

MUIRKIRK NEWS

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Quiz

Questions:

- 1: In which two sports did Andy Goram compete Internationally?
- 2: Which football team was Billy McNeill first team to manage?
- 3: Which was Ally McCoist's first professional football club?
- 4: Which Scottish woman was the 1990 World 10,000 metres champion runner?
- 5: How many Scottish football caps did Kenny Dalglish win?
- 6: Which lady runner set the European Women's 2,000 metres record in 1994?
- 7: In which year did Sandy Lyle become the first Briton to win the US Masters?
- 8: Which important golf tournament did Colin Montgomery win in 1998?
- 9: Which two European Golf titles did Bernard Gallacher win?
- 10: At which weight did Benny Lynch hold the British, European and World Champion boxing titles?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 5

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Chairman's Update

At the well attended open day held on the 28th April there was 100% support for the Galawhistle Windfarm Renewable Fund to be spent on projects decided by the Community via PB (participatory budgeting) system. The final decision for this one year pilot Project will be made by East Ayrshire Council in June following which we will further advise.

Gregor Henderson the Service Director of Yipworld attended the Community Council Meeting held on the 8th May and gave an overview of the scope of works they carry out with young people. The Meeting was attended by a number of young people from the village who had compiled a list of activities they would like to see happening. The list was passed over to Yipworld and we are hopeful that there will be a positive outcome and result in an increase in what is currently on offer to the young people.

You'll have read or heard about the cannabis farm which following a tip off was found in Carruthers Park. The police recovered a total of 258 plants with a street value of £100,000 and are now searching for the people who were involved in the set-up which by all accounts was very professional.

Jim & Marjorie Currie have retired from their respective roles in Muirkirk Community Association and in his resignation letter Jim noted that they had both been involved in serving the Community as volunteers for fifty years which is a fantastic achievement and one which will be difficult to replicate. Sadly we have to report that Jim has died and our thoughts and prayers are with Marjorie and family at this difficult time.

Following the retirements Cheryl Hynd has been voted in as the Chairperson and we wish her well in her new role and we would hope that the Association will continue to prosper as it is important to the village.

It is good to see that Muirkirk Juniors have had some good results recently and have moved away from the bottom of the league table and we are hearing that the manager is looking ahead with plans for some new signings which bodes well for next season.

There is still a major problem around and within the village with regards to fly tipping, discarding litter and owners failing to pick up their dog poo and we would appeal to everyone to be vigilant and if they witness any of the above to report it to the appropriate authorities.

A team of 10 people 7 of them living in Muirkirk are taking part in this years Cateran Yomp. it is a 54 mile endurance hike in the foothills of the Cairngorms and has to be completed within 24 hours. It is being held on the 9th / 10th of June and is in aid of soldiers, veterans and their families so we take this opportunity to wish them well in this major challenge.

We hope you are still enjoying reading our Newsletter and we are always looking for articles that may be of interest to our readers so do not hesitate to contact us if you have something that you would like to see included.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie

Boys Brigade

The Boys Brigade have sent a note of thanks to Marion at the butchers for her wonderful donation to the Boys Brigade in Muirkirk. All the boys and girls who attend the Brigade appreciate the time and effort that Marion devotes to raising funds for many good causes and we all really appreciate her continued support for 1st Muirkirk.

We also wish to thank the men and women of the village and beyond who have helped with the Boys Brigade and especially those who have rolled up their sleeves and helped with the renovation of the BB Club Rooms.

Muirkirk Community Association

After a special general meeting a new committee of office bearers was elected for Muirkirk Community Association.

There will now be an AGM held on Monday 28th May in Muirkirk Community Rooms at 7pm.

The group would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr and Mrs Currie for their many years of dedication and hard work in supporting the village and wish them all the best.

Prior to print we're saddened to hear of the loss of Jim and would like to forward our condolences to his family and friends.

Jamieson

Fond memories of my son Robert, passed away 21st May 2008

Dear son, brother and uncle to all the family.

Gone but not forgotten.

Inserted by Rab for the family.

Robertson

Anna, Blair, Fiona and Jordan would like to thank everyone who sent cards and flowers and attended the funeral of Jimmy.

The support and love shown was greatly appreciated by us all.

A special thanks to the Empire Bar for the catering and support and also to Muirkirk Juniors for holding a minutes silence for Jimmy.

He will be sorely missed by us all but never forgotten.

Once again a very big thank you to you all.

