



# MUIRKIRK NEWS

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## Quiz

### Questions:

- 1 When was the Glenbuck War Memorial relocated to the Memorial Gate at Victory Park?
- 2 Who was the Muirkirk soldier awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry at the Anzio Beachhead in Italy during the Second World War?
- 3 Who was the Muirkirk soldier Mentioned in Dispatches during Malta's heroic fight in the second world war?
- 4 What year did Muirkirk get its Public Library?
- 5 When were the Kames Pit Baths opened for the miners?
- 6 Who were the team from Kames Pit to win Ayrshire NCB First Aid Safety competition in 1966?
- 7 He was manager of the Kames Pit and won 9 prizes at the National Shooting Competitions at Bisley 1965. Who was he?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 10

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## **Chairman's Update**

At the recent well attended Community Council Meeting we were given a presentation by the Scottish Mines Restoration Trust with regards to the progress being made on the restoration works on the various local opencast sites. The works are progressing well on Powharnal, Grasshill, Ponesk & Spireslack with completion expected in 2018. Although preliminary works have started at Glenbuck SMRT are awaiting the result of a funding application to the Lottery Heritage Fund to enable them to properly plan the scope of works. Dalfad restoration works are imminent and the time-frame for all works to be complete is around 4 years.

The Community Council can confirm that a number of volunteers have planted around 4000 daffodil & narcissi bulbs in various locations around the village and a big thank you to all concerned and we look forward to the spring when we ought to see the result of the hard work. We have also been gifted a further 2000 bulbs which we would expect to have been planted by the date of the next publication of the News.

We are pleased to report that the Murder Mystery Show held in St Thomas's Hall and promoted by the Gaiety Theatre was a great success and a good night was had by all.

There was a good turnout for the fireworks display which from the feedback was excellent and we were one of the few villages in the area that were able to put on such an event. We would take this opportunity to thank Muirkirk Community Association and East Ayrshire Car Club for organising the display.

The Community Council have had an approach from a small Spanish village Castelloli in Catalonia with regards to exploring a twinning or friendship agreement. We have agreed to go forward with this and we will further advise when we have more information.

We can confirm that Stagecoach representatives will be in attendance at the next Meeting on the 4th of December to discuss the local bus services.

We also have Mr Clive Walton of the RSPB coming along to give a Presentation about his work in the Muirkirk Uplands Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Muirkirk & North Lowther Uplands SPA, but also there is the RSPB's broader work at e.g. the mines restoration at Powharnal and our own nature reserve at Airds Moss. Mostly the project is about working with farmers. If any of the above are of interest to you please come along to the Meeting and express your views.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie

## **Thank you**

As most of you will know I have now retired from my post of Head Teacher at Muirkirk Primary School and Early Childhood Centre, which I was very privileged to hold for the last 10 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all the children, staff, parents, grandparents and members of the community for all your kind words, good wishes, cards and gifts. I was overwhelmed by your generosity and your thoughtful messages.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Muirkirk, made extra special by being back in my home village. Muirkirk is a special place to be and with our new school, early childhood centre and community facilities the future of Muirkirk is assured for many years to come.

Thank you for all your support over the years and I wish you all the best for the future.

Sally Whittet

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## **Muirkirk Juniors FC**

Kirk went down to a high flying Cambuslang Rangers team in the West of Scotland Cup at Somervell Park on Saturday 11th November. This was a vastly improved performance on previous weeks and augers well for manager Kevin Muirhead. New keeper Nathan Bogle & Jay Burns were the stand outs in a good team performance.

## **Sponsorship**

As usual we are on the lookout for player, match day and match ball sponsors, in fact any extra income will be used to help our manager strengthen his squad.

## **Christmas Card Delivery Service**

Once again the club will provide this service locally in Muirkirk with a suggested donation of 20p per card. Cards can be uplifted and delivered if you wish contact secretary Billy Tait 07596 089828 or contact us through twitter and Facebook pages.

## **Lotto**

Jackpot not won and now stands at £1650.  
Support the juniors and join our lotto from 50p per line.

## **St Thomas' Hall**

Muirkirk Golf Club held their annual Prizegiving Dance. A good attendance and an enjoyable night well organised by a hard working club committee.

Our Halloween party went very well with the fancy dress prize being won by Emily Hamilton dressed as an auld wumin. A well done to all the parents for their super efforts.

The planned fundraiser for the Elderly Christmas Party had to be cancelled due to a lack of support.

Our Christmas season is underway when we expect to be busy with the annual Parties and Dinners.

*All Hall events will be advertised locally as well as in the Muirkirk News*

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## **Jamieson**

Fond and Loving Memories of Peter, passed away 12/11/14, dear Son, Brother and Uncle to all the Family.

