

# MUIRKIRK NEWS

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## Quiz

1. On what street do the Broons live?
2. Who discovered penicillin?
3. What is the 2nd longest river in Scotland?
4. What famous politician lived in Lochnoriss House in Cumnock?
5. Which toffee has a picture of a highland cow on the wrapper?
6. What was a Claymore used for?
7. What are Hawick Balls & Jeddart Snails?
8. Where does Desperate Dan live in the Comic?
9. Which is the highest mountain in Scotland?
10. Which Loch in Scotland, other than Loch Ness, is said to have a monster?

How did you do? Answers on page 23.



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## **Chairman's Update**

The Muirkirk News continues to be popular with the quiz being the subject of much debate.

The recent Community Council Meeting was very well attended and there was some good discussion with regards to local issues and at this point we would remind you that the public are most welcome to attend.

We are pleased to report that we have received the Council's proposal for the alterations to the Day Centre to house the Community Library & Fitness Suite. The works are likely to take around 8-12 weeks starting in August when the new School Complex opens and we are able to confirm that during that period the Games Hall will remain open albeit on limited opening hours. The Library will also remain open although it will be run by volunteers after the School opens in August. On that note if anyone is interested in volunteering during the interim period and also when the Community Library opens we would ask you to make contact with the Community Council. Training will be given prior to August.

We are proposing to have a village clean up on Saturday the 6th of May 2017 and I would refer you to the notice printed elsewhere and would be pleased if we can get as big a response as possible to assist.

Further to our last report the Council have confirmed that a total of 2400 metres of the Sorn Road are to be improved with 1400 Metres at Greenockmains Farm and a 1000 metres at Mauchline Hill Top.

The realignment of the A70 at Glenbuck is also planned to be untaken during 2017/2018.

At this week's Meeting regarding the News we are pleased to report that you will soon be able to access it online. This is good news particularly for ex residents who still like to keep in touch with what is happening in the village.

We would welcome your feed back and note that letters would be welcome providing they have the name & address of the sender and are not likely to cause offence.

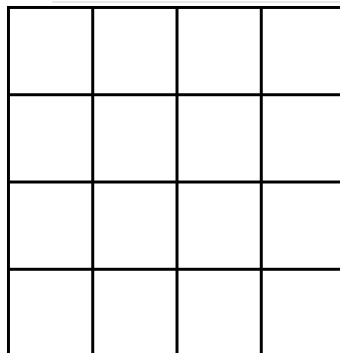
Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie

*P.S. I refer to the proposed Asset Transfer of the Day Centre and confirm that the MEG Group have agreed to take over the Lease subject to the conclusion of successful negotiations with East Ayrshire Council.*

## **Eden Park Academy**

Try the Eden Park Academy competition this month.

Simply tell us how many squares you see?



Answers can be submitted either by e-mailing us at [edenparkscot@radicalservices.org.uk](mailto:edenparkscot@radicalservices.org.uk) or by posting a note through our letter box with your answer. Please include your name and contact number with you answer to allow us to contact the lucky Winner. The first correct answer drawn from the hat will receive a Voucher for £20.00 for T. Johnstone and Son. All entries must be in before 10th May 2017. Good luck!

Joyce Cameron  
Teacher

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## **Celebration Of Life**

The family of the late Jim Savage wish to invite you to “A Celebration of the Life of Jim” which will take place in the Dumfries Arms Hotel on Sunday 7th May 2017 at 2.30pm for a 3pm service We will be honoured by your presence and to share memories.

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## **McMillan**

Precious memories of Alex, much loved Son, Brother, Dad & Uncle who died on 14th April 1997.

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## **Women's Institute**

The last meeting of the S.W.I. for the session was held on Tuesday 11th April.

Mrs Cowan thanked all the members for their support during the year and especially at the visitors evening. She then was pleased to present the point's cup winner to Mrs Ella Kirk, runner up Mrs Jenny Blackwood and third Mrs Molly Mitchell.

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Whelan led us in singing and party games. A lovely tea was provided by the members. A fun night was enjoyed by everyone, thanks to Molly and Madge.

We will meet again in September.

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## **Muirkirk Bowling Club**

Well that's season 2017 officially open. Vice President Jim McNee made a spectacular entrance onto the green and his good lady wife opened the green by throwing the first jack. A few good ends of bowls followed by a wonderful meal, moderate refreshment and some Karaoke made for a great day.

The following week it was the turn of the ladies when 58 turned up for bowls, bingo and disco. An excellent meal was provided by the gents.