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been, rather watch the seeds you've planted grow, and feel peace within.*

*We pray you're safe & well, wherever you may turn, surrounded by
your loved ones, living out the dreams you've earned.*

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For Jim and Marjorie from the Muirkirk Community Association

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Quiz Answers

1. Football and Cricket
2. Aberdeen
3. St Johnstone
4. Liz McColgan
5. 102
6. Yvonne Murray
7. 1988
8. The PGA
9. The Spanish Open
and The French Open
10. Flyweight

Ponesk, Spireslack & Powharnal Restoration Projects

The onset of Spring weather has seen progress made on all sites with re-profiling and soils replacement picking up pace as ground conditions improve.

At Ponesk, re-profiling is substantially complete and Banks Mining has re-commenced soil recovery and placement in anticipation of a substantial grass seeding operation taking place on the upper reaches of the restored land in early Summer. Other landscaping operations are being progressed with tree-planting also completed at the western end of the site. Tree felling on Grasshill is substantially complete but with many tonnes of felled timber remaining to be removed from stock. Re-planting plans are agreed with the Forestry Commission and discussions are on-going with regard to extending the plantings eastwards on to land at Spireslack.

At Spireslack, infill operations to the rear of the former Glenbuck village site continue apace, with further work planned as and when surplus soil from the proposed A70 Road Improvements at the Glenbuck Bends get under way. It is understood that these will commence later this year, with the soils being imported and placed as part of proposed landscape and planting works to follow the infilling operations.



Plate 1: Infilling operations to east of Glenbuck, with Galawahistle Wind farm to rear

Elsewhere on the site, re-grading of the main overburden dump continues, with preparations being made to recover peat from storage cells to enable vegetative cover to be applied.

Other works at Spireslack include recovery of abandoned mine cars which have been set aside as part of efforts to record the mining history of the village. With the assistance of East Ayrshire Council, old O.S. and Coal Abandonment plans have been recovered and we are jointly in the process of archiving these as reference documents relating to village heritage. The same plans will be used to allow the former village features to be surveyed in to the restoration landscape.

We are disappointed to note that some members of the public have been ignoring warning signs and entering in to working areas within the site, in contravention of health and safety rules. We strongly discourage such practice and ask that requests for visits are conveyed via MRL, and, as ever, we will do our best to accommodate same.

At Powharnal full-scale muck-shift has resumed, with the focus now on soiling operations along the northern edge of the site, and around the southern and eastern edges of the water body. It is anticipated that all of these areas will be ready for landscaping works by the end of June, with seeding and woodland planting to take place throughout the remainder of the year. Peat recovery operations are well under way, with output being placed within areas within the Muirkirk & N. Lowther SPA.



Plate 2: Peat recovery on S boundary of Powharnal site.

Ecological monitoring continues, with all working areas cleared by the ecological clerk of works in advance. Watercourse restoration is also under way, and detailed negotiations with SEPA are ongoing on hydrological and geomorphological matters. Ornithological monitoring on the wider SPA area is under way, as are plans for related works on fencing and planting.

A composite landscape plan for the whole site has been drafted and is out for consultation in first draft form, prior to the second draft being brought to the community for consultation and input re matters such as planting and access proposals. MRL has requested that a Community Liaison Group meeting be convened for some time in June so that the proposals can be aired and further advice taken.

Finally, design work on the proposals for the reinstatement of Dalfad is now under way. This is a particularly complex site but it is hoped that plans will be available for community consultation later this year.

Muirkirk Gala Day

Planning for the 2018 Muirkirk Gala Day is well under way with the Gala and the annual Classic Car Show, sharing the Kames Connections banner as a result of the two events occupying the same weekend and location.

Once again Kames Motorsport Complex is the chosen venue, offering excellent access, free on-site parking, modern toilet facilities and firm underfoot conditions. The Gala Day is to be held on Saturday 9th June with the car show the following day which should benefit both attractions as the tents and many of the amenities will remain in place over the weekend.

The Gala Day Committee have been busy fundraising in recent months with an Easter Hunt for the children, a Psychic Night for Adults and a Beetle Drive.

The following children have been chosen for the Gala Court:

Gala Queen - Louise Ward
Herald - Kyle Sharp
Lady In Waiting - Rianna Russell
Page Boy - James Wyllie
Junior Page - Sam Wallace
Junior Maid - Kaelah Lockwood

A full programme of activities are planned by the Gala Day officials and the success of last year should ensure many visitors are attracted from surrounding areas. Stand details and other information are available on the Muirkirk Gala Day Facebook page.

