

Quiz

Questions:

- 1: What was the name of the ship on which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed from Plymouth to America in 1620?
- 2: The battle of Balaclava was fought during which conflict?
- 3: Who was in charge of the German Luftwaffe during the second world war?
- 4: Which French heroine was known as Maid of Orleans?
- 5: What was the name of Admiral Nelson's Flag ship at the battle of Trafalgar?
- 6: Which country undertook an Industrialization programme in 1958 known as the "Great Leap Forward"?
- 7: The battle of Gettysburg was fought in which war?
- 8: What was the name of the plan to establish a Scottish colony in Panama in 1698?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 6

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Chairman's Update

We had our first Community Council Meeting of 2018 on the 5th February which was very well attended by members of the public.

Two senior members of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Group gave an overview of the issues in dealing with the heavy snowfall we experienced recently followed by a question & answer session. It was acknowledged that because of the widespread nature of the snowfall that the performance level was not as good as it ought to have been and in particular in relation to clearing the main footpaths. The Council are considering purchasing a number of hand operated snowblowers one of which may be allocated and left at Muirkirk. In the event of heavy snow these machines are much more efficient at clearing footpaths than the normal practice of gritting. The Community Council confirmed they will consult with the Community with regards to forming a local resilience team of volunteers to assist the Council in specific areas when we get a heavy snowfall. This will form part of the discussion when a review is held with the Road's Alliance Group at the end of this year's winter season.

The discussions between the Council and MEG Group regarding the Asset Transfer Agreement for the Muirkirk Hub are ongoing and it looks like it will be March 2018 at the earliest when these are concluded and approved. On that basis the Council have agreed that the Games Hall will remain open until the 30th March 2018.

The Hub is complete apart from snagging. It looks very impressive and we trust the residents of the Community will make good use of the facilities when it opens to the public.

The East Ayrshire Car Club are carrying out a major refurbishment of their building at Kames which when finished will be available to the Community to use for events. This project demonstrates the commitment of the car club to continually improve the facilities at Kames which in turn will attract more visitors to the village.

The Council are running another Participatory Budget Event with a total fund of £20,000. The difference this time is that it covers the old Cumnock & Doon Valley area. The closing date for the applications will have passed when we receive your newsletter but the most important date for your Calendar is the day of the voting which is Sunday the 25th March. The voting will take place in Cumnock Town Hall. It will be similar in style to the one held last year in Muirkirk in that it is in the form of a Marketplace and the awards are from £250 - £2000 so it is very worthwhile and we would ask you to come along and give your support to your Community Groups. Watch out for posters and social media which will give further details near to the voting date.

We have been contacted by a group who are looking to get the Galloway area National Park status and we have arranged for them to come along to our Meeting in April to give us a Presentation about their proposals. In the meantime if you're are interested you can find information about their ideas on the following www.gallowaynationalpark.org or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GallowayNationalPark/

Finally as we look forward to spring we are nervously awaiting signs that the 5000 daffodil bulbs we planted in the autumn will begin to pop their heads up and we would hope that we get a good display for the villagers, visitors and for people who are just passing through the village.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie

East Ayrshire Car Club

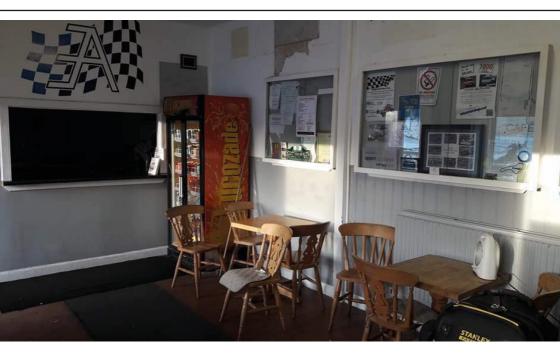
The interior walls of the Clubhouse have been removed and the floor is being concreted, after which the walls, ceiling, etc will be attended to before the acquisition and installation of the Kitchen equipment. It is hoped the premises will be "Useable" in late spring. While only nine days on the track will involve full competitions, the track will be in use for around 50 events most of which will require attention of some sort.