The entry sheets for all of the S.B.A. Competitions are on the boards, closing date for entries is the 5th of May.

The first weekend tournament is the Sal and Doug Bone memorial trophy on Saturday 29th

April at 1.00pm closing date is Friday 28th April.

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## **April Tip – Paving Stones**

Bring your Paving Stones up using bleach by mixing bleach to 5 parts water. Start by brushing slabs using watering can or similar, spread mixture evenly over the intended area. For a quicker result scrub mixture onto slabs or leave until dried in. Repeat if necessary, cheap bleach is adequate enough for this purpose.

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## **Muirkirk Juniors FC**

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### **15th April 2017;**

Kirk had no game on Saturday but this week take on Annbank United at New Pebble park on Wednesday, kick off 6.30pm. This Saturday the 22nd April we host promotion chasing Kello Rovers at Burnside Park Kick off 2pm.

**Lottery:** Our lotto Jackpot for 15.4.17 was not won and now stands at £2350 with a reserve jackpot of £350. 7 people came close matching three numbers winning a consolation of £5 each.

**Race Night:** A wee reminder our Cine race night takes place on Saturday 29th April at our lounge at Burnside Park. Race and horse sponsors are still available priced £15 and £2 respectively. So why not support your local club?

### **8th April 2017;**

Kirk travelled to Ardrossan to take on the league leaders Winton Rovers, in an even first half we had probably the best of the few chances created by either team but in the 40th minute Kirk were reduced to 10 men after Lee Williamson was adjudged to have fouled a Winton midfielder, to say it was a harsh decision is putting it mildly and not for the first time this season Ref Liam Gallagher infuriated the Muirkirk contingent. With the score still 0-0 10 mins into the second period Ardrossan took the lead when their striker fired through a ruck of players to give them a scanty deserved lead. The Kirk boys conceded another goal 10 mins later and the scoring was completed in the final minute. The result flattered AWR and the Muirkirk players were justifiably disappointed after a courageous display.

**Lottery:** Jackpot not won and now stands at £3225 with the reserve jackpot of £325. Two people, Peter Fyfe & Adam Gibson matched 3 numbers winning £15 each.

**Race Night:** The club are holding a race night on Saturday 29th April at our clubhouse lounge horse and race sponsors are available for £2 and £15 respectively and available from any committee member.

### **1st April 2017;**

Kirk comfortably defeated Saltcoats Vics 3-0 at Burnside park on Saturday with a hat trick from striker Ross Ballantyne.

**Fundraisers:** Over the last two weekends the club has raised over £1000 to help our funds. Firstly on the 19th March at the coach house and we would like to thank all concerned for their efforts. Secondly our annual Golf tournament also brought in a tidy sum, i'm bound to say the team led by our esteemed gaffer 'The Honest Men'



picked up the first prize, 2nd place went to Sporting Legends with The Coach House achieving 3rd place. Once again thanks to all who participated and our numerous sponsors. A big thank you to Derek Davidson for organizing the event and I've no doubt the event will be bigger and even better next year.

Modesty prevents me from mentioning the shot of the day as it will probably be talked about at The Masters this week!!

**Lottery:** jackpot not won and now stands at £2300 with the reserve jackpot now £300. Two people Debbie Cathcart & William Martin won £30 each by matching 3 numbers.

Below are some photos from our very successful golf day. Thanks to everyone who took part and all our sponsors who donated great prizes.





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## **MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

# **VILLAGE CLEAN UP**

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

We are organising a litter pick of the village on the 6th May 2017.

We are Meeting up at the Games Hall car park at 10am

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible so if you can give a few hours of your valuable time for this worthwhile cause it will be much appreciated.

The Council will supply all the necessary equipment including high viz vests, gloves, litter pickers and bags etc.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Tea and a biscuit will be provided for volunteers at Top Dexter.

## **East Ayrshire Car Club**

There was a good attendance both days at the opening sprints on April 8th & 9th. The event attracted a quality field drawn from places as far away as Wick, Isle of Lewis, Aberdeen, Yorkshire and Redditch. A lot more people now know where Muirkirk is. A few of the drivers at Kames have a big following at the top speed events in England and the Channel Islands and we are indeed fortunate to be able to see such talent at our modest track as these are nationally recognised stars. One of them, Nicola Menzies from Tillicoultry could be the top UK ladies driver in the British Hillclimb Championship this year.

In early July there could be a big Ford Owners Club show at Kames and this could attract one of the biggest crowds of the year. More details later.

