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Bonfire and Fireworks Night

Kicking off November with another safe and spectacular display on The Links.





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Well done to everyone involved in helping organise another successful event for the community and wider public to enjoy, one that annually brings thousands to the town on the night.

The organising committee extends their thanks to all of the volunteer bucket collectors, bonfire builders, and stewards, as well as emergency services and local businesses—without their support the event could not go ahead.

The group is also grateful to everyone who donated in buckets on the night or online—you can still contribute if you're able, to help ensure next year's event goes ahead, via the online crowdfunder page: **www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/burntisland-bonfire-and-fireworks-display-2026**

Pictured right: Bonfire committee with the Guy Fawkes created by pupils at Starley Hall school.



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From the Editor

As the year comes to an end, thanks to all of our advertisers, contributors, distributors, and of course readers for continuing to support the Buzz.

Bonfire & Fireworks—events like this don't happen without the hard work of volunteers, so it was great to see the end result at the with another fantastic display beginning of this month.

One entry in the diary to note is the Blood Donation session in December at the Kingswood Hotel. With the recent appeal to help improve blood stocks whether you a regular, previous donor, or someone who hasn't thought about it before, consider registering and donating this winter if you are able.

Hope you all have an enjoyable Festive season and New Year when it comes.

Michael Booth, Editor

Winter Festival takes shape

Organised by the Community Council to support the Christmas Lights project, the festival incorporates established and new events taking place in the town over the winter.

The idea is to bring together everything happening around Burntisland over the winter months into one programme, helping to promote local activities, organisations and businesses.

Check out the Community Council Facebook page or the High Street noticeboard for further updates, as well as our own Events Diary, and join in where you can!

Congratulations to Café Verde on winning the raffle to be the main sponsor of the Christmas Lights and Winter Festival Programme. Thanks to all of the local businesses who donated to be a part of the draw helping the fundraising efforts.

CORNERSTONE CAFE

Cornerstone Café is open on Wednesdays from 12-1:30pm for a free hot lunch and a blether, located in the Parish Church Hall at the top of Kirkgate.

Burntisland's Giving Tree



It's that time of year again, when I kindly ask for you to think about buying a gift for a local child. I know times are tough and it's such a big ask, but if you could dig deep and think of a child on Christmas morning.

I work closely with the Primary School, whose staff volunteer to confidentially sort and deliver the gifts.

All you do is get a tag, buy a gift, pop it in a bag, with the age and gender of child on the tag. Gifts should be handed in to the High Street Co-op no later than Thursday 11th December. Any questions get in touch: **caroleanne1589@gmail.com**

Carole-Anne Paterson at the High Street Co-op

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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.....

Your Community Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. **Dates for the next meetings are: 17th November, 15th December, and 20th January at BFAST, 60 High Street**

Members of the public are welcome to attend or to raise matters of interest. If possible, please email items you'd like discussed to the Secretary a week before the meeting so they can be more easily accommodated in the agenda.

The venue has step-free access via the rear door, and meetings are also available to join using Zoom videoconferencing—please contact the Secretary if you wish to join online via Zoom.

A summary of issues discussed during recent meetings is set out below. Full minutes are available on the Community Council website.

- Community Awards: You can nominate in three categories: individual, young person (under 25), or group/team. The nomination forms with criteria and guidance are on our website and can be downloaded and returned by email. Some paper nominations forms will be available at the Library. See page 4.
- Scots Verse Competition: This is for P1-6 pupils. This year the competition and awards will both take place at Burntisland Primary School.
- Christmas lights: The lights will be on from early November to late January as part of a 'Winter Festival'. Please support fundraising events and donate what you can. The significant recurrent annual costs are no longer fully covered by a Fife Council grant. Without funds, there will be no lights.
- Planning: Proposed developments include new homes at the old Greenmount Hotel site on Kirkcaldy Road and a possible new home at East Broomhill.
  Sansec Developments attended our September meeting to report proposals for a new Tesco Express store in the High Street on the site of Evolve Printers. At the time of writing, we have not yet seen any Planning Application for this.
- Proposed local government reform: Scottish Government has now arranged consultation with Community Councils on this.
- Rail Station: At time of writing, we still await the result of Melanie Ward MP's community survey. We reported concerns over the state of the footbridge to Network Rail. We have no update from Network Rail following their Feasibility Study on options for access improvements.
- Burgh Chambers: At the time of writing, we still await Fife Council starting work on the refurbishments to heating and access. It's likely the building will remain unavailable until summer 2027.
- Burntisland Common Good Fund and assets: Fife Council Kirkcaldy Area Community Manager has confirmed she will attend our December meeting to discuss Common Good Fund management by Fife Council.
- Forth Ports: representatives have agreed to attend our November meeting for a general update.
- We met with Fife Council Grounds Maintenance Service to agree minimising pesticide use, grass cutting management, and broken benches on the Links.
- Recurrent flooding: Scottish Water were scheduled to report to us in September on what they intend to do, if anything, to prevent the repeated flooding of Kirkton Road, the park, and Haugh Road when there is heavy rain. They know the problem is lack of capacity in the combined sewer system. We continue to press them for an update.
- Remembrance Sunday: Thank you to all who attended and contributed to services at Burntisland Parish Church and the War Memorial on 8th November, and to everyone who joined the parade.
- Community Councillor Ken Littlemore has been our parade lead for several years and has intimated his intention to retire from the Community Council. We thank him for his excellent work organising the Exiles and Remembrance Parades and wish him well. We hope someone will volunteer to step up to fill his shoes.

Burntisland Community Awards 2027

Your Community Council is seeking nominations for the Burntisland Community Awards 2027! We want to recognise the individuals and groups who have played their special part in making Burntisland a great place to live, work, and visit.

Nominations are in three categories: **Individual Award** (Citizen of the Year); **Group or Team Award**; and **Young Person Award** (aged under 25 on 1st January 2026). You can nominate in one or more categories. We do not always award in every category.

This is not a popularity contest: Community Councillors judge all nominations against selection criteria. These criteria and instructions are on the nomination forms to guide you.

You can download nomination forms from our website **www.burntislandcc.org.uk** and email completed forms back to our Secretary: **burntislandcc@outlook.com**

Some paper copies of the forms will also be available at the Library on the High Street and can be left there for collection.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday 14th December**.

We will assess all nominations carefully and it's always difficult to make choices on the winners. The winners will be informed as soon as possible on or after Hogmanay.

This is great opportunity for all of us to express our thanks and give winners the honour and recognition they deserve.

BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Building a Better Burntisland It's been a busy few months for Burntisland Community Development Trust (BCDT), with several exciting projects progressing and a renewed focus on bringing local organisations, businesses and residents together to help shape the future of our town.

Bringing Our Community Together
On 6th October, BCDT hosted a successful Community Networking Evening at the Music Hall, welcoming representatives from 15 local community groups, alongside local businesses and residents.

The evening provided a valuable opportunity for people to share ideas, discuss ongoing projects, explore opportunities for collaboration and strengthen connections between organisations working across Burntisland.

The positive response highlighted the enthusiasm and commitment of those involved in our community. BCDT hopes to build on this success by encouraging greater communication and cooperation between local groups, helping everyone work towards shared goals.

Progress on Community Projects

Shanks Pier: Working alongside Forth Ports and community partners, BCDT is progressing plans to transform the area into an accessible and welcoming community green space. Proposals include improved pathways, planting, seating, interpretation boards and a small performance area. A funding application has been submitted to support the development.

Changing Places Toilet: BCDT is delighted to have successfully passed the first stage of the Changing Places Toilets Scotland funding process. The proposed facility at Burntisland Links would provide essential accessible toilet and changing facilities for people with complex care needs, making our town more inclusive for residents and visitors alike. Work is now progressing towards the next stage of the application.

Community Energy: BCDT has also submitted a funding application to explore opportunities for community energy projects in Burntisland, investigating how locally developed renewable energy initiatives could benefit the town.

Supporting Biodiversity: Our Biodiversity Group continues to develop practical initiatives to support local wildlife, improve green spaces and encourage residents of all ages to get involved in caring for our environment.

Looking to the Future—Burntisland's Community Action Plan
BCDT continues to work alongside community partners to review priorities identified through the Community Action Plan.

Discussions have focused on opportunities to improve access around the harbour, enhance local heritage and visitor facilities, develop community spaces and strengthen connections between different areas of the town.

By working collaboratively, we hope to turn these longer-term aspirations into achievable projects that deliver lasting benefits for Burntisland.

Stay Connected—BCDT eNewsletter
We're delighted to have recently relaunched our BCDT eNewsletter, helping us keep residents informed about community projects, local initiatives, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

The newsletter is a great way to stay connected with what's happening across Burntisland and learn more about the work being carried out by BCDT and our community partners.

Would you like to receive our eNewsletter? Simply visit the BCDT website and sign up to our mailing list to receive future updates directly to your inbox.

Get Involved
By the time you read this, our Annual General Meeting will have taken place. BCDT is run by local volunteers who care passionately about our town. Whether you have an idea for a community project, would like to volunteer or simply want to stay informed, we'd love to hear from you.

Together, we can continue building a vibrant, connected and sustainable Burntisland.