Inserted by Rab, for all the Family.

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## **Nearly New Shop**

Lots of good quality items for sale in the shop, toys, games jigsaw etc. Do you need a few more wine glasses or tumblers for those extra guests? We have a range of types to suit most. We are selling Muirkirk Calendars and also Christmas cards and Calendars for Ayrshire Cancer Support. We still have Muirkirk Shopping bags and at £4.25 a reasonable but very useful present.

What about a new outfit for Christmas and New Year parties, clothes for adults and children at low prices and brand new clothes (labels still on) are now even cheaper than before. A variety of ladies shoes boots and handbags, children's shoes boots and slippers for you to view.

Thinking of Christmas, at the time of writing we have an Ikea settee for sale that could double up as a small single bed for the odd night. Extra duvet sets come in handy when you have family and friends to stay for the festive season or a coffee table to hold snacks and drinks. Come in and look around you never know what you will find. You can find us on Facebook: Muirkirk Nearly New Shop.

## Eden Park Academy



*Our many different cultures notwithstanding, there's something about the holidays that makes the planet communal. Even nations that do not celebrate Christmas can't help but be caught up in the collective spirit of their neighbours, as twinkling lights dot the landscape and carols fill the air. It's an inspiring time of the year.*

*Marlo Thomas*

The festive season is just around the corner and will be upon us again before we know it.

Christmas is a magical time of the year for children to get hyped up and look forward to all the presents Santa will bring them. However it can be a very stressful time of the year for parents due to the financial implications.

Due to high unemployment in our area, there are a lot of parents out there that will be dreading Christmas. A lot of them getting into debt, just to provide their children with the presents they have asked for. It is only natural that we as parents don't want our children to be any different from their friends.

It can also be a lonely time of year for a lot of people as they will be spending Christmas day on their own. With this in mind, now may be a good time to ask someone if they would like to join you and your family in celebrating this special day together.

It is important we remember the true meaning of Christmas and start teaching the younger generation what it is truly about. Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus and what he did for mankind. He helped those in need such as the poor, the sick and the hungry. He provided help to anyone who needed it. As a nation we have been taught to love thy neighbour, so it's time we started acting on it and thinking of others. Christmas is the perfect time to feed, donate, and share some time with the lonely and homeless, as well as appreciating our loved ones. It's a time to really feel the "true spirit of Christmas" through helping others. Get back to family time, playing games and spending time communicating with each other face to face. Have a laugh and a joke and appreciate what you have in your life.

Have a Great Christmas

From all at Eden Park Academy

### Competition Time!

If,  
 $2,1 = 9$   
 $4,2 = 18$   
 $5,3 = 18$   
 $6,3 = 27$   
Then,  $9,4 = ?$



Answers can be submitted by e-mailing [edenparkscot@radicals-services.org.uk](mailto:edenparkscot@radicals-services.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 Grocery Voucher for £20.00 for Muirkirk Keystore plus Post Office. All entries must be submitted before 20th December 2017. Good luck!

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## **MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017 in Community rooms.

**PRESENT:** David McLatchie, Tom Bark, Judith Linton, Kathleen Hignett, David Agnew, John Dempster, Ludovic Dunlop, Cheryl Hynd, David Norman, Gordon McGuire, Lisa Macmillan, Jim Higgins, William kirk, Maureen Drennan, Nan Beck, Morag Dempster, Robert Smith, Karen McMillan, David McMillan, Jimmy Marshall, Lynn McMillan, John Samson, cllr Neil McGhee, cllr Jim Roberts.

**APOLOGIES:** Harry Murray, Declan Crews, cllr Claire Leitch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and proposed by Tom Bark and seconded by Judith Linton.

**MATTERS ARISING:** No update on BT, railings at school, flooding at Heritage layby, Trotters building(owner not responsive) and disabled parking on Glasgow Road.

The seat at Henderson Drive is to be replaced. The painting of white lines on the Sorn Road are in the system to be done. The manhole cover at junction of Garronhill and Main Street has been fixed. Victory Park – J Roberts has a meeting with roads dept tomorrow. ‘Wildlife’ garden at car park has been strimmed.

**POLICE REPORT:** No police present.

**COUNCILLORS:** The school opening day was a success, although no invites were sent to Community Council. The Multilotto has a pot of £10 k for community groups. The A70 Glenbuck re-alignment will start January 2018. There have been more complaints about the RBS mobile bank re disabled access. The River Ayr walk has had £10k spent on it by South Ayrshire council who are looking to spend a further £39k in future.

The completion of Day Centre will be mid December 2017.

