

MUIRKIRK NEWS

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Gala Day Quiz

As we gear up to the 3rd Gala Day in recent years here are some questions with a hint of a Muirkirk Treasure Hunt to get you all in the spirit.

Questions:

1. What street won best float with their Winter Wonderland?
2. At least you don't need to walk up the hill to see this one!
3. What years were Jakki Roberts nee Bradburn and Tracy Donis nee Walker Queens of our Gala Day?
4. What was the theme of last year's winners decorated street?
5. Stop the clocks. What's the time?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 12

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Chairman's Update

Last week the Community Council held the AGM followed by the regular Meeting which again was well attended by members of the public which is good as we get a feel as to what are the main issues that are causing concern for the residents.

All four office bearers were elected to serve for a further year. Due to work commitments Robert Bark has tendered his resignation as a Community and we thank him for services during the past year and wish him well in his new job.

We congratulate Alan Brown for his recent for the successful defence of his constituency seat as MP in the national election.

We had a Meeting with the Rural Gaiety Group who are looking to put on some shows in the villages throughout Ayrshire over the next two years and we have confirmed that this would be of interest in Muirkirk so they are now looking at proposals and will revert back to us in the near future.

The plans for the alterations to the Day Centre are well advanced and the Council are looking to go to Tender in the not too distant future.

We are now posting copies of the Muirkirk News online and we confirm it would be our intention to reduce the number of printed copies saving costs, paper & reducing our carbon footprint. We will however continue to print hard copies for anyone who would prefer that medium.

We are not producing the News in July the next issue will be in late August so we take the opportunity to thank everyone who helps to put this together and hope they enjoy the break.

We hope that the weather is kind to the children during the school holidays and that they are able to return refreshed and the ones who attend the primary and nursery have a brand new school to look forward to and we are sure this will be a great facility for the village.

Finally we would welcome any feedback you may have to enable us to continue to improve the Newsletter.

Eden Park Academy

“Why bother, it’s all broken promises!”
“Not another one!”



With the UK’s second general election in nearly two years been and gone, it’s plain to see why we have been frustrated at having to go out and vote again as well as listening and reading all the different pledges and promises.

This next parliament whether it is a Conservative / Democratic Unionist Party hung parliament or not, might be sitting until 2022 and as research has shown there is already a 19-month gap in school readiness between the richest and poorest children when starting school. It will be interesting to what the next five years especially given the huge funding cuts and service delivery issues at stake this year.

Given the current economy, projected funding cuts and service delivery issues at stake this year it will be interesting to see if in the next five years the gap between disadvantaged and advantaged young people reduces and if we have a better provision for disadvantaged pupils in early years and school settings.

Why not give our competition a try this month. Just answer the questions below:

- 1) What year does the Hansard records of parliamentary business date back to?
- 2) In the House of Commons, regarding the amendment to Education Regulations 2015 (Student Support) what Minister said “Students understand that graduate debt is not the same as commercial debt. Graduate debt is paid back through a repayment system that takes account of ability to pay and crucially it allows individuals to make one of the best investments – in undertaking higher education”

Answers can be submitted by e-mailing edenparkscot@radicalservices.org.uk or alternatively post 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 correct answer drawn out the hat will receive a Voucher for £20.00 for Images, 61 Main Street, Muirkirk. All entries must be in before 20th July 2017. Good luck!

- Please note: Competition winner will not be announced until end of August due to school holidays.

Article by: Debbie McDonald, Teacher

Oaty Pan-Jacks

(They are a cross between a pancake and a flapjack)

Ingredients

1 banana
 1 egg
 1 oz (25g) brown sugar
 1 oz (25g) raisins or sultanas
 4 (100g) oats

Chop or break the banana into small pieces and beat in the egg. Whisk until sloppy and the banana pieces are smaller. Mix in the sugar and oats (you may need fewer, or more oats, depending on the size of the egg and banana - consistency should be soft but firm enough to shape).

Drop dessertspoons of the mixture into a well greased frying pan and shape into rounds (should be about 5cm diameter and 1 cm thick). Cook for approximately 2 minutes on each side on a low heat, until golden brown.