If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch with Burntisland Community Development Trust through our Facebook page, website, or by speaking to one of our trustees.

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The Music Hall

It's been an exciting and busy few months at the Music Hall, with a growing programme of activities, community events and creative opportunities bringing new life to one of Burntisland's most historic buildings.

Run by a dedicated committee of local volunteers, the Music Hall continues to develop as a welcoming, vibrant space where people of all ages can come together, learn new skills, get creative and enjoy themselves.

Something for Everyone. Our weekly programme offers a fantastic variety of activities, from Jiu-Jitsu, Karate and Tai Chi to Salsa, dance classes and Youth Theatre. There's something for all ages and interests, and we're always keen to welcome new groups and activities to the hall.

Our monthly Art Group has also been bringing people together through creativity, with themed sessions encouraging participants to explore different techniques, express themselves and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. We're looking forward to more creative opportunities in 2027.

Celebrating Local Makers. Our monthly Burntisland Makers Market continues to grow, showcasing the talents of local artists, crafters and independent businesses.

With 16 stalls offering a wonderful selection of handmade gifts, artwork, jewellery, homewares and other unique creations, the markets provide a fantastic opportunity to shop locally while enjoying a friendly community atmosphere.

As we head towards Christmas, we're looking forward to welcoming visitors to our festive markets, offering the perfect opportunity to discover thoughtful, handmade gifts while supporting local makers.

Bringing the Community Together. October has been a particularly busy month, with the hall hosting children's and adults' Halloween celebrations, alongside our regular programme of classes and activities.

These events are part of our wider ambition to make the Music Hall a place where the community can come together to celebrate, socialise and make memories.

We're keen to continue developing more family-friendly events, social gatherings and community activities throughout 2027.

Looking Ahead to 2027. Next year marks the Music Hall's 170th anniversary!

We're exploring ways to celebrate this remarkable history and the generations of people who have passed through its doors.

As we look towards this milestone, we're also focusing on the future, developing new activities, improving our facilities and ensuring the hall remains a valued community space for generations to come.

Our volunteers have also been busy behind the scenes developing a brand-new website! The new site will make it easier than ever to discover what's happening at the Music Hall, explore our activities and events, and book the hall for your own gatherings.

We're excited to share more with you soon, so watch this space and follow our Facebook page for updates!

Help Support Your Music Hall. As a volunteer-run community venue, we rely on the support of local people to keep the hall thriving.

Funds raised through our events and activities help us maintain and improve this historic building, ensuring it continues to serve the community.

Whether you'd like to attend an event, join an activity, hire the hall, volunteer your time or simply help spread the word, your support makes a real difference.

Together, we can ensure the Music Hall continues to thrive for another 170 years!

Kerrie-Anne Jarvis





Lest We Forget



Wreaths laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday (8th November), after the Parish Church service and Parade.

Burntisland & Kinghorn Rotary Club

The Club continues to develop its liaison with all three primary schools in the area as well as further developments with Balwearie Secondary. This includes the Tombola stall at Burntisland Primary on 29th November and naturally with Christmas coming up the Club has continued its long association with Fife Young Carers by collecting gifts for their centre in Glenrothes.

The recent successful Race Night held at the Sands Hotel raised a substantial sum for our charity account, a large portion of which went to Prostate Scotland. Looking forward we will be holding our Santa's Sleigh collection at Morrisons in Kirkcaldy on Sunday 20th December.

At the recent Scotland North District Conference held in the new Carnegie Conference Centre in Dunfermline the Club were recipients of two District Awards. Firstly pertaining to the individual contribution to Rotary Foundation which funds charitable assistance around the world and secondly our individual contribution to 'End Polio Now' which by all accounts is very close to eradicating wild polio in the world.

We are still looking for suitable candidates for our Young Citizen's Award. This is an opportunity to give a deserving youngster a deserved recognition, get in touch with your nomination.

Aside from all the charity work and contributions the Club does, we will take time to enjoy our weekly meetings and the festive season with a Xmas dinner followed in January by our Burns Supper, both held in the Burntisland Sands Hotel. Should you wish, consider coming to look at how you could become part of this active, worldwide, effective & satisfying helpful organisation.

Visitors are welcome for optional dinner at 6:15pm or meeting at 7pm by contacting Hon. Secretary Derek Thomson on **delta.tango662@gmail.com** or 01337 860654.

Looking ahead the meeting programme includes the following:

November 24th—Tom Courts—My Life
December 8th—Alan Crombie—Freedom of Burgh of Kirkcaldy
December 13th—Xmas Party
January 12th—Bill Fiet—Before Glenrothes
January 19th—Burns supper

Derek Thomson

Local Business Updates

in association with Totally Locally Burntisland

Since the last issue of the Burgh Buzz...

Coastal Reflections, has relocated onto our High Street from Aberdour, offering clothes, jewellery, gifts and home décor.

A new Thai restaurant and takeaway, **House of Thai**, has opened on the High Street.

On a Roll won "Roll Bar of the Year" at the Scottish Café & Bakery Awards, while **One One Four** received a "Recognition for Excellence" in the Mediterranean Restaurant of the Year category at the Scottish Restaurant Awards

Keep up to date with all our Totally Locally businesses at: **www.facebook.com/totallylocallyburntisland**







Burntisland Bowling Club

The outdoor bowling season at Burntisland Bowling Club concluded on Saturday 3rd October with the closing of the green. After another great season of bowling at the club, the 2026 Men's Club Championship was retained by Elliot Young, with former multiple champion Margaret Farnes taking the 2026 Ladies Club Championship. Congratulations to both.



Congratulations must also go to our Gents West Fife League Team, who were promoted to Division 2 after comfortably winning Division 3. They also went on to contest the final of the Gents West Fife Cup in which they narrowly lost out to the hosts Abbyview BC by two rinks to one. A great season for the team.

Men's Competitions: John Robertson (Senior Cup); Paul Graham (President's Cup); Scott Montague (Bob Meldrum Handicap); Chris Connor (Stevenson Cup); Derek Connor (Ian Muir Trophy); Kevin Moore (Over 65s); Steve McAughey & M Paterson (Nomination Pairs); Steve McAughey & Kevin Moore (Ballot Pairs); Chris Connor, Derek Connor & George Connor (Triples).

Ladies' Competitions: Julie Lindsey (Ladies Presidents, Isobel Muir Cup); Margaret Farnes (Senior); Janet McGuff (Festival Handicap); Dorothy Whyte (Morrison Cup, Helen Mann Cup); Sandra Beveridge, Hazel Montague & Carrol Wilson (Ballot Triples); Lorna Murdoch & Dorothy Whyte (Nomination Pairs); Alison Wyatt & Rosemary Lascelles (Ballot Pairs); Alison Wyatt & Dorothy Whyte (Two Bowl Pairs); Lorna Murdoch (Points Cup)

Mixed Competition winners were: Morag Hutton & Kevin Hutton (Mixed Pairs); Steve McAughey (Equal Footing).

The **Junior Championship** was retained by George Connor.

Congratulations to all our winners.



We have benefited from excellent sponsorship support this season, from small donations internally by our carpet bowls players to substantial support from local businesses Briggs Marine and Forth Ports. We would like to thank them all.

As we move into the close season the carpet bowls begins in the main hall, with all welcome. Days and times are Monday 2pm (Ladies), Thursday 7pm (Mixed), Friday 2pm (Mixed) and Saturday 2pm (Mixed). Also watch for upcoming social evenings on our **Burntisland Bowling Club Social** Facebook page, including our Christmas Party on 12th December and New Years Eve Party on 31st December, again all welcome.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended and helped organise the coffee morning in September, where £2,200 was raised in aid of Ronald McDonald House.

Jim Connor, Secretary

www.burntislandbowlingclub.org.uk

Burntisland–Flekkefjord Town Twinning

We are still actively seeking two young Burntislanders who would like to participate in the twinning youth exchange for 2027 and 2028.

Will your son be 14–16 years old in 2027? If you'd like them to get involved with the town twinning, then please get in touch. We are keen to hear from you!

See full details on our website: **www.burntislandtwinning.org.uk/get-involved** or email us at **burntislandtwinning@gmail.com**
Mark Kisby, Chair

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Toll Community Centre & Hub

A bright future for the Toll Centre!

There's lots to celebrate at the Toll, with improvements to our main hall, funding for a new staff member and more activities on the way!

Our main hall has recently been painted, giving the space a fresh new look. We're also delighted to have secured funding from the Morrisons Foundation for acoustic panels, which we hope to have installed soon. These improvements will help us make better use of the hall and create opportunities for more activities.

We've also secured three years' funding from The Robertson Trust to employ a part-time Development Worker. This new role will support our existing activities and help develop new ones, bringing more people through the doors and making the Toll an even busier community space.

What's on at the Toll?

From toddlers & youth activities to exercise, crafts and opportunities to enjoy some company, there's plenty happening throughout the week.

We're looking forward to welcoming two new groups: Gaelic Yoga and Drum Fit, both running on a Wednesday.

We are also delighted to host the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), who now offer an activities and lunch club for ages 60+ every Thursday from 11:30am to 2pm. Pop along for activities, a spot of lunch, and plenty of cuppas and conversation!