The Motor Sports Association in London have announced the following:

JLT MSA Club and Volunteer of the Year Awards 2017
JLT MSA Club of the Year Awards 2017
First Overall Southsea Motor Club
Second Place Ballynahinch & District Motor Club
Third Place East Ayrshire Car Club
Highly Commended Vintage Sports-Car Club

In the February edition of Motor Sport one of the UK's oldest motoring journals a 20 page special is devoted to former World Rally Champion Colin McRae. The Lanark driver who died ten years ago is still remembered the world over for his spectacular aggressive style and the magazine has published interviews on their memories of Colin from former World Rally Champions Ari Vatanen, Didier Auriol, Sebastien Loeb, Peter Solberg, Miki Biason, Stig Blomqvist, Sebastien Ogier and others.





The publication will become a collectors item in the future and will be of particular interest to Ayrshire and Lanarkshire enthusiasts. Of great interest to Ayrshire fans is a page on his early visits to Muirkirk for his first competitive outing at a rally at Kames Motorsport Complex, recalled by East Ayrshire Car Club stalwart Ian Gemmell.

Colin, a member of Coltness Car Club went on to win 25 World Championship rallies in Argentina, Australia, Spain, Corsica, Cyprus, Greece, New Zealand, Portugal, Kenya, Italy and the UK.

Robert Smith East Ayrshire Car Club

Our website is http://www.eastayrshirecc.co.uk for those interested in racing or marshalling or helping out.

KAMES MOTORSPORT COMPLEX, MUIRKIRK - 2018 CALENDAR

Sun	January 28th	Members Test Day
Sun	February 25th	Members Test Day
Sun	March 25th	Members Test Day
Sat	April 7th	Scottish Sprint Championship
Sun	April 8th	Scottish Sprint Championship
Tues	April 10th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Thurs	April 12th	Members Test Night
Tues	April 17th	<u> </u>
Sat	•	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sun	April 21st April 22nd	Cycle Racing for Juniors
	•	Kames Rally
Tues	April 24th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sun	April 29th	Members Test Day
Sat	May 5th	Scottish Sprint Championship
Sun	May 6th	Scottish Sprint Championship
Tues	May 8th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Thurs -	May 10th	Members Test Night
Tues	May 15th	Cycle Racing for Juniors
Tues	May 22nd	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sun	May 27th	Members Test Day
Tues	June 5th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sat	June 9th	Muirkirk Gala Day
Sun	June 10th	Kames Classic Vehicle Show
Thurs	June 14th	Members Test Night
Sun	June 17th	Members Test Day
Tues	June 19th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sun	June 24th	Ford RS Owners Show
Tues	July 3rd	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Thurs	July 12th	Members Test Night
Tues	July 17th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sun	July 22nd	Members Test Day
Sat	July 28th	Scottish Sprint Championship
Sun	July 29th	Scottish Sprint Championship
Tues	July 31st	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Tues	August 7th	Cycle Racing for Juniors
Thurs	August 9th	Members Test Night
Tues	August 14th	Cycle Training for Junior Racers
Sat	August 25th	Cycle Racing for Juniors
Sun	August 26th	Members Test Day
Thurs	September 13th	Members Test Night
Sun	September 23rd	Albar Kames Trophy Rally
Sun	September 30th	Members Test Day
Sun	October 7th	Cross Border Championship Sprint
Sun	October 28th	Members Test Day
Sun	November 4th ??	Fireworks Display ??
Sun	November 25th	Members Test Day
Sun	December 30th	Members Test Day

No details yet of visits by University groups, Disabled Motorsport Scotland, etc

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MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017 in the community rooms.

PRESENT: David McLatchie, Judith Linton, Kathleen Hignett, David Agnew, Declan Crews,

Harry Murray, John Dempster, Ludovic Dunlop, Cheryl Hynd, David Norman, Gordon McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Higgins, William Kirk, Nan Beck, John Samson, Sylvia McGlynn, Morag Dempster, John Stokes (EAC), Clive Walton (RSPB), Billy Ferguson (Stagecoach), Ian Bennie (EAC), Robert Smith, Maureen Drennan, Gary Clifford, Kevin Hamilton(EAC), Gordon Cathcart,

APOLOGIES: Tom Bark, Lisa Macmillan, Jim Roberts, Neil McGhee, Jeanne Freeman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by David Agnew and seconded by Judith Linton.