Gala Day Agenda

12:00 – Opening Ceremony and Crowning of Gala Queen, Louise Ward
12:20 – Fancy Dress Competition
12:50 – Sheree's Zumba Kids
12:30 – Summer Races
14:30 – Fusion School of Dance
15:00 – Dog Show

Over the next few weeks you will see the Gala Committee walking around talking to everyone about the Gala day so please come up and say hello! You can't miss us in our bright blue uniform!

As is now our tradition we will be holding the best dressed house competition, and we cannot wait to see what everyone does this year! And remember folks, get your bunting out! The judging will be taking place on Friday 8th June (evening) with the winner of the best dressed house will be announced at the Gala Day.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Gala Day, a day filled with fun rides, games, stalls and a great choice of foods and sweets!

Gala Court Disco

Just a reminder that the Gala Court disco will be taking place on Friday 1st June in St Thomas Hall from 6:30pm. This is open to all Nursery and Primary school aged children who live in the village. Pay at the door £1.50. Come of kiddies, come and meet your Gala Court and have a fun party.

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Muirkirk Juniors

Kirk played their last home game of the season on Saturday when they lost an injury time goal which deprived them of the 3 points their display deserved. Kirk went up 2-0 with a scrambled goal from Jordan Conlon and an absolute belter from Curtis Baxter. They were pegged back by Maybole a team who were outplayed for vast periods of the game. Our final game is Monday away to Ardeer and we now relish next seasons challenge with the majority of this years squad Manager Kevin Muirhead wants already signed on and he is hopeful of strengthening the squad further.

Golf Day: A few places remain for our 3 man Texas scramble fundraiser on Sunday 27th May at Muirkirk GC with entry £75 per team with a reduction of £10 for members of the club.

Lotto: 12.5.18 jackpot not won ,now stands at £800. 3 numbers 4 winners £15 each Colin Park, Audrey Cunning, Margaret Hazle & Tony Dowling. Why not support the club and join our lottery from only 50p per line.

Zumba Kids – Muirkirk

Zumba Kids take place on a Monday evening every week, the kids take part in Zumba routines and games. This encourages motivation, promotes social interaction and healthy lifestyle, the kids enjoy expressing their individuality and working together as part of a team.

We are looking for funding or sponsorship to buy uniforms and equipment for the kids, this will be used weekly and also at Muirkirk Gala Day where the kids are doing a demonstration.

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor the Zumba Kids please contact Sheree Mullen.

Muirkirk Enterprise Group

MEG are awaiting legal advice in connection with our proposed lease of the new Muirkirk Community Hub, hopefully this advice will allow us to move into the premises very shortly. MEG will be setting up a sub-group to run the Cookery at the Hub, so please come along on the 3rd Monday of May meeting (see posters for details) if you want to register for the cookery club or even better contact Davida Trotter if you want to help out at the club.

Our AGM will be in June and we would like to have as big turnout as possible, your opinions matter and this is a forum to share those views, so look out for the posters and come along and share your ideas, hopes and aspirations for our village.

Finally we wish to thank all the customers and donors of the Second hand shop, without your efforts we could not function and Muirkirk would be all the poorer for that.

LOCAL GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	WHERE & WHEN
Muirkirk Juniors FC	Billy Tait	425377 07596 089828	Burnside Park, Furnace Road
Golf Club	Hugh Moorhead	661789 07900 470658	Southside Golf Course
Bowling Club	Philip Mackin	661701	Park Avenue
Learners Group (Photo Group)	Marj Whelan	661504	Information Office - 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 7pm-9pm
Learners Group (Craft Group)			Garan House - Monday 10.15am-12.15pm
Learners Group (Drop In)	Marj Whelan	661504	Information Office - Monday & Thursday 10am-2pm
East Ayrshire Car Club	Robert Smith	550897	Car Track
Cancer Support Group	Stephanie Essex	661566	
Lapraik Group	Harry Murray	661719	
Lodge St Thomas	Joe Timmins	661114	Coach House Inn - Times as advertised
Angling Club	Scott Hogg		River Ayr & Greenock Water
Boys Brigade	Stuart Griffin		Community Centre, Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm
Gala Day Committee	Cheryl Shepherd	07793 233225	
Zumba Class	Sheree Mullen	07939 586066	St Thomas' Hall, Kirk Green - Monday 3pm-6pm Kids, 7pm-8pm Adults, Thursday - 7pm-8pm Adults
St Thomas Hall Committee	Wilma Brady	661377	St Thomas' Hall, Kirk Green
St Thomas Church	Gemma Stoppard	660079	St Thomas' Church, Wellwood Street
Parish Church	Sylvia McGlynn	661203 07815 985786	Muirkirk Parish Church of Scotland, Kirk Green Sunday Service - 12.00 noon
Enterprise Group	Andy Young	660173	Garan House, 26-28 Main Street
YIP World	Sandra Jedrysko	422364	Barrhill Road, Cumnock
Woman's Institute			Community Centre - 2 nd Tuesday 7.30pm-9.00pm
Craft Group (Knitting)	Morag Dempster	661681 07870 405956	Community Centre - Wednesday 10am-12noon
Community Association	Cheryl Hynd	07543 721697	Community Centre
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Kames Classic Car Show