In addition to Playgroup and Burntisland Out of School Service (BOSS) each day Mon-Fri, our timetable includes:

Monday: Sittercise 12:30–1:30pm & Sewing Group 6:30–8:30pm.

Tuesday Toddlers group 9:15–10:30am. Aimed at families with children aged 0–4, it's a wonderful space for play, cuppas, & chats.

Wednesday: Drum Fit 10:30–11:30am, Kickboxing 6:30–7:30pm, Gaelic Yoga 7:45–8:45pm

Thursday: Royal Voluntary Service lunch club 11:30am to 2pm and Digital Drop-in 12:30–2:30pm

There's also the Junior Youth Club (P5–7) 6:30–8pm on a Tuesday and Only Girls on Thursday 4–5:30pm—contact Fife Council's Lynn Brannan, via **Lynn.Brannan@fife.gov.uk** for more information.

Changes at our High Street Hub

We're reducing our charity shop opening hours while we focus on recruiting more volunteers to help us open for longer in the future.

The charity shop will now be open: Wednesday: 10am–4pm, Thursday: 10am–1pm, and Friday: 10am–1pm

We'll also be offering Chat and Cuppa sessions at the Hub on Mondays from 12 noon–1pm and Tuesdays from 11am–12 noon. Pop in for a wee chat, a cuppa and some company, with support and signposting available if needed.

If you could spare some time to help in the charity shop or support any of our groups at the Toll, we'd love to hear from you.

Help shape our future

We're looking for new trustees to join our board and help the Toll Centre move forward. If you care about your local community and would like to play a part in the centre's future, please get in touch for a chat about what's involved.

Thank you to everyone who attends our groups, volunteers their time, shops at the Hub and supports our work. Your involvement helps keep these community spaces welcoming and busy.

For more information about activities, volunteering or becoming a trustee, contact us via the details listed below.

Cairinne Macdonald, Centre Manager

Website: **www.tollcentre.org.uk**
Facebook: **www.facebook.com/TheTollCommunityCentre**
Email: **enquiries@tollcentre.org.uk** or Phone: 01592 872854

Burntisland Out of School Service (BOSS)

One of the best things about BOSS is it does not matter what season we are in—there are always opportunities for play and exploration and the winter months are no exception!

Colder afternoons—we wrap up warm to continue our outdoor play and create cosy spaces indoors! The sun setting earlier—we get out with our torches and play with shadows and light! The large hall in the Toll Community Centre where we are based has disco lights so the darker afternoons are a perfect reason to get them on early and dance our way through the colder months!

Our October holiday club was so much fun with activities that engaged the children in teamwork, creative thinking and problem solving. We had them quizzing, baking, scavenging, crafting, sporting, dancing and so much more. Our next holiday club is in November and then we will be looking to plan the days we are opening for the February and Easter school holidays. If you are interested in our holiday clubs please get in touch using the details below.

Whilst we currently have very limited availability for our term time sessions we can still sometimes manage to accommodate ad hoc sessions so even if your child does not attend regular sessions at BOSS you are very welcome to get in touch and see what is available.

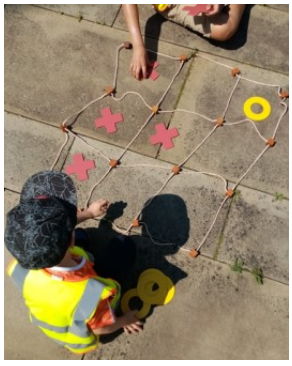
For those families who have a child starting school in August 2027 now is the time to email us and get on our mailing list for next year's enrolment.

As a registered charity we are working hard to keep our provision affordable for families and would love to hear from any businesses and workplaces who would be able to support BOSS! If this is something you can help with please contact us

For all enquiries or if you would like to be added to our mailing list for August 2027 school starts, holiday clubs or ad-hoc sessions you can call us on 07702801132 or email at **bossburntisland@gmail.com**

We regularly share our activities on our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/BurntislandOutOfSchoolService** and information about BOSS and our committee can also be found on our website **www.bossburntisland.co.uk**

Anne Laidlaw, Manager







Burntisland Primary School

News Round-Up Term 1: Introducing Our New House and Vice-Captains

All Primary 7 children had the opportunity to apply to become a House Captain. Pupils completed an application form and were considered for these important leadership roles. We are delighted to introduce our new House and Vice Captains:

Inchcolm: Zofia Robertson, Ellie Barr, Emma McKenzie and Eliot Mechie

Inchmickery: Tawona Chatikobo, Elianna Bell, Finlay Grey and Freddy McGregor

Inchkeith: Kali McLaren, Ben Walker, Bailey Marshal and Brodie Haston

Cramond: Sholto Sheridan, Leo Shields, Louise McDowell and Finlay Moncrieff

A Busy First Term Across the School

Nursery have had a busy and exciting first term, learning about charts, playing direction games in PE, enjoying the story A Handful of Buttons, drawing their front doors and exploring the topic Me and My Nursery.

The children in P1 have made a wonderful start to the school year, learning about numbers to ten, counting forwards and backwards to 20, playing team games, learning letter sounds, enjoying The Story Thief and learning about the school community.

Throughout Term 1, P1/2 have enjoyed a variety of engaging activities, learning about numbers to ten, number patterns and place value, taking part in games, practising Jolly Phonics sounds and high-frequency words, learning about people who help them and reading dinosaur books.

P2 have had a busy and exciting first term, learning about dinosaurs, developing ball skills in PE, exploring place value and addition, using a variety of adjectives and enjoying dinosaur books.

Setting sail on their pirate topic, P3 have discovered many exciting new skills. They have been improving ball skills, investigating place value and number sequences, developing descriptive writing and punctuation skills, and reading George's Marvellous Medicine.

Magic and adventure have been at the heart of learning in P4 this term. They have been learning about Harry Potter, taking part in basketball, football, hockey and gymnastics, developing addition and subtraction skills, reviewing each other's writing and reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Inspired by their Mary Queen of Scots topic, P5 have been developing skills across the curriculum. They have been enjoying athletics and ball skills, writing information reports and descriptive texts, practising commas, studying place value, rounding, shape and data handling, and reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

P6 have embraced a range of learning opportunities during a productive first term. They have been learning about place value and addition, creating descriptive writing, taking part in athletics, studying health and wellbeing, and reading Goldfish Boy.

As the oldest pupils in the school, P7 have risen to new challenges this term. They have enjoyed engaging with STEM activities, developing place value and times-table knowledge, completing descriptive writing and taking part in fitness activities.

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



BPS Parent Council





www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/burntisland-primary-school



Burntisland Amateur Swimming Club

Team BASC celebrated a significant milestone this September with its 140th Anniversary "Birthday Bash" Gala at the Michael Woods Sports & Leisure Centre in Glenrothes. The event was particularly special as it was the club's first self-hosted gala in 40 years.

The gala welcomed 18 clubs from across Scotland, including Carnegie, Glenrothes, Cupar, Kinross, Forfar, Dunfermline, Tranent and Hawick, with 40 BASC swimmers taking part. The atmosphere throughout the day was fantastic, with swimmers of all ages enjoying the opportunity to compete while being cheered on by teammates, coaches and a packed spectator gallery.

There were plenty of impressive swims in the pool, with many BASC swimmers recording personal best times. A particular highlight came from Club Captain Sorren Duncan-Clark, who set a new BASC Club Record in the 13 & Over Boys' 50-metre Freestyle. Sorren's outstanding time of 26.00 seconds broke the previous record of 26.05 seconds, held by George Mansfield since 2016. The whole club is immensely proud of his achievement.

While the swimming was outstanding, the success of the gala was equally due to the dedication of the team behind the scenes. Volunteers took on a wide range of roles throughout the day, helping everything run smoothly from start to finish. The club has since received numerous messages from visiting teams and officials praising both the organisation of the gala and the warm welcome they received throughout the day.

A special thank you goes to every parent volunteer and helper who gave up their time to make the event possible. What began as an ambitious idea earlier in the year became one of the club's most memorable events, thanks to the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of countless members, parents and supporters.



The event also showcased the fantastic efforts of the Club Committee, too often the unsung heroes of team BASC. Enormous thank you to Chair Tahra Duncan -Clark and Vice-Chair Amanda Wardrop-Jones, and the entire committee, with special shoutouts to Entry Secretary Isabel Fox and Gala Convenors Meg Kiel and Yvonne Staniforth. They may not be chasing PBs or SNAG times, but they are a credit to the club and a powerful reminder of the community spirit that has sustained the club for 140 years.

Swimming is a great way to stay active, build confidence and make new friends. BASC welcomes anyone who can swim at least one length of a recognisable stroke. For more info or to arrange to come along for an assessment please visit our website: **www.burntislandswimmingclub.com** or email: **bascenquiries@hotmail.com**. We would love to hear from you!

Laura Scotland

Pictured are District Squad swimmers Matthew, Rowan, Edith and Sorren with Session One swimmer William.

Girlguiding at the Parish Church Halls

Our fundraising Bingo night at the Jubilee was a great success. Thank you to the Jubilee for hosting, and all the local businesses and parents for raffle prize donations. Thank you also to all the supporters who came along on the night. The money raised will be a great help towards unit running costs this year.