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Co-op History, part two

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The ladies had their Guild with interesting talks and demonstrations and their annual day trips. The Co-Op also sponsored bowling competitions. A team in 1947 won the National Competition. The team was Mrs J Beresford, Tom Fulton, Hugh Love and Norman McKenzie which was a great achievement. The Co-Op was responsible for the Gala Days, from putting up the marquees, decorating the lorries, supervising the races and the Fancy Dress Parade, the Pageant with the Queens Ladies in Waiting and the children looked forward to their goody bags. The Co-Op also did purveying for weddings, dances and funerals with the baker's and butchers supplying food.

They were a great service to the community. The Co-Op flourished for the next 25 years and was very much part of our community. It is sad to it now closed.

Dr Nandy

The community of Muirkirk was sad to hear of the death of Dr Nandy who past away recently. He served our community well for many years and was very much respected and appreciated. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

LAPRAIK Weekends

I would like to thank Mr Douglas Mc Kenzie who organised the events. To the committee, the headmistress who organised the children's section. To John Moran who put on a great concert. To all the competitors who took part in the 3 competitions. To all the shops in the Main St who donated prizes for the raffles. To the church, St Thomas Hall, Coach House, and The Caravan park for the use of their premises.

Lastly Jim Currie who got us the grants from the Mineral Trust, Hillhouse Quarry, and others, to make it a successful 2 weekends.

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In addition, if you are already running a business, Business Gateway's Growth Adviser can help you take it to the next level. It's unrealistic to think you can be an expert in every area of business, so your adviser can help find the right support and advice for you, no matter what size your business.

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Lana McCurdy KCP



Employment Support for Individuals

Our Employability team support unemployed local residents to improve their employability, upskill and gain accredited qualifications. The team offer a number of activities to help you gain employment including work experience, CV development, job search, job applications, interview techniques, and access to job vacancies advertised with the team. For those currently in work, we can also offer funding towards accredited training to improve employability and ensure career progression.

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Muirkirk Juniors FC

Kirk rounded of their season with a disappointing 3-0 defeat from Craigmark. After a goal-less first half we conceded two early goals into the second half and failed to recover, with Mark scoring a third late on in the game..

Manager George Grierson has already started his rebuilding for next season and hopefully next season his hard work will be rewarded. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Manager, his backroom staff and players for their efforts during the season. I would also like to say thank you to our small but hard working committee, our many sponsors and people who support our club in whatever way and last but not least our groundsmen. Thank You.

The winner of our Golf Day hidden team was John Frame, the prize was a fourball at St Andrews Kitting Course.

Player of the Year



Allan Beveridge, top scorer Ross Ballantyne, Players player Lee Williamson and Manager George Grierson

The club held our player of the year presentation on Saturday 27th May with the prize-winners as follows.

Top Scorer: Ross Ballantyne
Supporters player of the year: Darren McIntyre
Players player: Lee Williamson
Player of the year: Ryan Beveridge

Right: Ryan Beveridge with Manager George Grierson



East Ayrshire Car Club

After a busy schedule in May and June which saw rally and sprint competitors descend on Muirkirk from as far away as Yorkshire, Thurso, Aberdeen and the Western isles, early June was more leisurely, taken up with tests days for East Ayrshire Car Club members, junior cycle race training by East Kilbride Roads and an evening for “Girls in Motorsport” and visits by disabled drivers.

East Ayrshire Car Club have released details of their busy summer schedule at Kames Motorsport Complex at Muirkirk, starting off with what should be a bumper crowd on Sunday June 25th when the West of Scotland RS Owners Club will be organising their popular annual show of all types of Ford vehicles. This Club have a big following and with a theme marking the career of Colin McRae who died ten years ago visitors are expected from a wide area.



Eddie Kelly Photography

On Sunday July 9th the Caledonian Classic Midsummer Miglia Targa Rally will visit the track and this will appeal to lovers of sports cars of the 1960-1990 era.

In contrast on Saturday July 15th the track will be the venue for the Muirkirk Gala Day. Following the highly successful Gala last year, another varied display of stands and an exciting programme including the traditional crowning of the Queen has been planned by a group of enthusiastic volunteers from the village. With excellent catering and toilet facilities and the colourful tented village supplied by local businessman Sean Maguire this has become one of the summer highlights for both villagers and visitors.

Racing cars return to Kames for two rounds of the Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship on July 29th and 30th with entries expected from as far away as Caithness and Yorkshire. While few expect the drama of a few years ago when Wallace Menzies was timed at an amazing 129mph on the tight track there is certain to be some spectacular performances and close racing.