### **Thrills and Spills as speed season opens.**

Local enthusiasts were treated to an action-packed weekend of motorsport as some of Scotland's leading competitors gave their powerful cars their first outing of the season as East Ayrshire Car Club hosted the first two rounds of the Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship at Kames Motorsport Complex near Muirkirk.



Car 54 Wallace Menzies

The opening day saw three leading contenders in the British Hillclimb Championship put in valuable track time before travelling down the Yorkshire for another competition. One of these Wallace Menzies from Tillicoultry recorded fastest time

of the day in his 3.3 litre V8 Gould and the current track record holder was followed home 1.28 seconds later by Dave Uren from Redditch in a similar Gould. Former British Sprint Champion Stewart Robb from Doune was third in a 4.0 litre Pilbeam with fourth place going to Menzies's wife Nicola in another V8 Gould - a brave lady, indeed.

The hot weather which attracted a big attendance resulted in fast times and a few cars left the road and either spun or came to a halt in the tyre walls, all without injury to driver or much damage to vehicles.

In the absence of the Menzies and Uren, Stewart Robb had a comfortable victory on Sunday, when the main opposition came from the spectacular sports-racing car of Stephen Alexander, the Uplawmoor man setting a new class record in his two-litre Gibson Nemesis.

Full details of all Kames events, including sprints, rallies and teenage cycle racing and tuition are available on the East Ayrshire Car Club website:

<http://www.eastayrshirecc.co.uk>

Robert Smith

Tel 01290 550897.



Car 745 Stephen Alexander



## Coming events at East Ayrshire Car Club:

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Tuesday 18th April	-	Cycle training evening *
Sunday 23rd April	-	Cycle race meeting at Kames 10AM *
Tuesday 25th April	-	Cycle training *
Sunday 30th April	-	Pinwherry Grass Test *
Thursday 4th May	-	Members Test Night *
Sunday 7th May	-	5 Star Stages, Rally at Kames
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May	-	Sprints at Kames
Tuesday 16th & 23rd May	-	Cycle training (& each Tuesday) *
Sunday 21st May	-	Grass Test at Pinwherry *
Thursday 1st June	-	Members Test Night*
Saturday 15th July	-	Muirkirk Gala Day at Kames*
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July	-	Sprints at Kames
Sunday 6th August	-	Classic Car Show at Kames
Other dates:	-	RS Owners Club Show at Kames

*\* Admission to these events are free for spectators*

# COACH HOUSE INN

Saturday 29th April	-	Cockeroke @ 9pm
Sunday 30th April	-	Muirkirk Open Darts Competition @ 2pm
Saturday 6th May	-	Los Perros @ 9pm
Saturday 13th May	-	Cockeroke @ 9pm
Sunday 14th May	-	Pool Tournament @ 3pm
Saturday 20th May	-	Marc James Buntin @ 9pm
Saturday 27th May	-	Cover Story @ 9pm

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## **RECIPE: Potato Scones**

(using a floury potato such as King Edward)

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100g Plain Flour

25g Unsalted Butter

$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp of Salt

Boil potatoes in their skin until they feel soft when pierced with a sharp knife. Drain and leave to dry until cool enough to handle with your hands. Mash and when smooth mix in the butter and salt and then work in half the flour, mix well before adding the rest of the flour, if the dough is a bit wet add more flour until soft but not sticky. Roll out each piece until it's roughly  $\frac{1}{2}$  centimetre, mixture should give you 16 scones, transfer onto a hot griddle and bake for 3-4 minutes on either side, cook fast but no so fast that they will burn, pierce with a fork and flip as required.

Have you got a favourite recipe you'd like to share? Then we'd love to hear from you.

Email: [news@muirkirk.org.uk](mailto:news@muirkirk.org.uk)

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## **MUIRKIRK LIBRARY**

### **Volunteers Needed**

As you may be aware the Library & Games Hall are due to close in August 2017 and an application has been submitted by the Community Council for an Asset Transfer of the Day Centre and turn it into a Community Hub including Library & Fitness Suite which would be run by volunteers.



The Council have agreed the Library will remain open during the interim period when the Day Centre is being altered to accommodate the Fitness Suite but it is on the basis it would be run by volunteers. To enable this to happen we need to recruit volunteers in advance of the closure

date so that they would be given training probably starting late May or early June.

It would be hoped that the same people would continue and move to the Day Centre when it reopens probably in late October or early November.