1st Burntisland Guides

Guides enjoyed a weekend away at Girlguiding Fife Carmichael Centre, an exciting end to last year. Guides learned a new skill; soft archery, they made fun craft items to take home and cooked their own lunches on open fires. The weather was kind to us and a great weekend was had by all.

We have welcomed new Guides this term as a number of girls have moved up from the Brownie units. Guides have been working on programme activities; we had a great evening taste testing a range of snack items. Guides had to work out which was the branded item and which one was a supermarket own brand and, most importantly, which ones we all preferred. A good excuse to eat some tasty treats.

Guides have investigated the differences between a range of light bulbs, discussed changing bulbs safely and practiced this for themselves. We also had a fun night playing games and using the equipment from our sports bags.

In preparation for Halloween Guides carved their own pumpkins, we put glow sticks inside so that we could see the effect in darkness. This also went towards their whittling badge.

1st Burntisland Rainbows

The Rainbows have been busy exploring their communication and leadership skills this term which has meant lots of talking! They have been discussing ideas, giving directions and making decisions, all done while designing a zoo, creating a dance routine and trying their hand at public speaking.

They have also been busy completing a great many Interest Badges—great work Rainbows!

And huge congratulations to the four Rainbows who made their Promise at the end of term. Well done everyone!

We still urgently need two more volunteers. No experience is needed—just a willingness to help, enjoy working with young children and be part of a team. Training and support will be provided.

If you would like to learn more, please visit **www.girlguiding.org.uk** for more information and to register an interest

Our units are happy to welcome new girls. 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 Burntisland Parish Church Halls on Monday evenings.

Guides: 6:45 to 8:30pm
burntislandguides@gmail.com

Brownies: 5 to 6:30pm
burntislandbrownies1st@outlook.com

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

Jean Priestley








Burntisland Harbour Access Trust

The summer passed without a BHAT Rally or March but our campaign to restore "rights of way" access to the East Dock and Breakwater continues. The campaign is focused on Fife Council in its role as the Access Authority. Your imagined Questions and BHAT's Answers set the scene...

Q. Has Fife Council made any attempt to answer the 4 outstanding questions that determine the presence of rights of way in the East Dock?

A. No. Silence.

Q. So what is BHAT doing?

A. We have made a formal complaint to Fife Council for permitting council officers to withhold public interest information from elected members and the Fife Cabinet. The information was contained in the Fife Access Officers report of April 2025 and cast doubt on the validity of the Forth Ports case for fencing off the dock.

Q. How do you expect the Council to react?

A. On past performance—obfuscate; but we have to give the council a right of reply before referring the matter to the Ombudsman.

Q. Does the Ombudsman have the power to take any action?

A. Sadly not—but an opinion in our favour would attract media interest and reinforce our case.

Q. Case! Is BHAT going to take legal action against Fife Council?

A. We sincerely hope not—we just need the council to step up to its legal responsibilities as the Access Authority, in other words "obey the law". Nonetheless we need funds to meet contingencies.

Q. Fund Raising?

A. Yes, we are hosting a pre-Christmas "Mediterranean Meander" wine tasting on Saturday 21st November at the Golf Club—details on our web site **www.bhat.org.uk** and our Burntisland Harbour Access Trust (BHAT) Facebook page. There are two reasons why you should join us—it will be fun and BHAT needs funding!

BHAT

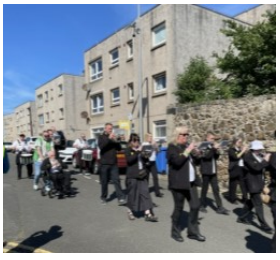
Central Burntisland Tenants & Residents Association

Hope you have all had a good summer and managed to appreciate the beautiful blooms in our town that FAB work so hard to bring us year on year.

A thank you also to Gordon Langlands who looks after the planters in West Leven Street, Sommerville Street, Square and Kirkgate. We very much appreciate the work you do. It is also a lovely welcome for our visitors to the town if travelling by train.

We took July off to give our committee a well earned break and enjoy our beautiful town in all its summer glory. In June the Fife Provost and our Chair welcomed the St Patrick's Picnic Group from Shotts, who were celebrating their 100th Anniversary summer trip, which has alternated between Ayrshire and Burntisland over the years.





The group had a great day and wrote to thank us for organising a welcome party that escorted them behind the band, all the way to the Links where they had set up for the day. They also commented on how friendly Burntisland is and that they had a great day.

We have embarked on our 2026–27 project where we will be concentrating on Sommerville Street and Sommerville Square, watch this space!

We continue to top up the dog poo bags and we urge you all to report anyone who allows their dog to foul our streets. Let's have a zero tolerance on this!

Can't believe I am about to write the C word, surely not that time already. With Christmas fast approaching we are organising the Christmas Food Parcels as we do every year. Sadly our numbers on the committee are dwindling so we have had to make a few changes to allow us to continue this service.

We will revisit this in the new year looking for more volunteers. Do contact us if you are interested in joining us to support our community.



If you or anyone you know are in need of a Christmas Food Parcel then please scan the QR code to apply online, or pick up a paper form at On a Roll, before applications close at 5pm on Friday 11th December

Food Parcel collection is at On a Roll on Tuesday 23rd December from 4–6pm.

If you want to join CBTRA we meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in On a Roll cafe. Our purpose is to support tenants and residents within our community to have a better quality life. All Welcome.

From everyone at CBTRA we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy 2027.

Lynne Ralph, CBTRA



Friends of Burntisland Old Parish Church

FoBOPC's Vison is: *To keep Burntisland Old Parish Church a publicly accessible heritage asset for the foreseeable future and for the good of the community.*

Step up to help save our historic Burntisland Church: we need your support.

Feasibility Study: This informs the background, community wishes, and options to save this unique 430-year-old building for both our nation and for our local community. We thank Fife Historic Buildings Trust for this.

The best option seems 'Option A'. This would be a transfer of building ownership to a national heritage organisation. Historic Churches Scotland SCIO is such an organisation. HCS is interested in acquiring the building despite Arc Architects' Conditions Survey flagging up urgent and necessary repairs. However, transfer of ownership could only proceed with the consent of the building owners, the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, who would consult the local Kirk Session. Arc Architects also provided a costed Concept Design for potential improvements to visitor facilities: toilets, access, information, and a kitchenette.

Business Plan: We have a draft Business Plan thanks to Community Enterprise. This looks only at Option A (HCS ownership). HCS would take on responsibility for longer term maintenance with a community group e.g. FoBOPC, responsible for day-to-day running costs and organising events. Annual costs and volunteer time would be substantial and ongoing fundraising would be required. In the long run, the town would not only keep its heritage 'crown jewel', but also benefit from a better used and more vibrant facility. This could help boost the local economy.

Membership: Our membership is increasing and we urge all of you who care about the building's future to join us as a Member, or Associate Member. You can do so via our website.

With guidance from Fife Voluntary Action, FoBOPC is transitioning to become a Scottish Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. Our members are a crucial part of our organisation.

We also need more expertise on our 'board' and would like to recruit addition volunteers to become charity trustees. If you have knowledge and skills in the heritage and tourism industry, law, business, fundraising and the charity sector, consider joining us.



Public meeting: Look out for news of a public meeting in the church early in 2027.

Website & Socials: **www.fobopc.co.uk** We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

FoBOPC is supported by grants and donations. Thank you! Our main funders are: The Architectural Heritage Fund; Fife Council; Community Ownership Support Service.

Photos below from the ReACH (Research in Action on Church Heritage) project visit to the church in September.



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Burntisland Over 70s Christmas Treat

In September, we held a fundraising event at the Kingswood Hotel, where we enjoyed wonderful entertainment by Kirk James and Angela Duncan, who performed a beautiful selection of songs from the musicals.

Although attendance was lower than we had anticipated, the event was still a great success and raised £142. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Kirk, Angela, the staff at the Kingswood Hotel, and everyone who came along to support us.

We are also incredibly grateful to Hancocks Bingo, who very generously donated £250 to our funds. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce that this year's Christmas Lunch will be held at the Kingswood Hotel on Saturday 5th December, from 12 noon.

This is an invite to all over 70s residing in Burntisland—come along and join us for a free festive afternoon of fun, food and Christmas cheer. Hope to see you there!

Venue: Kingswood Hotel
Date: Saturday 5th December
Time: 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

Any queries or if you require transport to the venue please contact Angie on 07853 503536

The Star supporting Kirkcaldy Hospice

Over the past year customers of The Star, alongside local businesses, organisations and community groups, have come together in support of Kirkcaldy Hospice.

Fundraising events including a pyjama party at Hogmanay, hoedown in July, and an end of summer party collectively raised over £4,000.

Organised by Morag and customers of The Star, the campaign was inspired by the care Evelyn and Neil received at the hospice.

Thanks to their support, the hospice has been able to receive a range of Amazon Echo and Alexa devices to help enhance patients' comfort and wellbeing.

Morag commented "Really proud to have been able to do this for the hospice. I would like to thank all our customers and the local businesses with their raffle prize donations, and to everyone for supporting the cause during the year for making this possible."