Another crowd-puller is the annual Kames Classic Car Show on Sunday August 6th. Early indications are of a big turnout of vehicles with old favourite marques such as Jaguar, Aston Martin, Marcos, Mercedes and Lotus featuring among the early entries. Owners are reminded to enter as soon as possible by phoning John Gray on **07884 006 292292** or email jcgray1@outlook.com. The closing date is July 15th.

Full details of what is happening at Kames, including training nights for junior racing cyclists are available on the East Ayrshire Car Club website:

<http://eastayrshirecc.co.uk>

Muirkirk Cancer Support Group

Our Summer Dinner at St Thomas Hall this year fell on the 13th Anniversary of the first meeting for the group that was held in Garan House. We stopped to remember our friends and family that are no longer with us, but who enriched our lives in many ways.

We also acknowledged the birthday of Catherine the previous day and a bouquet of flowers was presented to Janie Trotter for her help to the group over the years and to mark her Special Birthday in May.

A beautifully presented and extensive cold buffet was enjoyed by all, with a glass or two of wine. A selection of delicious sweets followed with tea and coffee rounding off a very enjoyable meal. There was lots of catching up with friends and lastly photographs were taken to commemorate our 2017 Summer get together.



Quiz Answers

1. Colthart Drive
 2. Covenanter & Heritage Lay-By
 3. 1986 & 1992
 4. Action heroes
 5. The clock at the Institute
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| Saturday 15th July | - Marc James Bunten @ 9pm |
| Saturday 22nd July | - Darts Open @ 2pm |
| Saturday 22nd July | - Cocker @ 9pm |
| Saturday 5th August | - Billy Hamilton @ 9pm |
| Saturday 12th August | - Los Peros @ 9pm |

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Muirkirk Bowling Club

Competitions are now in full swing and Billy Smith's rink reached the district final but unfortunately came second.

The George Leitch memorial was won by George Ramsay and rookie player Grant G Leitch, the runners up were Julia McAulay and Vice President Jim McNee.

In the 7 man team event Robert McCulloch's team defeated George Ramsay's team in the final.

The first Baird Bowl game of the season away to Catrine turned out to be a good 3-1 victory for Muirkirk.

The St. Jude's charity show has been rescheduled for Saturday July 15th.

The Gala Day Committee are running a fundraising talent show on Saturday 24th of June.

The next weekend tournament is on Saturday 1st of July and is The GBR tournament.

Finally the hedge has been cut down and shredded and the replacement fence will be built in August.

Muirkirk Parish Church of Scotland

Joint Summer Services with Trinity Church, Cumnock will be held throughout July and August. ALL Sunday services will begin at 10.30am as follows:

JULY: Sunday 2nd, 16th & 30th at Trinity; Sunday 9th & 23rd at Muirkirk.

AUGUST: Sunday 6th & 20th at Muirkirk; Sunday 13th & 27th at Trinity.

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MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

MEETING OF MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
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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. CORRESPONDENCE
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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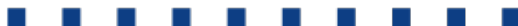
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Muirkirk Golf Club



All the competitions are running well but could be better attended. The march play comps are now well under way. Notable victors were The General and the grass cutter beating Mrs & Mrs Menzies-Pringle.

The club have some big events coming up. Starting with the past captains day on Saturday 1st July where past captains are invited to bring a team up to play, this year we have some old friends playing for the first time in a few years.

Also we have our Open Texas Scramble on Saturday 15th July, this is open to all SGU members with a handicap to enter a 3man team entries are £15 per team.

The club championship will also be starting soon, the format has changed this year, instead of playing it all at night in the one week, players have now got a few weeks to play their ties, hopefully this helps men who work late, work shifts etc that struggle to play at nights.

The committee would like to thank the dedicated chaps who maintain the course, a lot of hours these men put in, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Also big thanks to the girls in the kitchen, without their service with a smile (lol), the club-house would be a unused facility, can I also wish Pat a speedy recovery and hope to see you back soon until then we will just need to put up with Jill's crabbit face.

Upcoming fixtures;

Saturday 1st July	-	Captains Day
Sunday 2nd July	-	2nd June Medal
Saturday 8th July	-	APE Cup
Saturday 15th July	-	Open Texas Scramble

Bookbug

Bookbug sessions take place at Muirkirk Bowling Club on Friday morning's at 10am. The sessions are aimed at children 0 - 5 years old, who need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Everyone is welcome to attend with their child, grandchild etc. We hope you can come along and enjoy a sing song!