10th June, 2018

As local motoring buffs eagerly await advance details of the vehicles expected to attend East Ayrshire Car Club's 2018 Kames Classic Car Show at Muirkirk on Sunday June 10th a Club spokesman says the fans will not be disappointed as there is a wide variety of exciting cars in the pipeline.

"We can never be 100% sure of every promised car materialising on the day but it would not be fair to our followers if they were to miss seeing a "Super Car" because we did not inform them of the probability of such an appearance."

One of the early entries is a Formula Three single-seater racing car, a Dallara F301 fitted with a powerful two litre engine. The car, pictured below, was designed and built in Italy and contested the Spanish Formula Three Championship.



The Club has received promise of several desirable Lotus Elans which are always a big attraction for all ages, particularly those who saw such models being raced by the stars of the sixties and seventies. Another model entered is the ever-popular "E" type Jaguar and one particular Coupe example is said to be a beauty which will please admirers of the marque.

Several American sedans are on the advance entry list of vehicles which range from post-vintage saloons to exciting modern Grand Tourers being displayed as "Emerging Classics".

But it is not only the Concours d'Elegance examples the Club hopes to attract as it is encouraging all proud owners to bring their pride-and-joy to Muirkirk and share its qualities with fellow enthusiasts.

There is still time to enter a car by phoning John Gray at 01563 539498 or 07884 006292. There is no charge to enter a suitable vehicle but entries must be made by the closing date of 26th May.

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Children's Poetry Competition

Saturday 16th June, 10am - Muirkirk Parish Church

I am happy to report that we now have all the Judges we need for the competition. Mr Blyth Mitchell is willing to help us out. I don't think we could have a better team with Davida Trotter & Sadie O'Brien being the other Judges.

Interesting statistics of Muirkirk

Following the article about Professor Tom Symington in the last issue, I thought these bits of information might be of interest. Other pupils who were educated in Muirkirk Junior and Secondary ended with useful careers, the number of Professor's Muirkirk produced is quite remarkable.

Professor G. Hibbert - Mining

Professor A.K. Pringle - Mining

Professor R. Lang - Pharmacy

Professor A. Wilson- Pharmacy

Professor C. Mathews - Chemistry

Professor A. Ross - Chemistry

Professor George Ross - Geology

Professor Tom Symington - Pathology & Cancer Research

Professor Stuart Murray - Medicine

There is a number of Doctors been brought up in the village and are still practicing medicine and people doing other things. Not bad for a wee mining village. All these people deserve a great deal of credit for the hard graft they did to get to where they finished up and contributed so much to industry and the Health Service.

From a work by Tom Findlay

East Ayrshire Car Club

06.05.18: Rounds 3 & 4 of the Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship attracted over fifty entries to Kames Motorsport Complex, Muirkirk for both the Saturday and Sunday events. For once the weather was hot and this produced fast times throughout the classes and some excellent motorsport.

Competitors came from the length and breadth of Scotland and the beautifully turned-out cars attracted glowing praise from spectators who came from all over the West of Scotland and beyond.

As expected the outright winner both days was former British Sprint Champion Stewart Robb from Doune, Perthshire in his Pilbeam MP88 which now has its V8 engine replaced by a more powerful V10 unit developing between 800 and 900 brake horse power.

In contrast 22 year old Louise Calder had one of the smallest car in the field, but the Thurso lass used the low weight and nimble roadholding of the one litre Jedi to beat all others except the big Pilbeam. Both drivers were spectacular yet very polished in their performances.