Black Rocks Rowing Club

The town's coastal rowing club has been busy during the year. Members have been competing in competitions (for those who want to!) and for others we have been going on some fun excursions. Thanks to everyone who came to our wine tasting event held at the Music Hall.

Next year we will be hosting the Fife Gathering in April at Lochore Meadows. Coastal rowing clubs from around Fife will be socialising and competing with plenty of activities to keep everyone happy.

Most of our rows are simply social in nature and allow us to enjoy the sights and sounds out on the Forth. We have social rows sometimes two to three times a week depending on weather and members availability. We also take part in competitions for those who want to.

You can join the club as an individual or join as a family. Membership is extremely affordable so we can get new people involved. Some of our club members are complete novices and some of us are very experienced.

If anyone would like to join us and try rowing, please just visit our website at **www.burntislandrowing.org.uk** and hit the link that takes you to our 'get involved' page. We are keen to recruit more members and we have "Come and Try" rows so you can see what it is like. Rowing is for all, no matter your level of fitness or experience. We have had a lot of people Come and Try lately and they have really enjoyed it. **Brian Morley**



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The Big GREEN Market Burntisland

IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE MONEY (HONEST!)

Every month, the first question we get asked is "how much did you raise?" And that's fair enough, we're SO proud of raising £62,859 in our first five years. But anyone who's spent time at the BGM and Repair Cafe knows there's a LOT more going on than what ends up in the bank account.

What we do has a ripple effect, not just in the town but across the country and beyond. And that's something we're proud of, too.

Where does it all go?

Every bag you drop off goes on a wee journey. Even if something doesn't sell at the BGM, we do everything we can to make sure it doesn't go to waste.

Volunteers from the Foodbank and Community Cafe come along and gather warm clothes and homeware essentials for the people they support. Baby equipment and kids' clothes that we don't sell are donated to family projects throughout Fife. Books are boxed up and given to a local literacy project and nurseries. And we often send boxes of donations to charities further afield—including Africa.

When it comes to your electricals, our PAT testers check your small electricals so they can be sold at the BGM and get a second life, instead of a trip to the tip.



A big shout out to the Remakery

With Christmas on the way, the BGM Remakery is back for our November and December market. Our creative crafters take items and materials from the BGM and turn them into beautiful gifts, jewellery and homewares. This is our third year of Remakery fun, and its success shows that "past its best" doesn't mean "done". Come and see what they've been making!

Fix it, don't bin it

Over at the Repair Cafe, our fixers keep your much-loved items where they belong: at home with you, with a new lease of life. We've saved treasured lamps, much-loved coats and jackets, and we get the wheels and gears turning on your bike so you can enjoy the outdoors in safety. We'll also show you how to mend, fix or repair so you can always help someone in the same boat.

Don't forget, The Repair Cafe runs 10am to 12pm on the Saturday of every market, and it's free!

Coming up: December (and a wee secret)

Our Christmas market is on Friday 4th December (12 to 3pm) and Saturday 5th December (10am to 1pm), with the Repair Cafe on the Saturday morning. This time we're raising funds for Burntisland Foodbank.

Santa's Little Helpers have been rummaging through our toy stocks recently and they're very happy with what they see. They'll be on hand with a few bargains to help with the cost of this time of year, so keep your eye out for the festive bargains emails that come out ahead of the Christmas market.

And don't forget...

There will be no BGM or Repair Cafe in January, we always give our volunteers a wee break in January (nothing to do with too much cheese over the festive seasons, honest!)

Fancy joining Team Green?

We're always looking for new volunteers, especially for Saturday pack-down from 1pm to 2:30pm (no heavy lifting!). Get in touch through Facebook or email us at **biggreenmarket.burntisland@gmail.com**.

Get the news first by joining our mailing list: **http://eepurl.com/iUgCXQ**

And as ever: before you buy, TRY the Big Green Market first! **Team Green x**



The Burgh Polis

Welcome to the latest edition of Burgh Polis. I am struggling to comprehend that another year is coming to an end! It has been another busy year for Louis and me, trying to meet the demand of regular deployments across Fife and wider afield while continuing to provide a visible presence in Burntisland and Kinghorn.

Soon enough, a lot of thoughts will turn to Christmas and e-scooters may be at the top of many young persons wish list this festive period. However, we would like to remind parents and carers that, although e-scooters can be legally bought and owned, it is illegal to ride them in public places.

Privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements, cycle paths, parks or other public spaces. They may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Police Scotland takes the illegal use of e-scooters seriously. Riders risk enforcement action and scooters can be seized. Their use in public can also pose a safety risk to riders, pedestrians and other road users.

Before purchasing an e-scooter as a Christmas gift, please consider where it can be legally used. We encourage parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the law and help keep our communities safe this festive season. As well as the legality of the use, they are not cheap and can be seized

Louis and I have run an operation all year where we have looked to tackle the increase in anti-social behaviour from riders of scooter and illegal e-bikes. We have several resources available to us and over the summer months in particular these resources have been used to good effect with several bikes and scooters seized.

As well as the risk of having the scooters seized, the use of such vehicles can lead to charges being libelled against the riders which may impact people when they look to apply for a licence in the future.

We recently worked together with Fife Council safer communities, and a video was created which can be viewed on **www.youtube.com/@TheFifeCouncil** which explains the dos and don'ts as well as explaining the implications of the use of such vehicles.

Our drop-in surgeries continue and are well received, giving the community to come and join us to discuss any issues that may arise. For your calendars our future dates are: **10th December, 7th January, and 3rd February at 10–11am in the Old Police Station, 60 High Street.**

Lastly I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe festive period for you and your families.

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, or **999** to report emergency situations.

Our email address is:
FifeCommunityPoliceKirkcaldy@scotland.police.uk.
A reminder that this email is not monitored 24/7 so any crimes should always be reported via the normal channels above.

PC Ross Paterson



Beacon Runners

Wow it's the time of the year that the hi-vis vests and head torches are out… but that's ok because round Burntisland in the dark and cold validates the adage of "Winter miles, Summer smiles". If you usually run alone, are planning a race next year or just want to a reason to get out for some fresh air and exercise this could be a great time to give the Beacon a go. We're a small club but always happy to have new runners join us!

Since our last article our runners have taken part in 14 running events from the Borders to the Highlands and all points in between. We've had people compete in a 33 1/3 minute LP race; 10k's in Devilla Forrest, Killin, Kirkcaldy, Perth, Loch Ness and Glasgow; half marathons at Kirkcaldy, the Kelpies and in the Ochils; marathons in Loch Ness and York and even a couple of ultra marathons. A huge effort by everyone who part in them and great to see the club having so many people taking part in races across such a variety of distances.

We also saw the first running of the Burntisland Backyard Ultra. For those not familiar with the concept a Backyard Ultra, it's a last one standing race, where participants run a 4 and a bit mile lap each hour until there is only one left still running.

On Saturday 5th September Burntisland's first event took place taking in all the highlights the town has to offer—The Dells, beach, harbour and a little of the coastal path. The race started at 9am with 12 official runners, but the numbers ebbed and flowed throughout the days as other club and family members joined in to a few laps. Excitement was high as people chatted about foods they had for later, race stories and talks of all manner of things in the way you can only talk when you are running side by side with someone. It was a fantastic opportunity for people to test/push themselves in a safe environment with no pressure and plenty of encouragement.

By lap 12 we were down to the last five: Laura, Debbie, Lindsey, Danny and Jamie. We ended on lap 14 with Lindsey and Jamie doing their winners laps for the first female and male titles for the Burntisland Backyard. Over the course of the day we had 25 runners completing 133 laps with a combined distance of 541 miles (903km) and 9 runners going further than they'd ever gone before. An amazing day, a fantastic run by everyone and huge kudos to the organisers Jamie, Eilidh and Hector Henderson who pulled the whole thing together and gave up their house and garden for the day as the base camp/start line.

Over the next few months we'll have multiple teams competing in the Fife runnings clubs annual event—the Hartley Relays. We can also look forward to the annual Christmas lights run (could your house win the clubs prize for the best decorated house this year??), the end of year pub crawl (unofficial) run and club Christmas party. And then it'll really be time to get knuckled down to training for 2027's race calendar!

The **Beacon Runners meet every Monday from 7–8pm** in a variety of locations—mainly in Burntisland—for a planned session led by two of our coaches. If you'd like to find out more about us, check out our website **www.beaconrunners.co.uk** and if you'd be interested in coming along to one of our sessions, get in touch and we'll make sure you're welcomed.







Civic Week

We are delighted to be holding our Civic Week Christmas Artisan Market again this year at Burntisland Sands Hotel on Sunday 22nd November from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. This is a family Christmas event with stalls, Santa, snow globe, mince pies, and mulled wine. All money raised will go towards running future Civic Week events.

Our AGM took place in early October, as we begin planning the dates and theme for next summer's Civic Week.

We are in a healthy financial position but are looking for someone to fill the position of Secretary, and more volunteers to help on the committee.

Do you want to be part of a fun team and help pull together another fabulous Civic Week? If so please get in touch as we need your help.