Celtic vs Rangers Charity Match

In Aid of Leukaemia Care & Muirkirk Gala Day

Muirkirk Juniors

Friday 14th July - 6:30pm Kick off

Entry by donation

Live music by Billy Hamilton & raffle in the lounge afterwards, £3 entry payable at the door.



MUIRKIRK NEWS

<u>MUIRKIRK GOLF CLUB</u>				
<u>COMPETITION RESULTS</u>				
<u>ANNIVERSARY TROPHY</u>				
	20/05/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Brian McFadden	81	19	65
2nd	Craig Menzies	77	9	68
3rd	Iain Girvan	77	8	69
4th	Stuart Angus	81	11	70
5th	Shaun Mullen	92	12	70
	Entry17, CSS 67			
<u>TOM STEVEN TROPHY</u>				
	21/05/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Craig Menzies	80	9	71
2nd	Mark Hamilton	87	16	71
3rd	Iain Girvan	79	8	71
4th	Murray Pringle	91	19	72
5th	Robert Kane	93	19	74
	Entry 12, CSS 70 (Reductions Only)			
<u>CAPTAINS PRIZE</u>				
	27/05/2017 (Stableford)		H/cp	Points
1st	John Arlow		18	37
2nd	Stuart Angus		11	34
3rd	Robert Kane		19	34
4th	Colin Park		22	34
5th	Eric Sanderson		13	33
	Entry 16, CSS 68 (36 Points)			
<u>BRIAN YOUNG TROPHY</u>				
	28/05/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Robert Kane	87	19	68
2nd	Colin Park	91	22	69
3rd	Hugh Fyfe	89	17	72
4th	Shaun Mullen	94	22	72
5th	Brian McFadden	87	15	72
	Entry 27, CSS 69			
<u>JUNE MEDAL</u>				
	03/06/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Robert Kane	85	19	66
2nd	Craig Burns	81	14	67
3rd	William Wilson	86	17	69
4th	Hugh Fyfe	89	17	72
5th	John Arlow	81	18	73
	Entry 16, CSS 68			
<u>CETENARY CUP--36 Hole Competition</u>				
	10/06/2017 & 17/06/2017 (Stroke Play)			
	Nett Scores	Rd 1	Rd 2	Total
1st	Robert Kane	70	66	136
2nd	Brian McFadden	79	67	146
3rd	David Murphy	84	66	150
4th	Craig Burns	86	66	152
5th	Craig Menzies	76	76	152

Muirkirk Gala Day

The village Gala Day is now only a few weeks away, Saturday 15th July, and we at the committee are getting excited and working hard to get everything ready for the kids and everyone else in the village to have a great day! We can't wait to see our lovely Gala Court this year and see Emma Hope be crowned the Gala Queen of 2017.

There is loads planned for the day including brand new and exciting rides to suit kids and adults, plus lots of activities planned throughout the day to keep everyone entertained. We are so happy to welcome back Neigh Pals to the Gala this year with their horses which we know the kids love, and we will be giving you all yet again the chance to enter your dogs into our now annual Dog Show on the day! We also have a petting zoo coming for your kids to sit and get a cuddle with something cute and furry! There will be loads of stalls selling a wide range of products to sweets and treats to gifts. In other words, we have a bigger and better Gala as promised!

There will be a fancy dress competition which will commence after the crowning ceremony for everyone of all ages to enter and win the grand prize! There will also be races during the day (think old school sports day that everyone can get involved in) which is always great fun, especially when all the kids get involved. We are working on our final agenda for times for the day, so keep posted to local news as well as our Facebook page for all information in relation to the Gala Day.

As part of the Gala Day, we will be providing one goodie bag per child who lives in Muirkirk and who is of nursery/primary age. All kids who attend the Nursery or Primary in the village will receive a letter from us with the voucher, which they can exchange for their goodie bag on the day. If your child does not attend Muirkirk Primary, please let us know and we will make arrangements for them to pick up their bag, this is open to all children who are residents in our village. We haven't forgotten our babies of the village either, kids aged from baby to pre-nursery will also receive an age appropriate bag from us.

If you have Facebook, please like our page (Muirkirk Gala) as this is where we give regular updates on our Gala Day and other events throughout the year. On a personal note, just to say thank you to each and every person who was supported us this year, or given us their time or service to keep our Gala running. Its beyond appreciated and we thank you!

