

MUIRKIRK NEWS

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Quiz

Questions:

1. Where is McCaig's Folly?
2. What is the name of the highest village in Scotland?
3. Which Scot discovered the Victoria falls?
4. Who painted the portrait of Robert Burns which hangs in the Scottish National portrait gallery?
5. Where near Edinburgh can you view the wonders of the deep all around you from a transparent tunnel?
6. What is the name of the Scottish industrialist who founded the mill town new lanark?
7. In honour of whom were the villages of North Queensferry and South Queensferry named?
8. Where is Logan Botanic gardens?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 21

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Chairman's Update

We have held our 1st Meeting in one of the New School Complex Community Rooms and we can confirm how impressed we were with the design and overall quality of the finished product.

We have reverted back to the 1st Monday of the month for the Meeting's and whilst it was well attended by members of the public we will review the situation at the end of the year and take soundings regards people's preference.

The MEG Group took over the running of the Community Library on Monday the 4th September which will be open for 4 days a week, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. It is manned by volunteers and if anyone is interested in giving a few hours of their valuable time you can make this known at the Library.

The Contractor has been appointed for the alteration & upgrading works at the Day Centre with the works due to start on the 25th September 2017 with completion due on the 1st December 2017.

This probably means that it will be open as a Community Hub for public use in January 2018

We take this opportunity to thank Billy Tait, Morag Dempster and Brenda Muir on their recent retirements after a long number of years of public service and we wish them all health and happiness for many years to come.

The Community Council, Community Association, MEG, the Catholic and Church of Scotland are all involved in the planning of the 60 years Commemoration of the Kames Disaster which will be held at 2pm on the 19th November 2017 which will be sixty years to the day.

The Council recently held a Conversation Cafe in the New School Complex to gauge public opinion regarding the problem of void properties in the village and as to what is the best solution. There is no simple answer to this as the village continues to suffer from population drift and a number of streets are proving difficult to get houses let. The Council will take cognisance of the findings and will come back with their proposals at some future juncture.

Last month's edition of the Muirkirk News was printed by a Commercial Printing Company and the feedback has been very positive regarding the quality of the end product which we would intend to continue certainly for the foreseeable future.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie

East Ayrshire Car Club

Cross-Border Sprint Sunday October 1st 2017

The curtain comes down on the racing car season at Kames Motorsport Complex on Sunday, when East Ayrshire Car Club host the final round of the Cross Border Speed Championship at the Muirkirk circuit. The Championship is held over the summer at racing circuits and speed venues in the North of England and the southern part of Scotland.

In addition to the friendly atmosphere between drivers from both sides of the border, there will be extra interest for spectators as this meeting has a habit of attracting surprise late entries from leading competitors. It was at this meeting three years ago, for example that Stirling driver Wallace Menzies was timed at an amazing 129 mph in his big V8 engined racing car. Wallace, who holds the outright record for Kames is currently lying second in the prestigious British Hillclimb Championship.

Many drivers will be taking this opportunity for a final outing before retiring to their workshops to work on plans for the 2018 season.

Practice starts around 10 am with the final runs expected around 3 pm to allow those competitors heading for the M74 and M6 to make an early exit.

Robert Smith for East Ayrshire Car Club. Tel 01290 550897

CO-OPERATIVE MUIRKIRK.

Concluding our series of articles about the Co-op I would like to mention and thank the ladies who kept the shops functioning all those years.

Miss Isobel Davidson, Mrs Margaret Dempster Nee Bone, Mrs Betty Burns Nee Barrie, Mrs Margaret Dunlop Nee Hanlon, Mrs Margaret Beck Nee Mitchell, Mrs Ann Park Nee Campbell, Mrs Jean Park Nee Menzies, Mrs Myra Short Nee Ross, Mrs Barbara Rutherford Nee Savage, Miss Sharon Beck, Mrs Jenny Davidson Nee Walker, Mrs Doreen Rae Nee Bolland.

Boys Brigade

The new term has just started, we intend to provide every member with a Boys Brigade Polo Shirt. We are able to do this due the generosity of everyone in Muirkirk. We are working on a programme of events for the coming year and we appreciate the help given by all our volunteers, but we could always do with more help, especially from ex Boys or Girls Brigade members. We meet at 6pm in the new community wing, please come along to help if you can.