MATTERS ARISING: Railings at school - Jim Roberts confirmed the gap will be filled in.

Retaining wall at Coach House to be replaced but no time scale given. (health and safety issue)

White lines on Sorn road is out to contractors. (health and safety issue).

PRESENTATIONS: Stagecoach rep was unable to give immediate answers but will be back in contact with answers to questions raised.

Connections - no change to timings- 3 minute turn around - inadequate.

Suggestions for an earlier bus in morning as this is a barrier to employment for villagers. This will be suggested to head office - SPT could possibly support.

Suggested running service to Glespin to connect with service there.

Suggested running service to Strathaven to connect with services there.

RSPB - Clive Walton gave an interesting presentation, giving an insight to the work of the RSPB in this area.

EAC Housing: Discussion took place as to EAC plans to demolish/ rebuild areas of the village. A number of points were raised by tenants. It was stated that there is no time scale for the re-housing of tenants and they will only be offered appropriate housing for their individual needs.

POLICE REPORT: No officers present.

MEG: Negotiations with asset transfer re Day Centre, some hold ups to be discussed.

Charity shop continues to do well.

KAMES CAR CLUB: Quiet just now, finalising calendar for 2018.Looking forward to twinning with Spanish village.

PLANNING: Dalfram - to demolish ruin and build dwelling. Lightshaw farm - erection of agricultural buildings.

TREASURER: Balance £1991.13 including petty cash. Kames Disaster anniversary cost £671.50. Received £180 from Provost's fund. Minerals Trust refused monies due to application being submitted late- this was despite being assured that application would be considered as long as Trust received it by 17th November.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence has been forwarded to community councillors.

MUIRKIRK NEWS: Printing 270 copies per month. Online copies have been late. No issues in January and July. Big thank you to all involved.

2000 daffodil bulbs been received from Dumfries House.

PUBLIC INPUT: Victory Park drainage- discussion ongoing with Scottish Water.

Games Hall and Library closes on 15th December. There is still an interest in purchase of Games Hall.

Astro turf will be open at all times.

Problem trees to be dealt with.

Lollipop crossing at school unmanned. Several complaints (DmcL)

Request for copies of photos on display for Kames Anniversary. Several individuals can be approached.

Ludovic Dunlop has put forward a scheme to help elderly people in the village. This is still in early stages. Eddie Fraser has been contacted to find out numbers of needy people. Funding could come from EAC if organisation is set up. A feasibility study is needed before this project can advance

A.O.C.B.: The Dux board from the old school is in storage. Suggestions were requested from all present. Most have agreed it could be situated in the main hall. This finding will be put forward to Muirkirk Community Association.

Next year sees the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 on the 11/11/18. Suggestions for groups to work together to commemorate this date.

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2018 IN COMMUNITY ROOMS AT 7PM

Acknowledgement: Sandra Dempster

Margaret Dempster would like to express her sincere thanks to family and friends and to everyone who has offered kind words, cards and flowers since the recent sudden death of her daughter Sandra, aged 55 years.

Thanks also go to the large number of Muirkirk locals who attended the Holmsford Bridge Crematorium to pay their respects. The family were very grateful for the support they provided on this sad occasion.

The retiring collection raised £850 for the Intensive Care Unit at Crosshouse Hospital.

Diamond Wedding Notice

Taylor-Crawford

At Kirkfieldbank Parish Church, on the 28th February 1958, by Reverend F. Watt Wilson, James Taylor married Elizabeth Crawford.

Mr J Taylor and Mrs E Taylor live at 2, The Style, Muirkirk.

Lodge St Thomas

The next meeting of Lodge St Thomas will be on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm. Visitation by Lodge Boswell St James No 1011. Also on Wednesday 28th March Provincial Visitation.

Ross

Gordon and family, Susann, Jim and families would like to thank family and many friends for condolences received following the death of Margaret (Higgins) at Dumfries and Galloway Hospital on January 29th 2018.

A much loved wife, mother and sister.

A collection after the service raised the sum of £801.24 which will be donated to Cancer Research.

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Eden Park Academy

I thought we would give you all an insight into the Physical Education Program at Eden Park Academy. When I was at school it was all Cross Country running and Christmas dancing but not at Eden Park Academy. Our pupils had the opportunity



this year to participate in our Annual Skiing Program which took place at Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex.