EAC is awaiting budgets being set for next year.

**MEG:** Work on Day Centre has started. The knotweed spraying is having some effect although some patches have been missed.

**EA Car Club:** Has had a meeting with Sports Council- no grants available until March or April. Hoping to have refurbishment on house completed by April if money is available. Need to raise £50k-£60 for track upgrade. Fireworks display is ok.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Balance - £1991.15

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none



PLANNING: Extension of hard standing at Caravan Park.

MUIRKIRK NEWS: There are 250 copies printed every month with delivery of 194 copies and 10 postal copies. The timescale is a bit tight. It was agreed to put the link to Muirkirk News in the computer in library.

DAFFODILS: There will be bulb planting over three weekends. A total of 3000 are to be planted. There has been discussion with EAC as to where bulbs are to be planted. Start at Heritage Lay by. Planting at all entrances of village and at foot of signs and trees. Dates to be arranged. Check facebook page.

KAMES DISASTER: Arrangements are well on way. The order of service will be finalised on 2nd November. Buffet will cater for 120 with relatives and distant travellers being served first. Wilma Brady is in charge of catering. Teas and coffees in community rooms for others.

2pm at church for service

3pm wreath laying

3.15pm at school rooms for refreshments.

WINDFARMS : Two representatives from Renewable Fund attended. Information given was very useful to all groups. Applications must be in by 31st January 2018 for the first meeting in May 2018.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: Victory Park flooding still an issue. Water has been flooding down to school but this has been dealt with by EAC. It was suggested inviting an architect to a future meeting. The road at the top of the Victory Park is in a dangerous state.

Seat at cemetery needs painting (EAC). Walkway from Southside to Kames Farm needs draining.

Drainage problem still ongoing on Burmah Road even though drain has been deepened.

Suggestion made to contact Ayrshire Magazine to promote the village.

A local businessman asked for details of the correct person to contact at EAC to purchase and refurbish properties in village.

A.O.C.B. Due to vacant properties some rumours have started that tenants will be moved from Burns Avenue to Main Street sheltered housing. The meeting was assured that no decision has been made as there are a number of empty properties in Muirkirk and a solution has to be found to solve the problem. Local councillors will keep public informed.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER IN COMMUNITY ROOMS.

## **MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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### **AGENDA**

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MEETING OF MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 4th DECEMBER AT 7pm IN COMMUNITY ROOMS, BURNS  
AVENUE.

### **BUSINESS**

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
  - 1.1 STAGECOACH REPS. Q&A
  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. INPUT FROM PUBLIC
  9. A.O.C.B.
  10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
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### **Quiz answers:**

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- 1 1961
- 2 Mr Hugh Dillon
- 3 Mr Tom Hazel
- 4 1959
- 5 1933
- 6 Mr Wull Shaw, Mr Jacky Ladlaw , Mr Wull Matheson, Mr W McPike
- 7 Mr Jim Love

*Quiz Taken from Mr James Taylor's Cairntable Quiz book.*

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75g Caster Sugar  
4-6 Slices of bread, no crusts

### **Method**

Preheat oven to 180°C.

1. Whisk together 4 egg yolks with caster sugar
2. Add to milk, whisking continuously
3. Sieve mixture and leave to rest. (Custard)
4. Layer bread, banana, walnuts and chocolate chips. Layer until dish is full.
5. Pour over custard and put in a big tin for water bath for 30-35 mins.  
Water  $\frac{3}{4}$  up tin.
6. Sprinkle over icing sugar and place under grill.

## Muirkirk Golf Club

Annual dinner dance and prizegiving, held in St. Thomas' Hall, Muirkirk, Saturday 21st October, 2017.



*List of winners on opposite page.*

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**2017 PRIZE WINNERS**

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**MATT JAMIESON TROPHY**

**WINNER:** - Craig Menzies

**RUNNER-UP:** - Stuart Angus

**MEDAL WINNERS**

**APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Angus                      2<sup>nd</sup> Graeme Walker

**MAY**

1<sup>st</sup> Murray Pringle                      2<sup>nd</sup> William Wilson

**JUNE**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Burns

**JULY**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Burns

**AUGUST**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Menzies

**SEPTEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Brian McFadden                      2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Peacock

**OCTOBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Brian McFadden                      2<sup>nd</sup> Murray Pringle

**TROPHY WINNERS**

**WINTER LEAGUE TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> John Arlow

**OPENING DAY TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Walker                      2<sup>nd</sup> David Murphy

**LADESIDE CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> David Murphy

**CAPTAIN'S PRIZE**

1<sup>st</sup> John Arlow                      2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Angus