MEG

MEG are pleased to say that the Community Library is up and running. Many thanks to all the volunteers. The new service is entirely free and that includes Talking Books and DVDs. There are some new books and there will be more in particular the number of military and sci-fi books will increase quite a bit over the coming months. There is also free internet access available.

MEG are also happy to be supporting the remembrance events surrounding the 60th anniversary of the Kames Pit disaster. MEG would like to thank everyone who is working on this project. As part of the programme of remembrance events, MEG will be co-operating with the Muirkirk Community Council to plant approx. 3000 bulbs to form a permanent living memorial to all the members of the Muirkirk community who lost their lives working deep underground to mine the coal that helped power Scotland.

Acknowledgement

Mrs Jessie Thain (Nettie)

On behalf of the Thain and McCartney family, I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts, flowers and cards received.

Thanks also to the Rev. Stan Kennon for his lovely service, Isobel and Sam Kerr for funeral arrangements, Barbara at the Bowling club for the lovely tea and staff at Bute House, where Nettie spent the last few weeks of her life.

Thanks also to the girls from ILS and local carers for the care and attention provided and lastly, to all who attended the church service and graveside.

Jane Dempster

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and best wishes received after my recent accident, the nurses for the excellent home care I received, Billy and Ella Kirk for all the help on the night of the accident, and Marrie Archibald for bringing me home from hospital. I am well on the road to recovery, many thanks again to everyone.

Meg Marshall

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Women's Institute

The first meeting of the new session was held in the new Community Wing with the president, Mrs Grace Cowan welcoming members, old and new.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Ian Thomson who gave a most interesting insight into the years when he was involved in security preparations and duties carried out in the protection of the Royal Family, a number of Prime Ministers while in office, and visiting VIP's to Scotland. Mr Thomson described his security work with such high profile people fully and often in a witty style. He also spoke of his voluntary work of fund raising to build homes and schools in Sierra Leone for orphaned and often disabled children and abused young women. He hoped soon to be able to make a visit there after the recent outbreak of ebola in that country.

Competition winners:

Jar of Jam:	1 Mrs J Blackwood	2 Mrs M Robertson	3 Mrs E Kirk
Favourite Brooch:	1 Mrs E Kirk	2 Mrs S Kelly	3 Mrs M Currie

St. Thomas Hall

The Annual Italian Dinner Dance has had a good response. Ayrshire Hospice Lunch raised £469 on the day and a donation from St Thomas's Church Hall Committee made the final total £550. The dessert and baking display would have made Mary Berry very happy. Thank you to all who helped in any way to keep this Annual Event a success.

A Supper Dance in aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place on Saturday 14th October @ 7.30pm, tickets £5.00.

Golf Club Dinner & Dance	Saturday 21st October
Christmas Fayre	Friday 17th November
Tea Bingo	Friday 24th November

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MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 8th August 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, Gordon McGuire, David Norman snr, David Norman jnr, Irene Park, Lisa Macmillan, Nan Beck, Maureen Drennan, Morag Dempster, cllr Claire Leitch,

APOLOGIES: cllr Jim Roberts, cllr Neil McGhee. Declan Crews, Alan Brown, cllr Alyson Simmons

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and proposed by David Agnew and seconded by T Bark.

MATTERS ARISING: Doctors still awaiting BT. Lines were down today. Still a gap in barrier at school entrance and cable ties fixed to barrier, Sally Whittet is dealing with this. Seat outside cemetery been painted, one at Henderson Drive not been touched as yet. (CL). Gaiety Theatre murder mystery on 3rd November in St Thomas's hall. Tickets will be on sale at charity shop. EAC has no issues with Trotters building although broken down-pipe has been causing problems during rain showers. (CL) Classic car show was successful.

POLICE REPORT: None in attendance.

COUNCILLORS: Council in recess. School looking great. There will be an official opening soon.

MEG: Stone dyke has been repaired. No reimbursement of £96 this will be appealed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balance - £2609.69. Zumba has received all PB monies held in account.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from CND with details of route used for nuclear waste. Suggested to invite to a meeting in future. It was agreed that even if Muirkirk Community Council voted against the route/movement it would make no difference.

PLANNING: Keystore application to change store room to hot food take away.