If this is of interest to you contact details are : David McLatchie on 01290 661506 or Tom Bark on 01290 661954 or you can email - [thegaran@hotmail.com](mailto:thegaran@hotmail.com)

We stress the importance of keeping these facilities within the village and thank you in anticipation of your response.

## **MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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### **AGENDA**

MEETING OF MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2017 AT 7pm IN ST. THOMAS'S HALL

### **BUSINESS**

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 2.1 MATTERS ARISING
3. REPORTS
- 3.1 POLICE
- 3.2 LOCAL COUNCILLORS
- 3.3 OTHER GROUPS
4. PLANNING
5. TREASURERS REPORT
6. CORRESPONDANCE
7. MUIRKIRK NEWS
8. KAMES DISASTER ANNIVERSARY
9. DOCTORS UPDATE.
10. LIBRARY/ GAMES HALL UPDATE
11. INPUT FROM PUBLIC
12. A.O.C.B.
13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING



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## Muirkirk Golf Club



The new season is now well under way. The new season was opened new captain Hugh Fyfe who took over the reins from past captain John Renwick, although the day was wet we managed to play 9 holes.

The competitions this season have had lower than normal numbers but hopefully once the better weather begins the comps will be better attended.

The club would like to thank the men who maintain the course, these lads do a great job and there good work doesn't go unnoticed.

The club would like to thank Muirkirk Juniors who recently had a golf day at the course which was a great day / evening, the club would like to wish the juniors well for the rest of the season and hope to welcome the lads back soon.

Round of the month came from Stuart Angus who rolled back the years with a quality 65 to win the April medal, shot of the month came from the apprentice green keeper Robert "Zola" Kane who holed his 2nd shot at the first hole, runner up in this category was Muirkirk Juniors Secretary Billy Tait with a magical chip in for a birdie at the juniors day, this made Derek Davidson really happy.

New members are always very welcome at £210 for a year it's a great way to keep fit and enjoy some good banter on the course.

The Eagle Hunter



The new captain, Hugh Fyfe

	<b><u>MUIRKIRK GOLF CLUB</u></b>			
	<b><u>COMPETITION RESULTS</u></b>			
	<b><u>OPENING DAY TROPHY</u></b>			
	18/03/2017 (Stableford)		H/cp	Points
1st	Graeme Walker		13	17
2nd	David Murphy		10	15
3rd	Iain Girvan		8	14
4th	Alex Patrick		14	14
5th	Craig Burns		13	13
	Entry 10 (9Hole Competition)			
	<b><u>WINTER LEAGUE TROPHY</u></b>			
	25/03/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	David Murphy	79	10	69
2nd	John Arlow	87	18	69
3rd	Richard Young	92	22	70
4th	Graeme Walker	84	13	71
5th	Andrew Young	92	21	71
	Entry 19, CSS 68			
	<b><u>APRIL MEDAL</u></b>			
	01/04/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Stuart Angus	76	11	65
2nd	Graeme Walker	79	13	66
3rd	John Jackson	88	18	70
4th	Eric Sanderson	82	12	70
5th	William Wilson	87	16	71
	Entry 20, CSS 69			
	<b><u>WALLACE CUP</u></b>			
	08/04/2017 (Stableford)		H/cp	Points
1st	Alex Patrick		14	39
2nd	Brian McFadden		16	36
3rd	Graeme Walker		13	36
4th	Shaun Mullen		21	35
5th	William Wilson		16	35
	Entry 14, CSS 67 (37points)			
	<b><u>DREW CUNNING TROPHY</u></b>			
	15/04/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Hugh Fyfe	86	17	69
2nd	Brian McFadden	87	16	71
3rd	Stewart Murphy	96	24	72
4th	David Murphy	84	10	74
5th	Robert Kane	93	19	74
	Entry 14, CSS 70			
	<b><u>JOHN KENNEDY TROPHY</u></b>			
	16/04/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	David Murphy	79	10	69
2nd	Alex Patrick	84	14	70
3rd	Hugh Fyfe	89	17	72
4th	Brian McFadden	88	16	72
5th	Iain Girvan	83	9	74
	Entry 10, CSS 68			

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We will be changing the shop over to summer clothes in the next few weeks, so if you want a bargain on winter items now is the time to buy.

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## **Muirkirk Co-op**

After 132 years, the Muirkirk co-op closed its doors for the last time on Monday the 10th, and the doors of the new McColl's opened on Thursday the 13th, we are working on a article for next month news on the history of the Co-op in the village if anyone has any stories that would be of interest please send it in to [news@muirkirk.org.uk](mailto:news@muirkirk.org.uk) or call Tom Bark on 01290 661954.

