)
10. Free time(7)
12. Quarter of an acre (4)
13. Build (9)
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16. Precious stone (5)
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23. Type of pasta (9)
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May Crossword Winner:

Sandra Beveridge, Duncanson Drive

Burntisland's Events Diary

AUGUST

Friday	5th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls—raising funds for the Wednesday Social Club	12 noon–4 pm
Saturday	6th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls	10 am–1 pm
Sunday	7th	Family friendly Beach Clean at The Beach House	10.30 am
Tuesday	9th	Central Burntisland TRA meeting in the Burgh Chambers	6.30 pm
Friday	12th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
		Acoustic Music Club in Burntisland Bowling Club	7.30 pm–10.30 pm
Thursday	25th	Police Community Meeting in the Toll Community Hub, High Street	10 am–11 am
		'Island Jewels of the Forth' a presentation talk by Ian Archibald in St Serfs Church	7 pm

SEPTEMBER

Thursday	1st	'Scottish Oddities' a presentation talk by Hamish Brown in St Serfs Church	7 pm
Friday	2nd	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls—raising funds for Burntisland Scout Group	12 noon–4 pm
Saturday	3rd	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls	10 am–1 pm
		Coffee and Pancakes in the Erskine Church	10 am
Sunday	4th	Family friendly Beach Clean at The Beach House	10.30 am
Friday	9th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Sunday	11th	Doors Open Day 'Maritime Matters' Heritage Exhibition, 4 Kirkgate	11 am–4 pm
		Doors Open Day for Burntisland Burgh Chambers	1 pm–4 pm
Thursday	15th	Film Night at St Serfs Church	7 pm
Friday	16th	Acoustic Music Club in Burntisland Bowling Club	7.30 pm–10.30 pm
Thursday	29th	'The Lewis Chessmen' a presentation talk by David Caldwell in St Serfs Church	7 pm

OCTOBER

Sunday	2nd	Family friendly Beach Clean at The Beach House	10.30 am
Friday	7th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls—raising funds for the Christmas Lights Fund	12 noon–4 pm
Saturday	8th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls	10 am–1 pm
		Burntisland 1883 Model Railway Exhibition in the Parish Church Halls	10 am–4 pm
Sunday	9th	Burntisland 1883 Model Railway Exhibition in the Parish Church Halls	10 am–4 pm
Friday	14th	Community Council meeting in the Burgh Chambers	7.00 pm
Friday	28th	ROCK SALT Exhibition opens at Glisk Gallery, High Street, see page 26 for details	

To include a public event taking place in November, December, or January in our next issue, email: editor@burghbuzz.org.uk



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