"Skiing they said, how hard can it be they said, I won't fall they said...."

The first few weeks our young people spent more time falling over rather than on their feet.

Throughout the program our young people started off on the smaller slope learning the basic stance and how to slow them self-down (which is the most crucial part of skiing I think). Pupils then, when confident enough progressed to the larger slope where they learned how to turn, use the ski lift and even some



of our more advance pupils learned how to ski backwards.

After each session of Skiing our young people also had the opportunity to have a go at Tubing. For those of you that don't know what Tubing is, you sit on a big rubber ring and slide down the slopes. I had a shot of this myself and would definitely recommend this for any age group, don't just take my word for it give it a go yourself.

The Skiing program was a success and below I have listed some comments from the pupil evaluation forms;

"I really enjoyed going down the big slope on my own"

"I learned how to turn when skiing"

"I would do DEFO do this again"

"Can we go back again"

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Darren Gavin







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Muirkirk Golf Club

The Annual General Meeting of Muirkirk Golf Club was held in the clubhouse on Sunday 11th February 2018.

The attendance was poor, with only thirteen members in attendance. This was probably due to the wintery weather on the day.

The agenda for the meeting, which had already been sent out to all adult members, was attended to by the Captain Hugh Fyfe, with reports submitted by the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Hugh also thanked the green keeping staff for all their work during the past season.

The fees for the new season were proposed and seconded as follows: -

Seniors: - (21-64) membership fee-£215.00

Youths: - (18-20) membership fee- £,115.00

Senior Citizens (65 Years & over) membership fee- £,115.00

Juniors: - (10-17) membership fee-£20.00 (This fee is being kept low to try to encourage new junior members of which we are sorely lacking.)

No joining fee would be payable by new members.

The Office Bearers for the 2018 season were proposed and elected as follows:-

Captain: - Eric Sanderson Vice-Captain: - Shaun Mullen Secretary: - Graeme Walker Treasurer: - John Arlow Match Secretary: - Iain Girvan

Plus members to form a committee

Course maintenance will be carried out before the playing season starts and also as the season progresses.

Help from members would be appreciated and, Murray Pringle who holds the post of Greens Convener has intimated that work on the course will be carried out on Sunday mornings at 9.00am from now until the end of March.

The competition season will begin on Saturday 24th of March with the Opening Day Trophy. This will be contested by teams representing the Captain and Vice-Captain.

New Captain Eric thanked all for being in attendance.

Muirkirk Golf Club Fees

Membership Fees for Season 2018.

Can be paid at the Golf Clubhouse.

On the following dates: -

Sunday----1th March Sunday----18th March Sunday----18th March From 10.00 till 12.00

Please note that payment of fees will only be taken at the Golf Clubhouse on these dates.



Community News February Issue

The Halls' Christmas events were very well attended and enjoyed although the Elderly Christmas Party had a surprising number of people not turning up, this will be looked at this year when a new committee formed to organise this event will look at ways to see mistakes made will not re-occur.

The Hogmanay Party in it's traditional form seems to have found a niche which hopefully we can maintain for years to come.

The annual Burn's Supper had a capacity attendance with the local Cronies setting a very high standard. An appeal by Harry Murray was made to encourage support for the John Lapraik society.

All Hall events will be advertised Locally as well as the Community News.

george brady 661377

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from files: MUIRKIRK ADVERTISER:.

February Issue 1968.

Kames Colliery

An estimated 250 men would loose their jobs by the closure of the KAMES and the Beoch Colliery in Dalmellington.

April issue

N.U.M. Public Meeting.

A large number attended the meeting in the Regal Cinema to hear the N.U.M. put up a case for the retention of Kames Colliery. Both the speakers Mr Mick McGahey and Mr McLean, Fife NUM Secretary presented a strong case for the retention of Kames.

Question Time [brought out a good deal more information on miners affairs, and it was reported that with regard to Kames Colliery, the Engineers Report, there was still large coal reserves]. Along with the Unions observations on any social consequences which might arise from closure, would be forwarded to London with a view to obtaining an extension of the Colliery's Life, or its retention in the light of any evidence submitted.

April Issue.