Contact our Facebook page or send us an email: **burntislandcivicweek@gmail.com**

Amanda Jones, Chair



Burntisland & Kinghorn Foodbank

Burntisland & Kinghorn Foodbank SCIO opening times have recently changed. Anyone can now access the Foodbank, without a referral, on:

Tuesday and Friday from 12 to 1:30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Lonsdale Crescent, Burntisland

Saturday from 10:30 to 11:45am at Kinghorn Community Centre

The Foodbank has now been operating as an independent charity for two years and we held our Annual General Meeting in September to reflect on our achievements and plan for the future. We continue to see sustained demand for food parcels, and are very grateful for the support across the community who make providing food to those in need possible.

We've continued to strengthen existing community partnerships, including with the Big Green Market and Big House, and forged new ones in the past year. This year we opened our distribution hub in Kinghorn, and have benefitted from the use of the Ecology Centre's electric van to transport food to Kinghorn. Brilliant new volunteers have joined our team (and you can meet some of them if you're shopping in Morrisons on the first Saturday of the month!). We've also benefitted from New4U Children's Clothing Bank, based in Dalgety Bay, who along with the Big Green Market have supplied clothes to those who use our services, too.

We have been working to reflect on feedback received from Foodbank users and Members at our AGM, so we have diversified the food we have in parcels, and we are working to increase the nutritional value of them. While we also already provide signposting to wider support, we also want to have support services and community groups work alongside us in person where possible, to make sure people get the support they need, when they need it.

The Foodbank is committed to being forward thinking in creating a sustainable provision of high-quality support to ensure those facing food poverty in Burntisland and Kinghorn are met with food, support and compassion. We are grateful and humbled by the continued support of the community and look forward to going from strength to strength as we move forward into our third year of operation.

Please check our website **www.bkfoodbank.org.uk** or email **contact@bkfoodbank.org.uk**

Ruth Duffin

Burntisland Community Suppers

Hurrah! By the time you read this Burntisland's friendly, community suppers will be up and running once again on Saturdays at the Salvation Army Hall.

We aim to run between November and February from 5pm to 6:30pm on Saturday evenings and offer two tasty hot courses of good food and good company.

The project runs with help from Burntisland Community Development Trust and has had massive support from the community, local businesses and funders including Fife Council, as well as our fantastic volunteer team who ran a fundraising bingo night in the summer!

The Pay What You Can approach is a huge success, giving people a chance to come along to make new friends in a social setting over a tasty meal without worrying about costs.

The project also provides training opportunities for volunteers (including Saltire Awards for young volunteers) and brings the community together at the darkest time of the year.

This year we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the volunteer team as well as welcoming back volunteers from previous years. Last year we provided service with a smile to over 100 individual diners.

Most importantly though, the suppers are for everyone and aim to connect everyone in the community so if you live in Burntisland please do come along on a Saturday 5pm to 6pm entry to Burntisland Salvation Army Hall, Lonsdale Crescent. We would love to welcome you.

For menus, more information or to volunteer check out our website. Weekly menus and further information are on the website **www.burntislandsuppers.org.uk**

It's all about sharing our skills and learning new ones, getting to know new people in the community and hopefully having fun! Come and join us!

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REACHING OUT

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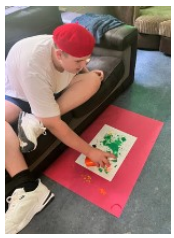



Learning and Life Skills. There have been some delicious results in the kitchen, with our young people following recipes to make a number of dishes including spaghetti Bolognese, vegetable stir-fry, as well as using an electric whisk safely to prepare Angel Delight. They have also enjoyed exploring different countries and cultures by tasting dishes from around the world, including India and Italy.

Reverse engineering a bike has offered some hands-on learning, taking it apart to explore how the parts fit together and work. A practical way to put curiosity and problem -solving skills to good use!

Creativity and Communication. Art gives our young people a chance to express their own ideas through their work.

For International Dot Day, we explored how one small mark can transform into something creative and unique, using circles, colour, and watercolours.

Autumn colours featured in paintings inspired by Jackson Pollock, with young people experimenting with splashes and drips of paint to create their own colourful designs.

Banksy served as the inspiration for artwork combining silhouettes with colourful backgrounds. Experimenting with straws to blow and spread watercolours encouraged creativity, with one young person incorporating their passion for football at the centre of their design.

There has been lovely encouragement in Literacy, with young people supporting one another to read aloud to the class and bringing stories to life through tone and expression.

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at Starley Hall. Our Five Ways to Wellbeing sessions have included making coloured sand from salt and chalk, then layering it in bottles. In addition to enjoying this relaxing activity, some young people chose to gift their finished bottles to friends and staff.

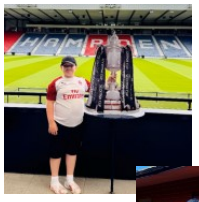


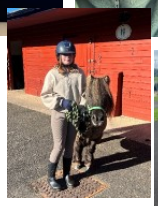



Music therapy provides our young people with opportunities to express themselves and connect with others through music. During our in-service day, staff participated in a music therapy awareness workshop, which helped us gain a deeper understanding of the sessions and how they support our young people.

Out and About. Our young people enjoy exploring Fife and the surrounding areas. These outings help to build confidence, develop everyday life skills, and strengthen connections with others.

Outings this term have included getting a closer look at the aircraft at the National Museum of Flight, meeting the owls at the Scottish Owl Centre, and exploring Scotland's football history on a museum tour at Hampden. Regular visits to Fife Cycle Park have offered opportunities to try different cycles and build confidence.




It has been heartening to see everyone supporting one another throughout the experience.

Shiresmill Therapy Riding Centre provides our young people with opportunities to spend time with horses and assist with their care. One young person has particularly enjoyed this experience and is continuing to volunteer by helping to look after the horses while the riding sessions are paused for the winter.

Burntisland Bonfire & Fireworks. We were pleased to contribute to supporting the fireworks once again this year. Weekly bake sales provided our young people with the opportunity to prepare and sell treats, including Mars bar cake, fudge, and pizza, raising funds while developing valuable skills.



We also had great fun making the Guy, continuing a much-loved Starley Hall tradition. Local artist Vanessa Gibson joined us to help bring our ideas to life.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Starley Hall and our young people throughout the year. Your kindness and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

Our young people enjoy participating in activities and projects within the local community. Please contact us at **info@starleyhall.co.uk** if you would like to learn more about our work or have a project with which we could assist.

Wishing all our Burgh Buzz readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We know the festive season isn't always easy for everyone, so we hope you manage to find some peaceful and cosy moments to enjoy.

Tracy Duffin, Principal Teacher

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Burntisland & District Pipe Band

The town's pipe band has capped off a remarkable 2026 competitive season by shifting its focus this autumn to youth recruitment and preparation for upcoming winter events.



At the World Pipe Band Championships held on Glasgow Green in August, the band proudly represented Burntisland with outstanding results across multiple categories. The Grade 3A Band was crowned the 2026 Championship of Champions for their incredible season-long consistency, finishing an impressive seventh overall in a highly competitive World Final. Following this stellar run, the Grade 3A band has officially been promoted by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) for the upcoming season—a well-deserved upgrade reflecting their elite status.

The standard was high across all sections, as the Novice Juvenile B Band successfully advanced through tough heats to secure a well-deserved spot in the World Championship Final. Individual excellence shone bright as well, with Drum Majors Catherine placing fourth and Thea placing sixth in the Juvenile Drum Major Championships.

With the major competition season concluded, October became a month dedicated to securing the band's future within the community. The organisation hosted two successful open nights alongside targeted recruitment sessions at local Primary Schools. These events gave local youth aged 8 to 15 a hands-on introduction to piping, drumming and drum majoring, matching prospective learners with the band's seasoned instructors.

As October draws to a close, the band gets ready for Armistice Sunday events on 8th November. Keeping with a long-standing local tradition, the pipers and drummers are preparing to lead the community in remembrance, at Burntisland's upcoming parades and wreath-laying services.

November will also see the return of the members' Bizland Big Bash. This special night will bring everyone together to celebrate the incredible successes of the past season and present the annual band awards to deserving members.

As always, a huge thanks to all the volunteer tutors and committee members who keep the organisation running and developing. We couldn't do this without their time and dedication.

If you or your child missed the October open nights but are still interested in learning pipes or drums, or learning more about the role of the Drum Major, the band remains open to new members. For more information, please get in touch directly via the Burntisland and District Pipe Band Facebook page.

Isla, Morag and Susan Cotton'



Floral Action Burntisland

As this November edition of Burgh Buzz arrives, Floral Action Burntisland (FAB) is reflecting on another busy season and looking forward to a winter filled with planting, planning and community collaboration.

October saw the removal of our summer hanging baskets after months of bringing colour and cheer to Burntisland. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped water and care for the displays throughout the season. The baskets once again helped create a warm welcome for residents, visitors and those arriving in the town.



While the baskets may have come down, our volunteers have wasted no time turning their attention to winter planting. Across our sites, bulbs and seasonal plants are being added to beds and containers, laying the foundations for beautiful spring displays while providing interest during the colder months.

Partnership working continues to be at the heart of what we do. We are delighted to be collaborating with Burntisland Community Development Trust (BCDT) on discussions and future plans for Shanks Pier. Working together allows us to share ideas, energy and expertise for the benefit of the whole community.