22.04.18 - 5 Star Stage Rally: East Ayrshire Car Club attracted a near-full entry list for their first rally of the season at Kames Motorsport Complex Muirkirk on Sunday. A large public gallery was treated to some spirited driving in both the main event and in the Junior rally for under 17 year olds.

The main rally saw a three-way struggle for honours between the Escorts of Ross Auld from Whiting Bay, Allan McDowall of Tarbolton and Cumnock's Willie Pollock. Going into the final of the sixteen special stages the trio were covered by only 38 seconds and after some nail-biting runs, the Arran man held on to win by 15 seconds from McDowall who in turn had only 16 seconds in hand over Pollock. Marc McCubbin from Muirkirk was sixth in a Ford Focus.

The Junior rally was even closer, with Peter Beaton from Ardisier working hard in his Peugeot 107 to hold on to a three second lead over Lewis Winder from New Galloway in a Nissan Micro. He too was under pressure as Andrew Blackwood from Stewarton closed his Citroen C1 to just nine seconds. The Juniors, who included three girls were in cars limited to 1,000 c.c. engine size but they all gave good accounts of themselves. Amy McCubbin from Muirkirk finished 11th as a result of two maximum scores which lost her several places.

21.04.18: Around 170 racing cyclists assembled at Kames Motorsport Complex. Muirkirk on Saturday morning for a series of eight races for males and females with ages ranging from sixteen year olds to the under eights.

The organising club, East Kilbride Roads attracted riders and their enthusiastic parents from clubs as far away as Aberdeen, Stirling, Edinburgh, Dumfries and south of the border.



The East Kilbride club hold coaching sessions most Tuesday nights at Kames, and these and race dates are available on the Kames Motorsport Complex website. The Club are involved in a lengthy programme of activities at other venues in Lanarkshire and elsewhere.

Photos: For the 16 year olds, leading podium spots are occupied by Calum Reid and for the girls Imani Pereira James

MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 in
Community Rooms.**



PRESENT: D McLatchie, J Linton, K Hignett, D Agnew, H Murray, J Dempster, L Dunlop, D Norman.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Higgins, W Kirk, S McGlynn, R Smith, D Higgins, I Howat, R Lucas, D Norman jnr, Cllr J Roberts, Cllr N McGhee.

APOLOGIES: D Crews, Cllr A Simmons, T Bark, C Hynd, G McGuire, L Macmillan, Cllr C Leitch.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: The previous minutes were proposed by D Agnew and seconded by J Dempster.

MATTERS ARISING: Open day at Games Hall was well attended.

Wellwood Street water problem repaired – road will be resurfaced in future.

Printer has been purchased.

Survey to be done for all weather pitch and neighbourhood watch.

Organisation list is a work in progress.

School crossing person in place.

PB was well attended. The three bids were all successful. A total of £5250 was granted.

Dux board to be at entrance to Community wing.

Bin at chip shop has been removed.

Lapraik meeting held.

GALLOWAY FOREST NATIONAL PARK: Details of a National Park were shown. There was a lot of interest shown. Forms were distributed for anyone to become a member. This is a topic to be discussed at a later date.

POLICE: None in attendance.

ELECTED MEMBERS: Housing render programme will start in Summer months. Glenbuck re-alignment will be starting soon. Community Plan Review – local authority to include the community more. Data protection training needed. Victory Park drainage has been started, this is the first phase. Ownership of drain at Victory Park is supposedly MEG's responsibility. The retaining wall at the Coach House is to be repaired very soon. Ayrshire Growth Deal – no information available yet. Points as to cost of new bin system were raised. Suggested to ask waste management to attend a future meeting. Seat in cemetery needs painted. Sheltered housing paths need cleaned.

MEG: Asset transfer ongoing. Civil engineer signed off cracks in walls as old settlement. No date of opening hub as yet. Japanese knotweed has not appeared yet.

CAR CLUB: Thanks to Gala committee and public for support at PB event. Work on club house is progressing. This weekend will be busy with sprint days. Drivers

coming from all over Britain.

CHURCHES: Awaiting opening of hub to set events.

PLANNING: 102 Wellwood Street – single storey rear extension.

20 Hawkshaw Terrace – erection of single storey rear extension.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balance of £1279.30.

CORRESPONDENCE: All electronic mail has been passed to councillors. Cost of printer was £1075.98. (this included £1000 PB money)

MUIRKIRK NEWS: The news is doing well. The take up is increasing month to month. The print quality continues to be excellent. We are delivering 223, posting 7, putting 46 in the shops and up to 15 to advertisers a total of 291. If anyone wants a copy delivered there are forms in the following shops – Key Store, Chemist, McColls, the garage and Johnstones.

