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Quiz

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1. In which year was the Tay Road Bridge opened?
2. Which river discharges more water into the sea than any other in Britain?
3. Where is the oldest inhabited house in Scotland?
4. Which race course which was closed in 1975, was Scotland's oldest race course?
5. Which 18th century road designer was born in Ayr?
6. Who was the last peer of the realm to be executed for treason?
7. Where did Robert the Bruce allegedly witness the perseverance of a spider building its web?
8. Floors Castle lies just outside what town in the borders?
9. Which centre became Scotland's Religious Capital after Iona's Monastery was repeatedly sacked by Danish Vikings?
10. Which is the largest ship ever built in Scotland?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 22

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Chairman's Update

We hope you have all enjoyed the excellent weather we have had this summer. It was well deserved given the long winter we endured.

The negotiations regarding the much delayed opening of the Hub is hopefully drawing to a conclusion and we are optimistic that it will be open for business in September which will be a great asset for the village.

The preparations for another PB event continue apace and when you read this you will be looking forward to the main event which is being held on the 6th October.

The use of PB (participatory budgeting) will become ever more important to Communities as the Scottish Government are looking for Councils to set aside 1% of their budgets for this purpose by 2020. This will be a significant sum and the whole ethos is to let the people decide how they want the money spent in their Communities and will hopefully encourage all the residents to become good citizens and play an active part in the decision making process.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie



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Lapraik Update

After our successful festival in 2018, the Committee would like to call a meeting for the 2nd October at 7pm at the Community Centre. We would again like to thank everybody who gave a hand running the festival. I am quite sure it was very much appreciated by the children and adults who were involved.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone involved in helping with the Dog Mess awareness project, this has been run with the help of pupils from Muirkirk Primary School and the Community Council.

Thanks to Family Shopper, T Johnstone & Son, M Farren Pharmacy, The Coach House and The Key Store for donations received.

Thanks also go to Top Dexter Café who ran a raffle to raise money for the project. Also Sean at Skian Mhor for providing printing services for us and to Bob Norman for allowing us to use his large window space to display the kids original posters.

Lastly a thank you to all the businesses in the village for displaying the posters within your shops and windows.

Friendship First

We're a new Community Project in Muirkirk funded through the Scottish Government, and voted for by YOU. We aim to promote friendship and opportunities to socialise. Maybe you live alone, have a disability or illness, have young children, or are new to Muirkirk?

Well there's no need to feel lonely because our next event is on **TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER at the Community Centre, from 1.00-3.00pm**. ALL are welcome to this FREE monthly event.

A light buffet, games, entertainment and opportunities to meet and make friends are all offered free of charge. There'll also be a raffle.

If you'd like transport to and from this event, please call us as there's a free minibus available, with wheelchair access if required. Call **Tom Bark: 01290 661954 or Sylvia McGlynn: 01290 661203**. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Ward

Billy Ward Snr, passed away on Monday 2nd July 2018.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to each and everyone who sent cards, flowers and messages at this sad time. Thanks to all the different medical staff at Ayr Hospital, Ailsa Hospital and local surgery. Thanks also to Alex Muir funeral director for his help, Rev Stan Kennon and The Coach House Inn for the tea after the service.

McMillan

Precious memories of Bill

Much loved Husband, Dad & Grandad who died on 14th June 2014.

Years pass by but memories stay, loved and remembered every day.

Loved Grace, Keith, Helen Jane,
Jonathan, Kieran & Darren

Strickland

Precious memories of our dear Dad, Rab Strickland who left us on 14th August 1998.

Dad you are remembered in a very special way, with sadness and devoted love today and every day. For all the sacrifices that you made so selflessly. For your humour, strength and kindness and unfailing dignity and for being the best parent that a person ever had.

I'll always think of you with love and gratitude dear Dad.

Missed so, so much
Mary, Wullie & Family

Jamieson

Treasured memories of my wife Margaret, died 31st August 2008

Dear mother, gran, great gran to all the family.

Sadly missed
Inserted by Rab for all the family

Cookery Club @ The Hub

If you feel you can't cook much and would like to learn to make some easy meals, then the Cookery Club might just be for you. It is not a demonstration lesson - it's a hands on session lasting 2 hours. There is no cost to participants.

Please phone 661238 for more information.

Muirkirk Scottish Women's Institute

The first meeting of the new session of the SWI will be held in the Community Wing on Tuesday 11th September when we will have a talk on Lifestyle Eating and be able to sample some of the food we should be eating. Competitions for this meeting will be advertised in the posters, soon to be displayed in the usual village shops.