MUIRKIRK NEWS: There were still problems with the printing of last issue. The management at NHS has changed. It was decided to source a commercial printer. The estimate given is for 250 copies. These will be full gloss, colour, stapled and delivered to Muirkirk for £196. This month will be a trial run and if suitable will contract company to continue to supply magazines.

The response from the slips has been quite good. Extra copies of magazine will be available in shops. Still looking for items of interest to be included.

LIBRARY/ GAMES HALL UPDATE: Mobile library starting 5th September on a weekly basis. Library closes on 31st August. Tenders for the work are to be in by 19th

August. The work will take approximately 8 – 12 weeks. EAC preparing managing documents for MEG group.

Problems with staffing at games hall. It will remain open Monday -Friday.Hours to be decided.

KAMES DISASTER: No further update- Service is pencilled in for last Sunday in November. The venue for service still to be decided.

DOCTOR'S UPDATE: no further update. Still having problems with BT. Notice in surgery to be checked (DMcL)

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: Victory Park being used as a car park by contractors. Damage to grass and ongoing drainage problems. (JR)

Lot of water lying on site of old swing park. Pathway from bowling green in a bad state. (JR)

Car park at Victory Park needs the 'wildlife' garden strimmed down as it is an eyesore. (CL)

Manhole cover at Garronhill junction with A70 has been reported but not repaired as yet.(CL)

Heritage layby has a wet area, not sure if it is a water leak or sewerage. (JR)

A.O.C.B. Sorn Road still no white lines.(CL). Penbreck not on stream until 2021.

Gallowhistle – no payments until February due to problems with EAC. Need to hold a public meeting to discuss how the monies are to be distributed and what criteria groups need.

Economic Development in library every week to help with employment issues. At present it is only advertised in jobcentres – need to print in Muirkirk News.

Fitness suite – charges still to be discussed . Is in MEG group remit. Still very early days yet as nothing has been decided.

Yipworld are contracted to supply youth club in Muirkirk, due to lack of interest they will be trying again in the near future.

An issue with disabled parking on Glasgow Road. Claire Leitch will look into problem.

Traffic lights at Glasgow Road are faulty.

Dog fouling a problem at cemetery. Bags with dog poo have been thrown into private property in Lovedale. Ask EAC for bin.

Heritage Park has been weeded and tidied by 3 elderly members of MEG.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER IN COMMUNITY ROOMS.

MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

MEETING OF MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER AT 7pm IN COMMUNITY ROOMS, BURNS AVENUE.

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. WINDFARMS UPDATE
10. INPUT FROM PUBLIC
11. A.O.C.B.
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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Friday 29th September

Isobel Cree @ 7pm

Saturday 7th October

Bad Boy Boogie @ 9pm

Saturday 14th October

George Rattray @ 9pm

Saturday 21st October

Cockeroke (John & Alistair) @ 9pm

Saturday 28th October

Cover Story @ 9pm

Muirkirk Golf Club

We are now entering the final competitions of the season.

On Saturday 2nd September we had our annual Open competition where we had a good turnout from home members and a few players from other clubs. The overall winner and winner of the best nett Trophy was the “legend” big Danny Masterton and the winner of the best scratch score was Iain Girvan. The open was sponsored by the Coachhouse Inn. The club would like to thank John and his staff for their continued support of the club.

On Sunday 27th Aug we had our Club Championship final. The winner of this year's trophy was Craig Menzies (below). This was Craig's 2nd championship victory and was well deserved after good performances in the previous rounds. The runner up in this year's final was Stuart Angus.