We are looking forward to seeing you all there and hope you enjoy the day.

Here's to a bigger and even more successful Muirkirk Gala Day 2017!

MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 in St. Thomas's hall.

PRESENT: David McLatchie, Tom Bark, Judith Linton, Kathleen Hignett, David Agnew, Harry Murray, John Dempster, Ludovic Dunlop, Cheryl Hynd, Jim Higgins, William Kirk, David Norman snr, Sylvia McGlynn, Nan Beck, Jim Marshall, Billy Park, Irene Park, Maureen Drennan, PC Frazer McCann, David Shaw.

APOLOGIES: Declan Crews, Robert Bark, Jim Roberts

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and proposed by L Dunlop and seconded by T Bark.

MATTERS ARISING: Councillor asked if CCTV cameras could be put up at factory unit on Furnace Road. There needs to be a survey done before speed bumps or cameras can be installed.

Volunteers have come forward for community library.

Community Association indicated it was too early to supply details of bookings for rooms.

No update on retaining wall.

Office bearers have a meeting on 16th May with Dr McHattie to discuss problems with doctor's practice.

Village clean up this Saturday (6th)

POLICE REPORT: 31 calls. 8 concerning straying animals, 11 crime reports – 7 have been detected.

Police need help with the nuisance of quad bikes.

MEG – Have had to pay £96 to police to get details of driver responsible for damage to dyke on Glasgow Road.

TREASURERS REPORT: The balance on statement is £2063.86 of which £182.38 is still being held for Zumba. Community Council balance is £1881.48

CORRESPONDANCE: Has been forwarded to all councillors.

PLANNING: Removal of a Scots pine at school site.

MUIRKIRK NEWS: Some hiccups with this issue. NHS having problems with printer. Still looking for recipes, photos and letters to be included in future issues. N Mellon is moving to another department. Need to look for funding for our own printer in case the NHS can no longer provide the printing service.

There will be an article in the next issue about the co-op.

T Bark thanked all volunteers involved with the news for their continued support.

LIBRARY/ GAMES HALL UPDATE: MEG have agreed to negotiate the asset transfer. They will be fully supported by Community Council.

KAMES DISASTER: A joint service hopefully will take place – details to be decided.

DOCTOR'S UPDATE: Some points raised at public meeting not rectified as yet. Still some problems with IT.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: Victory Park – drainage still a problem especially when trac-

tor is cutting grass. It is churning up the ground. Water is lying on road due to sinking. (DMcL)

Fence at new entrance to school is short on main footpath.

W Kirk has emptied bin at MacAdam's stone, arrangements made with D Norman to empty bins at Stone and Walkers car park in future.

Suggested to have a cinema in some of the buildings. Might be an idea for community rooms in school or big hall.

A.O.C.B. The school is on schedule.

Yipworld had an event running for the youths in the village but it folded due to lack of attendance.

Renewable fund – Gala Whistle goes to EAC, monies must be spent on village.

Penbreck monies due in 2020 where 50% comes to village direct. The other 50% goes to renewable fund.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2017 AT 7pm in ST THOMAS' HALL

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MUIRKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING 2017

Primary 1/2

Positive Attitude & Achievement In All Areas	Jayden McMillan
Proficiency In Maths	Keiran Beck
Progress & Increased Confidence In All Areas	Reece Kelly
Proficiency In All Areas	Skye Shaw

Primary 2/3

Always Showing A Kind Caring & Helpful Attitude	Kelsey Muir
Improving Her Confidence In All Curricular Areas	Chloe Goodlet
Making Steady Progress In Literacy & Numeracy	Mason Frew
Sporting Prowess & Sportsmanship	Declan Strickland

Primary 3/4

Excellence In Numeracy	Brooklyn Russell
Excellence In Reading	Miley McLean
Progress In Literacy	Rihanna McCracken

Primary 4/5

General Excellence & Effort	Makenzie Morrison
Effort & Progress In All Areas	Kaiden Millin
Excellent Effort In All Areas	Rianna Russell
Exemplary Attitude & Effort	Millie Park

Primary 6/7

General Excellence & Effort	Kyle Sharp
Exemplary Attitude & Effort	Emma Hope
Excellent Progress In Literacy	Eva Purdie