The argument the union put up, fell on deaf ears, the next issue headed, CLOSING OF KAMES COLLIERY.

We understand that the local Union Branch have been notified that KAMES COL-LIERY will close on July 12.

June Issue

KAMES EXODUS

A start has been made with the transfer of miners from Kames to other collieries on Monday 1st of July. No fewer than 170 men went into other jobs at Kennox, Highhouse, Barony, Killoch, Cairnhill Colliery's. The biggest contingent is to be employed at the Barony pit.

So ended the KAMES pit where the locals had worked for 90 odd years.

Mango Cheesecake

Ingredients

150g Crushed Oat biscuits 40g Melted butter 425 can Mango slice Finely grated lime zest Lime juice 275g White chocolate 300g Soft cheese (Philedelphia) 150ml Double cream

Method

- 1. Melt butter and crushed biscuits
- 2. Press mixture into lined tin (20cm)
- 3. Drain mango and puree with lime zest and juice.
- 4. Whisk soft cheese, cream and 1/2 of mango mixture to make topping.
- 5. Pour topping over base and swirl remaining mango mixture on top.
- 6. Chill for 3hrs.

From one of June Bark's recipes.



Photo of the Muirkirk sky by Hugh Moorhead

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ANPs

We have a further 2 Advanced Nurse Practitioners who will be covering Muirkirk. They Are Leigh Kimmett and Nicola McInroy. The 4 ANP's will be working from both Cumnock and Muirkirk on a rota basis.

New Text reminder service

The new text reminder service has now started. You will receive a text reminding you of your appointment it will state the Day, time and which clinician your appointment is with. There is also the option to cancel your appointment through this service. We are hopeful that this will improve out Did Not Attend rates.

Patient online access

Patient access for repeat prescriptions will soon be available. From the 1st of March we will be registering patients for the service We are aware that this service was previously provided for Muirkirk but patients will need to re-register.

Mathieson Thank You

Thank you all for my lovely 90th birthday wishes, gifts and celebration. Thank you for making my birthday a special day. Love and appreciation from,

Joan Mathieson

Obituary: Robert K Wilson

Robert was a joiner to trade, but took a different career in later life. He ran the youth club in the church hall on Glasgow road for few years. He got the job of running the Kames Pursuit Centre on south side of Muirkirk. He worked with kids from all over South of Scotland in Outdoor Activities. He deserves a great deal of credit with his work with the kids through the years also the team who helped him run the centre over the water.

Muirkirk Learners Group

The MLG photography group is held every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7-9 pm in the information / computer centre in the Main Street. They would like to say a big thank you to all the people that support the Muirkirk calendar. If you are interested in photography please come along you will be made very welcome.

The Creating Crafts group is held in Garran house on Mondays @ 10am, there are no spaces available at the moment, for more information contact whelan.madge@yahoo.co.uk

Muirkirk Juniors

Merchandise

Club Bunnets (£7) and Badges (£2.50) are available on match days or by contacting the club secretary through Facebook or twitter pages.

Sponsorship

Thanks go to everyone who has sponsored players during this season. There are still a few players and Officials available for sponsorship.

Quiz Answers:

1:	The Mayflower
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- 2: The Crimean war
- 3: Hermann Goring
- 4: Joan of Arc
- 5: HMS Victory
- 6: China
- 7: The American Civil War.
- 8: The Darien Scheme

KICKBACK MARTIAL ARTS

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Lapraik Commttee.

Due to the retiral of some of the people who ran the successful Lapraik weekend, plus the competition for Muirkirk Primary school, and other schools in the district reciting poetry held each year, which would be a shame to loose these events which has been running for the last 10 years in the village.

We have some local people very much interested in keeping these events going but we would like a few more people to help keeping our Scottish culture, poetry, music and encourage our young people to express themselves. If you are interested please come to our first meeting of our new committee in the Coach house Hotel, 7.30pm in the Lounge, Thursday 8th of March.



Photo of Cairn Table by Jared Earle

Newsletter

The next date for submission of articles for the March newsletter is Friday 9th March 2018. 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.

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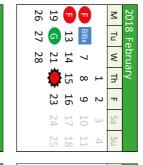
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your recycling trolley is delivered. Once empried We will collect your blue bin on the same day please leave at your usual collection point

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