**PRESIDENT'S CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Menzies                      2<sup>nd</sup> Brian McFadden

**THE WALLACE CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Alex Patrick                      2<sup>nd</sup> Brian McFadden

**A. & W. HIGGINS TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Brian McFadden                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Menzies

**MARION CASAGRADA CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Burns

**MOORHEAD TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Menzies                      2<sup>nd</sup> Iain Girvan

**SPRINGHILL CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> John Jackson

**TOM STEVEN TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Menzies                      2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Hamilton

**I. T. LOW PRIZE**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Davidson

**DAVIDSON CUP (Texas Scramble)**

1<sup>st</sup> Colin Park, Mark Hamilton & Scott Davidson Jnr

**GEORGE ROSS TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Peacock

**DENISE BROWN TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Iain Girvan                      2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Park

**J & E HIGGINS TROPHY (Over 50's)**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Menzies                      2<sup>nd</sup> John Jackson

**AYRSHIRE PRECISION ENGINEERING CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Iain Girvan                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Menzies

**BILLY BURNS TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> John Arlow                      2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Frew

**TAYLOR PRINTERS TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> William Wilson                      2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Peacock

**DREW CUNNING TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Hugh Fyfe                      2<sup>nd</sup> Brian McFadden

**JIMMY MENZIES TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Walker                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Burns

**JOHN KENNEDY CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Patrick

**BRIAN YOUNG TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Park

**COACH HOUSE INN TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Menzies                      2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Davidson Jnr

**MEDALS FINAL**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Burns                      2<sup>nd</sup> David Murphy

**ANNIVERSARY TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Brian McFadden                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Menzies

**ELEANOR MILLER TROPHY (Closing Day)**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Burns                      2<sup>nd</sup> David Murphy

**CENTENARY CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> Brian McFadden

**WILMA GIRVAN TROPHY (Birdie League)**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Menzies

**FRASER ORDER OF MERIT TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> David Murphy                      2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Kane

**ANDREW DODDS TROPHY**

**(Best Eclectic over Seven Monthly Medals)**

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Kane                      2<sup>nd</sup> William Wilson

**MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS**

**R. D. SPORTS TROPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Eric Sanderson & John Renwick

2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Hamilton & Brian McFadden

**MAUCHLINE COLLIERIES ROSEBOWL**

1<sup>st</sup> Mark Hamilton & Brian McFadden

2<sup>nd</sup> Bobby Hill & Hugh Fyfe

**I. T. LOW CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Craig Burns                      2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Sanderson

**MAUCHLINE COLLIERIES CUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Alex Patrick                      2<sup>nd</sup> David Murphy

**ST THOMAS' HALL INVITATION DAY**

1<sup>st</sup> Eric Sanderson & Kristian Sanderson

2<sup>nd</sup> John Renwick & John Hargreaves

**MUIRKIRK OPEN COMPETITION**

**THE GEORGE ROWE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Best Scratch Score: - Iain Girvan

**THE JAMES MILLAR MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Best Nett Score: - Danny Masterton

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## **Gala Committee**

Hi everyone from the Gala Committee, sorry we haven't posted in here for a wee while but we have a few updates to give you.

### **Halloween Party**

The Gala Committee along with Muirkirk Primary School ran a Halloween party for the kids in October, and the attendance was fantastic. DJ Billy was there on the night keeping the kids amused and we were on hand to hand out prizes for best costumes and party game winners and dooking for apples. The kids had a brilliant time and outlasted most of the committee with their dancing! Thanks to all the kiddies that came and for the effort they made with their costumes! It was so hard on the night to pick a winner as you were all fantastic!

### **Tea Bingo**

We are holding a Tea Bingo on Friday 8th December 2017 at Muirkirk Bowling Green from 7pm. Tickets for this event are £2 and the tickets will be available through Margaret Campbell or if you request via any of the committee members or via our facebook page. This is always a great night and amazing prizes to be won including our cash prize round. Come along for the night and play a wee game of bingo, have a wee tea and sandwich (or something stronger from the Bar...well its Christmas!) and let us put on another fantastic night for you guys. If anyone would like to make any donations to the Tea Bingo, please contact a member of the Gala Committee and as always any donations are appreciated. Get in touch soon about your tickets folks, as this is always a sold out night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cheryl Shepherd  
Gala Chairperson.

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## **Muirkirk Enterprise Group**

MEG will play a crucial role in providing substantial financial support for the 60th Anniversary remembrance service for the victims of the 1957 Kames disaster.

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## **Boys Brigade**

The Boys Brigade would like to acknowledge the exceptionally kind donation received from a Muirkirk resident of £100.