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## **Muirkirk Parish Church of Scotland**

The Tour of Ayrshire cycle races on 29-30th April mean the church service cannot be held at the usual time. Instead, and together with the congregation of Trinity Church, Old Cumnock, there will be a joint service in Muirkirk on Sunday 30th April at 6.00pm.

The Presbytery of Ayr has selected Muirkirk to host the annual Prayers Across Scotland service on Sunday 14th May at 3.00pm, with refreshments served in St Thomas's Hall after. The service at 12.00 noon will take place as usual. All are welcome.

### **Quiz Answers**

1. Glebe Street
2. Alexander Fleming
3. River Spey
4. James Keir Hardie
5. McGowan's Toffee
6. Fighting ( A two Handed Sword )
7. Boiled Sweets
8. Cactusville
9. Ben Nevis
10. Loch Morar

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## **MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in St. Thomas's hall.

**PRESENT:** David McLatchie, Tom Bark, Judith Linton, Kathleen Hignett, David Agnew, Harry Murray, Ludovic Dunlop, Cheryl Hynd, Jim Higgins, Betty Johnstone, William Kirk, David Norman jnr, David Norman snr, Sylvia McGlynn, Lorna Scott, Andrew Brown, Nan Beck, Jim Marshall, Billy Park, Irene Park, Alison Byrne, William Murray, Irene Hall (CAT)

cllr Jim Roberts, cllr Neil McGhee

**APOLOGIES:** Declan Crews, Robert Bark, cllr David Shaw, John Dempster,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and proposed by H Murray and seconded by T Bark.

**MATTERS ARISING:** No matters arising.

**POLICE REPORT:** None available

**COUNCILLOR REPORT:** J Roberts gave a report about the closure of RBS bank. More information is needed from the bank e.g. usage figures. Why was there no consultation?

It was once again suggested erecting a fence and gate at factory units on Furnace Road but J Roberts stated this would not be feasible.

N McGhee stated that there was no news on cameras as requested previously.

**MEG** – Have received planning permission to replace slates on Garan House with concrete tiles.

A drystone dyke has been damaged on Glasgow Road.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The balance on statement is £2112.48 of this £481 is being held for the zumba grant. This means the Community Council balance is £1631.48

**CORRESPONDANCE:** Has been forwarded to all councillors.

**PLANNING:** Erection of 3 turbines – 69.5m to tip at Burnfoot Moor. Requests for actual site. (KH)

**MUIRKIRK NEWS:** Small glitch with printing the March issue. Managed to deliver on time. Still needing letters, photos recipes etc.

**LIBRARY/ GAMES HALL UPDATE:** Irene Hall showed proposed changes to lay-



out of day centre. The architect has drawn up the plans. EAC is allotting £146000 for changes to building. Work can't start until August 2017. Possibly take 8 – 12 weeks.

Library will close in August and can be run by volunteers until day centre is ready.

Games hall will stay open while work is being done although with reduced hours.

Invite Community Association to a meeting ( DMcL)

KAMES DISASTER: Discussion still ongoing. Suggestion of an annual scholarship prize based on mining.

DOCTOR'S UPDATE: No report from practice. A number of complaints were noted and will be passed on to practice. Suggested to email Eddie Fraser (DMcL)

Suggestion to contact Irene Clark ( D McL )

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: Quad bikes going through Victory Park. Some fencing has been pulled down.

Retaining wall between Coach house and old bank building needing attention. (NMcG)

Litter problem and dog fouling needing attention from EAC. Suggested a spring clean of village with teas supplied at St Thomas's.(DA)

Request for CCTV on Furnace Road due to speeders

Hold a sports tournament for school children during summer holidays before Games Hall closes.

Could speed bumps be fitted on Furnace Road ( DmcL)

A.O.C.B. The gates at the Victory Park have been cleaned and re- pointed. Good job done.

Can any thing be done with empty buildings? ( DA, HM)

Suggested removing Institute clock to another location but decided against as cost would be prohibitive.

Still in dialogue with school for input to Muirkirk News.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 2nd 2017 AT 7pm in ST THOMAS' HALL

## Newsletter

The next date for submission of articles for the May newsletter is Tuesday 16th May 2017. Please send any correspondence to [news@muirkirk.org.uk](mailto:news@muirkirk.org.uk)

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