Gold Award Winners

Ben Griffin / Jasmin Lowe / Mason Hilton / Declan Strickland

Annie Robertson Writing Award

Katie Travers

Elizabeth Smith Shield (in Organisational Skills)

Chloe Russell

Rotary Club of Cumnock Awards & School Leaving Awards

Primary 7 Pupils – in recognition of achievement throughout the session 2016/2017 as a Primary 7 Pupil

Jay Hannah / Emma Hope / Paul Hyslop / Barry Lowe / Lee McLaren / Paige Murray / Chloe Russell / Garry Travers

Junior Sports Championship

Girls –
Boys –

Emma McDade
Josh Hamilton

Senior Sports Championship

Girls –
Boys –

Alex Clarkson
Ryan Hamilton

House Points

Wellwood - 2490
Kames - 2320

Middlefield - 2425
Garron - 2145

Sports Shield (Parent Council)

Middlefield - 387
Kames - 267

Garron - 278
Wellwood - 253

Verse Speaking Certificates

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Primary 1	Alicia Clarkson	Emily McMillan	Skye Shaw
Primary 2	Lea Purdie	Rhiannon Smith	Alexis McCann
Primary 3	James McColm	Miley McLean	Brooklyn Russell
Primary 4	Ciara Burns & Makenzie Morrison		Tia Nugent
Primary 5	Millie Park	Kelsie McLean	Kayla Mitchell
Primary 6	Amber Riddicks	Eva Purdie	Louise Ward
Primary 7	Chloe Russell & Emma Hope		

Update from SMRT on Restoration Operations

Together with east Ayrshire Council and stakeholders the Scottish Mines Restoration Trust (SMRT) has been progressing revised restoration plans at the Ponesk / Spireslack and Powharnal properties. The Trust is delighted to contribute this article as a means of updating the community and inviting further input on future plans.

At Ponesk work continues on program with the relatively mild Winter contributing to maintaining progress. Land to the west of Ponesk Burn is now re-profiled and soiled, with moorland grass seed being sown. Muckshift continues on the eastern side of the Burn, with soil and compost mix also being spread. Further re-shaping of the overburden will take place in the Grasshill area through the Summer months. Importations of compost (donated free-of-charge by GP Landscapes) have greatly assisted in making good soils shortfalls and we continue to explore opportunities to enhance growth medium wherever we can.



Plate 1: Soiling operations, Area A, Ponesk, with Grasshill Forest to the rear

Following on from the latest Community Liaison Group meeting MRL, the operational arm of SMRT, has been focusing on how to deal with issues surrounding the felling of Grasshill Forest. Discussions with the Forestry Commission have continued and they have signalled their (informal) consent to revised planting proposals which will see a reduced footprint in the Grasshill area, with increased amenity planting on the lower slopes and around the amenity area and A70 edge.

At Spireslack discussions with the planning authority continue with regard to restoration options and we would hope to update the Community on those plans later this Summer. In the interim SMRT has advanced its own studies on the Glenbuck area and continues to liaise with interested parties. The British Geological Survey

team and various universities are making great use of the unique geology exposures to further their studies and this Summer also sees us host a number of visits from various geological societies. MRL is also liaising with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance with regard to the proposed A70 realignment at the Glenbuck Road end and hopes to assist with that project.

To the west of Muirkirk SMRT is heavily engaged on the Powharnal site. At the time of writing it is understood that a report recommending planning approval for our revised restoration strategy (in association with remediation and mitigation works on the Muirkirk & N Lowther SPA) is to go forward to the Council for approval. The proposals are in line with those presented to the community at the various pre-application meetings and the Trust is grateful for the positive comments received from the local community and which helped to shape our submission. In the interim MRL has progressed various works in line with the current planning permission (mainly the recovery of soils and peat), but has also dealt with earlier breaches of planning control by the previous owners. To this end the Gasswater Mound has been re-profiled (see photo below), as has the former Dalfad Amenity Area. Various fencing operations are also in hand, assisting with grazing management in the vicinity. Moorland management work has also been on-going to aid the SPA mitigation works. This has seen our specialist advisers undertake detailed survey work across Airds Moss and on the moorland south of the site, whilst also assessing ecological issues affecting land at Dalfad and on Marchhousehill.