Several FAB volunteers also attended the launch of Burntisland's new networking group. It was inspiring to meet so many people who care deeply about our town and to hear about the fantastic work being undertaken by local groups and businesses. We look forward to building new relationships and exploring opportunities to work together.

One project generating particular excitement is the proposed Heritage Rose Garden at Burntisland Railway Station. The vision is to create a welcoming gateway to the town that celebrates Burntisland's heritage while providing an attractive space for residents and visitors to enjoy. As plans develop, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Leo and his mum, whose dedication and care for the previous station rose garden created a feature that was appreciated by so many. Their hard work helped demonstrate what volunteers can achieve and has inspired many of the conversations taking place today.

Alongside this, we are developing plans to refresh and enhance the Biodiversity Garden. This special space already supports a range of wildlife and pollinators, and we hope to build on its success with new planting and improvements that will benefit both nature and the community.

As always, none of this would be possible without our wonderful volunteers, supporters, local businesses and partner organisations. Every hour given, every plant watered and every word of encouragement helps make Burntisland a greener, brighter and more welcoming place.

If you're interested in **volunteering with FAB**, we'd love to hear from you. Visit our website **www.floralactionburntisland.co.uk** or Email us at: **contact@floralactionburntisland.co.uk** **secretaryfab@gmail.com**

Irene Megaw, Secretary

St Serf's Church

Greetings from St Serf's on Cromwell Road and Ferguson Place! We have had an eventful few months, especially as we marked the Season of Creation in September and October, and prepared for Remembrance Sunday. We always look forward to welcoming you to any of our events and services, or even as you are passing by.

Celebrating God's Gift of Creation. In addition to our regular events, we opened the church on Mondays in September, showcasing reflective and interactive stations on the theme of Living Water. We invited the community to reflect on the wonders of creation, our call to be good stewards, and the current climate crises. These stations included various artwork, installations, video, poems and interactive elements for reflection. The open times concluded with prayerful reflection on creation themes.

Other climate and nature initiatives in September included a Garden working party, a reflective stroll around Loch Fitty, and a pet service. It was wonderful to see so many of our furry friends come together and receive a blessing.



The culminating event of our focus on creation and climate concerns came at the end of October. On Thursday 29th October, we hosted a free screening of the People's Emergency Briefing—a UK public information documentary presented by Chris Packham and part of a broad initiative to ensure the UK public and policymakers understand the national risks posed by climate and ecological breakdown, with compelling evidence that illustrates why urgent action is required to deal with this national crisis. Bethany Nelson, Net Zero Environment Coordinator for the Scottish Episcopal Church, was on hand to facilitate discussion. Members of St Serf's, other churches, the Burntisland community, and local government officials discussed action that can be taken at the local level.



One of the initiatives we at St Serf's have undertaken to help reduce our carbon footprint and costs is to install infrared heating throughout the church, which we have been enjoying the benefits of this autumn!

St Serf's Remembers. Tis the season—the approach of November brought our church community together again to mark the season of remembrance. Many turned up once again to embellish our garden space with poppies—hundreds of them. You can't miss this display as you venture along Cromwell Road. Please do stop by, and perhaps pause briefly as you do, to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country and for peace. Please join us in remembering them this month and in praying for peace in our world in these times.

Advent and Christmas. The Advent season—the four weeks leading up to Christmas—begins on Sunday 29th November. This is a time of reflection, of waiting, and of preparation, as we anticipate the Light that shines in the darkness which the darkness has not overcome—the Light of Christ breaking into the world, which we celebrate at Christmas. It is easy to get ahead of ourselves. December is a busy month, full of activities, events, gatherings, shopping and baking, among other things. Advent reminds us to remember what it is we anticipate. It invites us to slow down and





consider the magnitude of the holiday (holy day) we will celebrate on the 25th of December. As we light the candles on our Advent wreath each week, we contemplate the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

This year, we will offer a weekly Advent reflection series on the theme of Hope—something we could all use during these times:

On Mondays 23rd and 30th November and 7th and 14th December, we will meet at 2pm to discuss what brings us hope, where we need it most, and where we find it. Alongside our Advent readings, we will incorporate various artworks, poetry and music that speak to these themes when words alone sometimes fail us. ALL ARE WELCOME. You do not need to be well-versed in the Bible to join us. Come to any session, some, or all of them as you wish.

During Advent and Christmastide, we will maintain our usual Sunday service time of 10am. Additional services include:

Sunday 20th December at 4pm: Carol Service in Aberdour with our friends at St Columba's

Thursday 24th at 7pm: Christmas Eve Service

Friday 25th at 10am: Christmas Day Service

All are welcome. We would love to see you!

Rev Dr Karen McClain Kiefer

St Joseph's Church

Warm greetings from all here at St Joseph's. This is always a busy time of the year, with lots of extra things happening. November is a special time for remembrance and thanks to the Knit and Knatter group we once again decorated the cross outside the Church with knitted poppies. We also share in the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, always a very emotional and moving occasion.

On Saturday 21st November there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, from 10:30am–12:30pm. There will be a cake and candy stall, raffle, Christmas Crafts and much more! Tickets: £3.50, includes tea or coffee and sweet treats. Everyone welcome.

On Saturday 28th November there will be a special Children's Mass at 10am, followed by activities in the hall to help the young people prepare for Advent. That evening, we are having a Lebanese Night in the Church Hall, with Lebanese food and wine.

We look forward to joining the other Churches for Carols on the High Street on Saturday 12th December.

The Society of St Vincent De Paul will host a Christmas Party for senior parishioners on Sunday 13th December and there be a Christmas Party for the children and young people of the parish on Sunday 20th December, 2:30–4:30pm.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our Christmas Services.

On Christmas Eve there will be Carols at 4:30pm, followed by Mass at 5pm, and Christmas Day Mass will be at 10am. Boxing Day falls on a Saturday this year, but we will have the usual Vigil Mass of Sunday at 5pm and Sunday Mass at 10am. As I said, a busy time of the year!

Wishing you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas when it comes and every blessing in the New Year to follow.

Canon James Tracey



Burntisland and Kinghorn Church of Scotland

"The bells, the bells of Notre dame"! As I write this, I'm in the midst, with the company of Kirkcaldy Amateur Operatic Society, rehearsing feverishly for our November show at the Adam Smith Theatre, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame".

One of the turning points in the story is when Quasimodo leaves his sanctuary, the belltower of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and moves among "ordinary people" on the "Feast Day of Fools" he is mocked, beaten and retreats to loneliness again but this time with friendship and love shown by Esmerelda, the glamourous gypsy. It's a show of many big themes: rejection; freedom, strict religion and love for the least and lowest (and a lot more) there are many "faith themes" threaded through it too.

The Christmas story tells us of God who left the sanctuary of heaven to come and live as one of us amongst the poor, sick outcasts and riffraff. He too would grow to attract some and be rejected by many, taking our shame, sin and rejection when he died on the cross but rising to bring new life, eternal life by his resurrection!

Of course it's Jesus, Immanuel: his names mean God saves and God with us!

Come, you'll be welcome at any and all of our Advent and Christmas activities and services. We can't promise to sing as well as the KAOS Company, but you can boost our Carols to celebrate all that Jesus' coming means to us today!

Thursday 24th December, Christmas Eve All age early service, Burntisland Church at the Kirkgate, 7pm.

Blessings,

Jim Reid, Minister of Burntisland and Kinghorn Church of Scotland.

Erskine Church

Remembrance. This year's service for our uniformed organisations was in Burntisland Church and at the town's War Memorial for a commemoration with laying of wreaths.

Every year Burntisland pulls out all the stops to make the solemn remembrance of those who have sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom an event to be proud of.

I want to mention Burntisland Pipe Band, for the way their playing sets just the right tone and draws us all together. Secondly our Parade Commander, Ian Wallace, who knows every last detail of the day and carries it off with such dignity and respectfulness. I'm sure, like me, you always jump out of your skin when Ian issues a command! He's certainly got a well-drilled RAF voice.

Please don't fill the time gap between Remembrance and Advent with extra stress or worry. The days and weeks will pass, just take each day on its own terms. The season is about goodwill, not lavish gifts.

It's a time for family, a time to gather together and celebrate. Of course, for some people Christmas is a lonely and difficult period, with fond memories of those no longer with us.

Remember your friends and neighbours, especially those who may need a bit of help or a kind word. Celebrating Jesus' birth is a precious sign of hope, renewal, light, grace and truth.

Christmas. As I'm writing this, there are only 60 days left until 25th December. Not too long to get everything together—and remember that by the time you're reading this, it'll be far fewer days than that!

The local churches will be playing their part with our usual mix of events and services. Firstly to get folks into the seasonal vibe, we'll all be singing carols in Burntisland High Street on Saturday 12th December at 11am. That's closely followed by our annual BEK carol service in Erskine on Sunday 20th December at 6pm.

Then a real treat on Monday 21st December at 7pm. Erskine always hosts the annual Christmas Concert given by Cromlit's Lilt. The string group plays a lovely selection of Baroque music, along with some seasonal pieces. The church is decorated for Christmas and there's a guaranteed full measure of good cheer!