The news is put together and delivered by volunteers. Thank you for your continued support.

PUBLIC INPUT: Wall at rear of Trotters in danger of falling.

Glenbuck – the demolition continues. Concern about desecration to graveyard. A number of unique features at Glenbuck should be kept. After SMRT leaves the site there will hopefully be a network of pathways available to public. Signage needed to show where Shankly memorial is situated. Need signs on main road.

A.O.C.B.: Lapraik festival is supported by Community council. H Murray is chair of festival committee. There is a committee of 10. There will not be an adult competition at festival. There will be a concert on the Friday and children's competition on the Saturday. The festival will be more local than before. The headteacher is supporting the event. The competition will be in St Thomas's hall. Grants have been applied for.

Penbreck has signed with MEG and Muirkirk Association ahead of 2021 as there are 3 turbines in East Ayrshire.

There was a discussion about an access road through Glenbuck to windfarm, this was turned down as there is a more appropriate route elsewhere.

Gallowhistle monies have started to come into trust fund. EAC has agreed to money coming direct to community possibly along the lines of a PB event. Consultation is on 23rd – 30th April. Need community approval.

Looking for input from the young people in village. Use facebook to get message across. Yipworld did at one time try but interest dwindled.

Reminder of litter pick on 7th – 8th April at Games hall for 10am.

NEXT MEETING:

Date:	TUESDAY 8th MAY 2018
Time:	7pm
Location:	Community Rooms

MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

MEETING OF MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 4th JUNE 2018 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

3.4 FACEBOOK

4. PLANNING

5. TREASURERS REPORT

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. MUIRKIRK NEWS

8. LAPRAIK UPDATE

9. INPUT FROM PUBLIC

10. A.O.C.B.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Muirkirk Golf Club

Fixtures for June

2nd – June Medal

9th – Centenary Cup (1st Round of 36 hole stroke play)

16th – Centenary Cup (2nd Round)

23rd – Billy Burns Trophy (Championship Qualifier)

24th – John Kennedy Cup

30th – 72 Hole Challenge

Competition Results on next page:

	<u>MUIRKIRK GOLF CLUB</u>			
	<u>COMPETITION RESULTS</u>			
	<u>TOM STEVEN TROPHY</u>			
	28/04/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Graeme Walker	81	14	67
2nd	Stuart Angus	80	12	68
3rd	Robert Kane	86	17	69
4th	John Jackson	88	19	69
5th	Rhett Dodds	93	22	71
	Entry 20, CSS 67			
	<u>GEORGE ROSS TROPHY</u>			
	29/04/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Lawrence Pollin	84	15	69
2nd	Craig Burns	87	15	72
3rd	Graeme Walker	87	14	73
4th	Robert Kane	91	17	74
5th	John Arlow	92	18	74
	Entry 10, CSS 68			
	<u>MAY MEDAL</u>			
	05/05/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Craig Menzies	79	10	69
2nd	Andrew Young	93	21	72
3rd	Murray Pringle	95	20	75
4th	Brian Mcfadden	88	13	75
5th	Craig Burns	90	15	75
	Entry 22, CSS 70(Reductions Only)			
	<u>BRIAN YOUNG TROPHY</u>			
	06/05/2018/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Craig Burns	80	15	65
2nd	Hugh Fyfe	83	17	66
3rd	Mark Hamilton	84	16	68
4th	Murray Pringle	92	20	72
5th	Shaun Mullen	95	23	72
	Entry 18, CSS 67			
	<u>WALLACE CUP</u>			
	15/04/2018 (Stableford)		H/cp	Points
1st	Graeme Walker		14	34
2nd	Iain Girvan		9	34
3rd	John Jackson		19	32
4th	Robert Kane		17	32
5th	Lawrence Pollin		15	32
	Entry 16, CSS 70 (Reductions Only)			
	<u>MOORHEAD TROPHY</u>			
	21/04/2018 (Stableford)		H/cp	Points
1st	John Arlow		18	36
2nd	Shaun Mullen		23	35
3rd	Derek Davidson		18	34
4th	Mark Hamilton		16	34
5th	Stewart Murphy		24	34
	Entry 18, CSS 67			

Newsletter

The next date for submission of articles for the June newsletter is Friday 8th June 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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