	MUIRKIRK GOLF CLUB			
	<u>COMPETITION RESULTS</u>			
	<u>JIMMY MENZIES TROPHY</u>			
	26/08/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Graeme Walker	83	14	69
2nd	Craig Burns	84	14	70
3rd	Brian McFadden	85	14	71
4th	Eric Sanderson	86	13	73
5th	Scott Davidson Jnr	90	17	73
	Entry 16, CSS 69			
	<u>MUIRKIRK OPEN</u>			
	02/09/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
	First Class (Up to 12 Handicap)			
1st	Craig Menzies	79	9	70
2nd	Iain Girvan	77	7	70
3rd	Derek Wilson	80	9	71
4th	David Murphy	83	10	73
5th	Stuart Angus	84	11	73
	Second Class (13 to 24 Handicap)			
1st	Danny Masterton	88	22	66
2nd	Robert Kane	85	17	68
3rd	Steven Nisbet	84	14	70
4th	Eric Sanderson	84	13	71
5th	Mark Hamilton	87	16	71
	Entry 36, CSS 70			
	The George Rowe Memorial Trophy			
	Best scratch score: -Iain Girvan			77
	The James Millar Trophy			
	Best nett score: -Danny Masterton			66
	<u>SEPTEMBER MEDAL</u>			
	16/09/2017 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Brian McFadden	80	15	65
2nd	Douglas Peacock	86	21	65
3rd	Hugh Fyfe	83	17	66
4th	Kevin McMahon	85	16	69
5th	Rhett Dodds	91	22	69
	Entry 25, CSS 67			
	<u>DAVIDSON CUP</u>			
	17/09/2017 (Texas Scramble)		Gross	Nett
	(Teams of three or four players)			
1st	Colin Park, Mark Hamilton			
	& Scott Davidson Jr		65	55.83
2nd	Craig Menzies, Shaun Mullen,			
	Douglas Peacock & Hugh Moorhead			
			67	57.25
	Entry 19			

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Sunday evening services

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6.30pm, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th October

The Word of God is relevant today.

Come and hear a message of hope.

All welcome.

Muirkirk Juniors FC

Once again this Saturday we have no fixture due to us receiving a bye in The Scottish Junior Cup our next fixture is on the 30th Sept away to Saltcoats Vics.

Sponsors

Anyone wishing to sponsor a player or match ball please contact Secretary Billy Tait or contact the club through our social media.

Lottery

9.9.17 jackpot not won now stands at £1200 3 numbers one winner Irene McIlwain wins £30.

16.9 17 jackpot not won now stands at £1250. Three numbers one winner John Holland wins £30.

Fundraiser

The club are holding a psychic night with Isabel Cree on Friday 29th Sept in The coach house 7pm for 7-30pm Tickets are available from Isabel Davidson or contact any committee member. Support The Juniors.

Extract from Muirkirk Advertiser 1914

The big story of 1914 was, of course, the outbreak of world war 1 and the people of Muirkirk were not to be found wanting in their efforts to help the war effort. A local parish Relief Fund Committee was set up, and soon Muirkirk's contribution, both financially and materially, was considerable, with functions of all kinds being held regularly to augment the fund, as well as collections for blankets, crockery, etc, etc. In November, Wellwood House was made available as a convalescent home, and twelve wounded Belgian soldiers were the first residents. Nurse Cameron was in constant attendance, and the Medical Attendant was Dr Caruthers. In December six families of Belgium refugees were accommodated at the Southside. Hardly a week went past without the youth of the village providing a volunteer for the armed services. By the end of the year, 194 muirkirk men had enlisted plus 21 from Glenbuck.

This article was in response to Mr Jimmy Taylors piece. hope Muirkirk Community can come up with something to help.

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Please Note

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While a Dance Class could be seen as Personal Gain we would look at the community benefit to determine the let charge.

MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We have recently been gifted 3000 daffodil and narcissi bulbs and we are looking for volunteers to assist with the planting.

We are at this time planning the planting locations and layouts and we would be looking to start placing the bulbs in late September early October. The planting will take place at weekends and likely to be over a three week period.

If you are interested please contact Tom Bark or any of the Community Councillors to express your interest.

Thanks in anticipation, David McLatchie

Chairman Muirkirk Community Council

Quiz answers

1. Oban
2. Wanlockhead
3. David Livingston
4. Alexander Naysmith
5. Deep Sea World, North Queensferry
6. David Dale
7. St Margaret
8. Galloway

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The night sky over Muirkirk, by Jared Earle

Newsletter

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We will be glad to accept any letters for inclusion into the news, please supply your name and address on correspondence (addresses will not be printed). We would also be happy to receive photos & recipes for inclusion into the news.

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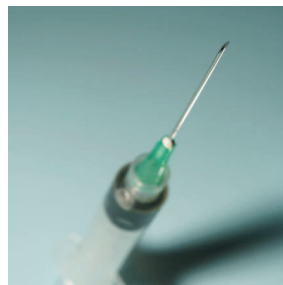
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