Then on the cusp of Christmas Day, comes Erskine's much-loved Watchnight service on Thursday 24th December (11:30pm) as we welcome the big day itself. A perfect start to your celebrations!

Lastly, on THE day a short Christmas morning service in Erskine at 10am. Please bring a gift you've received and tell us all about it. BTW that's only for the children, or maybe also the 'young' at heart!

We close out the year with a BEK service in Erskine on Sunday 27th December at 11am. You would be very welcome to attend any or all of our events.

As usual, keep an eye on Erskine's Church front gates or Facebook page for our latest news.

Have a peaceful and blessed time over Christmas, not to mention a happy and healthy 2027.

Rev. Alex Ritchie

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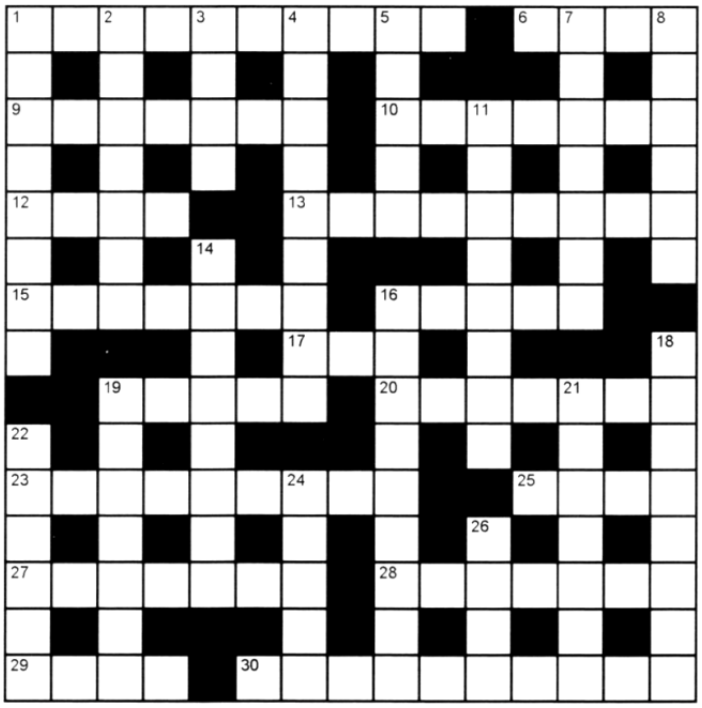
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6. Examine hastily (4)
9. Below (7)
10. Trace (7)
12. Fury (4)
13. Changeable temperament (9)
15. Vanquish (7)
16. Emotionally overdependent (5)
17. ____Gardner, actress (3)
19. Confused voices (5)
20. Atomic particle (7)
23. Outer layer of skin (9)
25. Sail support (4)
27. Denied (7)
28. Feelings (7)
29. Routes (4)
30. Near thing (5,5)

DOWN

1. Take away (8)
2. Nine-sided figure (7)
3. False (4)
4. Lasting a short time (9)
5. Put over the top (5)
7. Upper limit (7)
8. Pointer (6)
11. Plausible but false (8)
14. Acrobats (8)
16. Storage containers (9)
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22. Language of Israel (6)
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Completed entries by 15th January to: **1 Lammerlaws Road, Burntisland, KY3 9DT** or email **paulbriscoe1@gmail.com**

First entry drawn from the correct submissions wins **£40**. Solution will appear in the next Burgh Buzz issue.

August Crossword Solution

Across: 1 Underneath, 6 Emma, 9 Chapter, 10 In Doubt, 12 Meek, 13 Affection, 15 Outlook, 16 Theme, 17 Ewe, 19 Coped, 20 Nosegay, 23 Charabanc, 25 Marc, 27 Atlanta, 28 Oarsmen, 29 Late, 30 And so forth.

Down: 1 Uncommon, 2 Dearest, 3 Rats, 4 Earmark, 5 Thief, 7 Maurice, 8 Acting, 11 Decrease, 14 Complain, 16 Tenaceous, 19 Chaplet, 21 Grammar, 24 Again,26 Orff.

Congratulations to our August crossword winner:
Ruth Harper, Church Street

Burntisland's Events Diary

NOVEMBER			
Saturdays evenings until March		Burntisland Community Suppers at the Salvation Army Hall, Lonsdale Crescent	5pm–6:30 pm
Saturday	21st	Coffee Morning at St Joseph's Church	10:30 am–12:30 pm
Saturday	21st	Station Studio and Platform Studios Christmas Open Weekend	
Sunday	22nd	Festive Makers Market at the Music Hall	11am–3 pm
	22nd	Civic Week Christmas Artisan Market in the Sands Hotel	12:30 pm–4:30 pm
Sunday	29th	Festive Makers Market at the Music Hall	11am–3 pm
DECEMBER			
Friday	4th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls	12 noon–3 pm
Saturday	5th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls (includes Repair Café 10 am–12 noon)	10 am–1 pm
Saturday	5th	Over 70s Christmas Treat at the Kingswood Hotel (see page 13)	12 pm
Tuesday	8th	Festive Makers Market at the Music Hall and Christmas Carol walk around town (7–9 pm)	7 pm–10 pm
Thursday	10th	Police Community Surgery in the old Police Station, 60 High Street	10–11am
Friday	11th	Acoustic Music Club in Burntisland Bowling Club	7:30 pm–10:30 pm
Saturday	12th	Churches Together Christmas Carol singing, High Street—donations to the Foodbank.	11 am
Monday	14th	Blood Donation sessions at the Kingswood Hotel (**www.scotblood.co.uk**)	2 pm-4 pm and 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Tuesday	15th	Community Council meeting, at BFAST 60 High Street (also online via Zoom)	7 pm
Monday	21st	Cromlit's Lilt baroque string group charity Christmas concert at the Erskine Church	7 pm
Tuesday	22nd	Supper with Santa at the Golf Club (£15/child)	4:30 pm–7 pm
JANUARY			
Friday	1st	New Year's Day walk from the railway station to Silver Sands Aberdour	TBC
Saturday	2nd	New Year Health & Wellbeing (3:30–4:30 pm) and Christmas Detox Silent Disco (4:30–5:30 pm) at the Music Hall	
Thursday	7th	Police Community Surgery in the old Police Station, 60 High Street	10–11am
Friday	8th	Acoustic Music Club in Burntisland Bowling Club	7:30 pm–10:30 pm
Friday	15th	Movement that Matters Winter Solstice intergenerational event in the Parish Church Hall	1:30 pm–3:30 pm
Tuesday	19th	Community Council meeting, at BFAST 60 High Street (also online via Zoom)	7 pm
Monday	25th	Burns Night supper at the Salvation Army Hall	TBC
Friday	29th	Burntisland Highland Games fundraiser Ceilidh at the Golf Club	7:30 pm
Sunday	31st	Makers Market at the Music Hall	11am–3 pm
FEBRUARY			
Friday	5th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls TBC	12 noon–3 pm
Saturday	6th	Big Green Market in the Parish Church Halls (includes Repair Café 10 am–12 noon) TBC	10 am–1 pm
	6th	Coffee and Pancakes in the Erskine Church Hall	10 am–12 pm

To include a public event taking place in February, March, or April in our next issue, email: **editor@burghbuzz.org.uk**

You can also view an online version of this calendar with any future updates at: **www.burghbuzz.org.uk/calendar**

Craigencalt Rural Community Trust

Our latest project is the Rock Rest. This is located along the top track above the loch. There has been further work done and still more to come over the coming months. More of the rock has been exposed on the old quarry area and with a little encouragement the rockery is establishing juniper bushes, rock roses, field cranesbill and more. We will plant more in the spring.

Eventually a new map board and information leaflets will be added. A new stone seat will replace the one that was stolen, restoring the quiet space for reading your book or taking a tranquil moment from a busy day. A grassy ridge is being opened up to a new viewpoint high above the track. This will of necessity incur quite a steep path but we will make it as easy as possible and swing it back around at the top onto a platform where a picnic bench will be located with lovely views. For safety we need a fence along the path and this will be carefully planned. We know this area is already enjoyed by families and individuals as a snack, or rest stop so this will make the Rock Rest even more attractive.

Many of you will have noticed and used the new path that goes up the east side of Kinghorn golf course that Fife Council built over the summer, as a further improvement of the Burnside Path. This is a big asset for walkers and cyclists, partly replacing our original Burnside Path. It provides an excellent link to Kinghorn Loch but can also be used for a much longer walk connecting Kinghorn and Burntisland. New paths are always a big bonus especially in winter when the ground can get really mucky.



A final section connecting both old and new paths, bypassing the set of steps, is still to be constructed once permissions have been approved.

Lastly, Christmas is fast approaching. It is that busy time of the year that often does not give us time to reflect on the year that is coming to a close. Then comes the new year with new promises and resolutions.

Please can we ask you to consider giving a few hours of your time, twice a year, as part of your New Year's resolutions. This would make a big difference to our local rural paths. You can contact us by email **info@craigencalttrust.org.uk** or phone Marilyn on 07740 999514 for more information.

But for now we wish everyone an enjoyable festive season, and a happy new year when it comes around.

Marilyn Edwards

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