## Muirkirk PTA

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the Muirkirk Primary School and ELC PTA section of the Muirkirk News.

We have recently established an active parent council for the school and we are currently amending details within our constitution that better suit the school and its parent's council. Once the amendments have been made, a copy of the of our constitution will be sent out to all parents and guardians for you to read, if you would like to discuss the constitution, please do not hesitate to contact one of our parent council members.

Danielle Shaw and her partner, John Lawrie have recently hiked up Ben Nevis to raise funds for the Primary school and ELC, so far, the funds raised is almost £400! The PTA would like to say thank you and 'gon yersel' folks for all your hard work!



We would also like to give a big welcome to our new head teacher, Mrs McCulloch, who will be joining us at our next meeting on Thursday 16th November @ 2.15pm in the Community Centre to the back of the school and all parents are welcome to attend.

Please find below some dates for the diary and up and coming events:

Christmas Fayre	Thursday 30th November
Christmas Disco	Mid December (date and venue TBC)

That's all for now and thank you for reading.

Holly Bates  
PTA Chair





## **Bookbug For Muirkirk**

There is a weekly Bookbug Session in Muirkirk on a Friday morning at 10am until 10.30am. It is held in the Muirkirk Bowling Club.

These sessions are run by a volunteer so the more people that come the better.

Not only do I provide the Bookbug basics of songs, rhymes and a story but I also have a lending library and a colouring section for the children. On special occasions such as Christmas there will be an added bonus for those who attend!

These sessions look to enhance your child's development and the bond that reading and singing creates with you and your child.

Public/School Holidays do not impact on the running of these sessions.

All children aged 0 – 5 years old are always welcome to attend. As are any older children who wish to tag along.

If you want to get to know other parents in the village this is the group for you. The Bowling Club is Wheelchair/Pram accessible.

There is a Twitter Account called @MuirkirkBookbug which will be updated regularly regarding the next session and general information about Bookbug events.



## **At this time of remembrance**

A hero with a Muirkirk connection.

*Extract from "RECORD OF THE 7TH BATTALION OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY JAN – JUNE 1944", Compiled by Steve Berridge 12 [www.lightbobs.com](http://www.lightbobs.com), 04/03/2014*

Mention must be made of the tireless efforts of Captain Montgomery, R.A.M.C., and all under his command in rescuing and evacuating wounded, often in circumstances of the greatest danger. All who saw him personally seeking for and attending to casualties on the battlefield were inspired by the realisation that if wounded they would be cared for no matter how hot the enemy fire might be, and we are proud that he should have been awarded the Military Cross for the services he rendered to his Regiment. In his work he was particularly assisted by Private Fletcher, his driver, who continually drove his jeep fearlessly into the front line and carried the wounded back to the aid post. It is calculated that Fletcher, who only 19 years old, was responsible for the rescue of some forty wounded men. It was a tragic blow that a few nights later he should have been killed by a shell while driving the quartermaster with rations to the rest area. He was one of the bravest and most cheerful men we knew, and his death cast a shadow over the whole regiment.

Private Roland Fletcher was the older brother of Mrs Cynthia Barrie of 24 Garronhill, Muirkirk

## **Newsletter**

The next date for submission of articles for the December newsletter is Friday 1st December 2017. Please send any correspondence to **news@muirkirk.org.uk**

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.

Muirkirk News is available free of charge to all households within the village and outlying areas.

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Womens' Aid	01290 423434
Doctor's surgery	01290 661286
Chemist	01290 661280
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## COACH HOUSE INN

Saturday 25th November	Billy Hamilton	@ 9pm
Saturday 2nd December	Cockeroke	@ 9pm
Saturday 9th December	J.F.K.	@ 9pm
Saturday 16th December	Cockeroke	@ 9pm

# Kames Colliery Disaster 60th Anniversary 1957-2017 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

## THE DISASTER VICTIMS

A large silhouette of a coal miner stands in the background, holding a pickaxe. The miner is wearing a hard hat and a jacket. The background is a dark blue gradient.

Thomas Burnside, aged 58 years  
Thomas Casey, aged 18 years  
Alexander Crawford, aged 37 years  
John Dalziel, aged 34 years  
Timothy Dillon, aged 44 years  
Andrew Findlay, aged 20 years  
Ronald Grant, aged 20 years  
William Hendry, aged 30 years  
Robert Lowe, aged 53 years  
James Marshall, aged 69 years  
Donald McGarry, aged 18 years  
William McKay, aged 48 years  
John McKean, aged 53 years  
James Samson, aged 37 years  
Robert Smith, aged 33 years  
William Smith, aged 47 years  
John Walker, aged 37 years