Plate 2: Site staff explain Powharnal operations to representatives of EAC & Muirkirk CC

Substantive restoration work on Dalfad is also being planned via a project team assessing the various technical challenges associated with that site. As and when those studies are completed we will be consulting with the local communities, as a precursor to finalizing a revised restoration strategy plan.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS 2017

Class	Section	Race	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Primary 1	Girls	Flat Race	Alicia Clarkson	Skye Shaw	Emily Goodlet
	Boys		Keiran Beck	Brooklyn Armstrong	Bailey Ward
Primary 2	Girls		Lea Purdie	Courtney Campbell	Leah Mitchell / Kelsey Muir
	Boys		Sean Kane	Garry McGinn	Declan Strickland
Primary 3	Girls		Jasmin Lowe	Mya Lowe	Caitlin Fellows
	Boys		Jack Bradford	Brooklyn Russell	Craig Ward
Primary 4	Girls		Isla Cargill	Makenzie Morrison	Lexi McDade
	Boys		Danny Belk	Lee Byrne	Layton Muir
Primary 5	Girls		Millie Park	Emma McDade	Leigh Fellows
	Boys		Jay Tookey	Josh Hamilton	Kieran Campbell
Primary 6	Girls		Eva Purdie	Alex Clarkson	Amber Riddicks
	Boys		Kyle Sharp	Ryan Hamilton	Jack Ward
Primary 7	Girls		Chloe Russell	Emma Hope	Paige Murray
	Boys		Barry Lowe	Paul Hyslop	Garry Travers
Primary 1	Girls	Monkey Race	Emily McMillan	Skye Shaw	Emily Belk
	Boys		Keiran Beck	Bailey Ward	John Duncan
Primary 2	Girls	Egg & Spoon Race	Kelsey Muir	Courtney Campbell	Keavie Graham / Lea Purdie
	Boys		Sean Kane	Declan Strickland	Brooklyn Russell
Primary 3	Girls	Washing Line Race	Caitlin Fellows	Jasmin Lowe	Miley McLean
	Boys		Craig Ward	Bobby Kirkwood	Sam Wallace
Primary 4	Girls	Newspaper Race	Makenzie Morrison	Isla Cargill	Ciara Burns
	Boys		Danny Belk	Lee Byrne	Layton Muir
Primary 5	Girls	Chicken Race	Emma McDade	Kiera Ginnitty	Leigh Fellows
	Boys		Kaiden Millin	Jay Tookey	Josh Hamilton
Primary 6	Girls	Balloon Race	Eva Purdie	Louise Ward	Alex Clarkson
	Boys		Ryan Hamilton	Blair Smith	Jack Ward
Primary 7	Girls	Skipping Race	Chloe Russell	Emma Hope	Paige Murray
	Boys		Garry Travers	Paul Hyslop	Barry Lowe
Primary 1	Girls	Obstacle Race	Emily Belk	Emily Goodlet	Skye Shaw
	Boys		Keiran Beck	Bailey Ward	Riley Frew
Primary 2	Girls	Obstacle Race	Courtney Campbell	Rhiannon Smith	Alexis McCann / Emma Nohar
	Boys		Declan Strickland	Garry McGinn	Sean Kane
Primary 3	Girls	Obstacle Race	Jasmin Lowe	Caitlin Fellows	Miley McLean
	Boys		Jack Bradford	Sam Wallace	Craig Ward
Primary 4	Girls	Obstacle Race	Makenzie Morrison	Isla Cargill	Ciara Burns
	Boys		Lee Byrne	Layton Muir	Danny Belk
Primary 5	Girls	Obstacle Race	Emma McDade	Millie Park	Rianna Russell
	Boys		Jay Tookey	Josh Hamilton	Jamie Griffin
Primary 6	Girls	Obstacle Race	Eva Purdie	Amber Riddicks	Alex Clarkson
	Boys		Ryan Hamilton	Blair Smith	Robert Bradford
Primary 7	Girls	Obstacle Race	Emma Hope	Paige Murray	Chloe Russell
	Boys		Garry Travers	Barry Lowe	Paul Hyslop
		Jnr Girls Race	Millie Park	Emma McDade	Rianna Russell
		Jnr Boys Race	Danny Belk	Layton Muir	Jay Tookey
		Snr Girls Race	Eva Purdie	Chloe Russell	Alex Clarkson
		Snr Boys Race	Ryan Hamilton	Kyle Sharp	Jack Ward
	Girls	Relay Race	Green	Yellow	Blue
	Boys	Relay Race	Green	Blue	Yellow

June 2017

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October 2017

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April 2018

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