Would members who have raffle tickets for the Federation Show please bring any unsold tickets, counterfoils and money for sold tickets to this meeting.

Old and new members will be very welcome to come along and join the WI.

We hope to see you all on the 11th September.

Parent Council

The Parent Council is set up to do fundraising for the whole school. Yes there is a lovely brand new school built but the kids still need outdoor equipment and learning resources.

The money that is raised will be used to buy outdoor equipment such as sports goods and learning items and also to help pay for buses so the kids can go on trips or be taken away for learning purposes. We want to help the children with their education outwith the school.

We are looking for parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, etc to come to our meetings, show support and help with ideas for the kids. You don't have to do anything unless there is something useful you can offer the school. At the meetings we discuss what we are doing and what we can do.

If you don't want to come to the meetings but feel there is something you can do to help then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

There is an AGM meeting on the 4th September @ 1.30pm.

The meeting will be alternated between school hours and later at night hopefully will suit more parents who work.

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MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018 in Community Rooms.



Note taker: Kathleen Hignett

1.	PRESENT : ,D McLatchie, T Bark, J Linton, K Hignett, D Agnew, H Murray, J Dempster, L Dunlop, C Hynd, D Norman, G McGuire, L Macmillan
	IN ATTENDANCE: J Higgins, S McGlynn, N Beck, S Bark, D Norman jnr, G Clifford, PC McCluskey, PC Auld, cllr C Leitch.
	APOLOGIES: D Crews, cllr N McGhee, cllr A Simmons, cllr J Roberts,

2.	PREVIOUS MINUTES: The previous minutes were proposed by G McGuire and seconded by C Hynd.	ACTION	DATE
2.1	MATTERS ARISING: Signage on River Ayr walk – no further development. Burns Avenue is to be developed, Middlefield Drive properties to be demolished, Colthart Drive properties to be demolished. Waterlogged paths – work has been done.	C L	

3.1	POLICE : 2 crimes reported. Complaint about cars overtaking on A70 on solid white lines.	ACTION	DATE
3.2	ELECTED MEMBERS : Sheltered houses to get garden area cleaned up. Fly tipping at Middlefield being investigated. Overgrown grass in school grounds – contractor to remedy. Furnace Road – street lighting poles been dumped on waste ground. Rubbish bin at Games Hall not emptied. Bin needed at astro turf.		

3.3	<p>COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: The village were sad to hear of the passing of J Currie. New office bearers and committee members in place. Next meeting Tuesday 26th June.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP FIRST: The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd July in the community rooms.</p> <p>FACEBOOK: CC page – questions about gym and library. MEG lawyer still to respond. Fitness suite will have new equipment hopefully this will encourage new users. MEG given a grant of £6000 for equipment.</p>		
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4.	PLANNING: None	ACTION	DATE

5.	TREASURERS REPORT: Total balance - £3305.30 - £1840 restricted funds for Lapraik- £1465.30 - £200 outlying for advert money for News.	ACTION	DATE

6.	CORRESPONDENCE: All electronic mail has been passed to councillors.	ACTION	DATE

7.	<p>MUIRKIRK NEWS: We are now printing 300 copies per month. We are delivering 260 copies and posting 7 copies. The uptake in the shops seems to be less than before, we have placed 2 copies in the shops. The online copy is available either before the copies are delivered or shortly afterwards. The June issue will hopefully be delivered by the end of the month. There will be no July issue. The next issue will be August. The sub committee are continuing to work hard to produce each month's copies. Thanks to all who help.</p>	ACTION	DATE

8.	LAPRAIK: Everything is arranged. Meeting tomorrow night to finalise seating in hall. Children's competition to start at 9.30 am. Alan Brown will pay tribute to Lapraik. All entrants will receive a medal. There are 5 schools outwith Muirkirk entered. There are still tickets available at the charity shop.	ACTION	DATE
9.	INPUT : Well done to the MEG volunteers for tidying the heritage park. Victory Park – ongoing discussions about who owns drain area. EAC and MEG will each pay half the cost to clear drain. MEG will get an estimate from a contractor.		

Work to restore the former opencast coal sites at Ponesk and Spireslack has continued since the contract award by MRL jointly with East Ayrshire Council in 2017. These works are now nearing completion, with Banks Mining due to vacate the site in September having successfully delivered the works to the agreed contract terms.

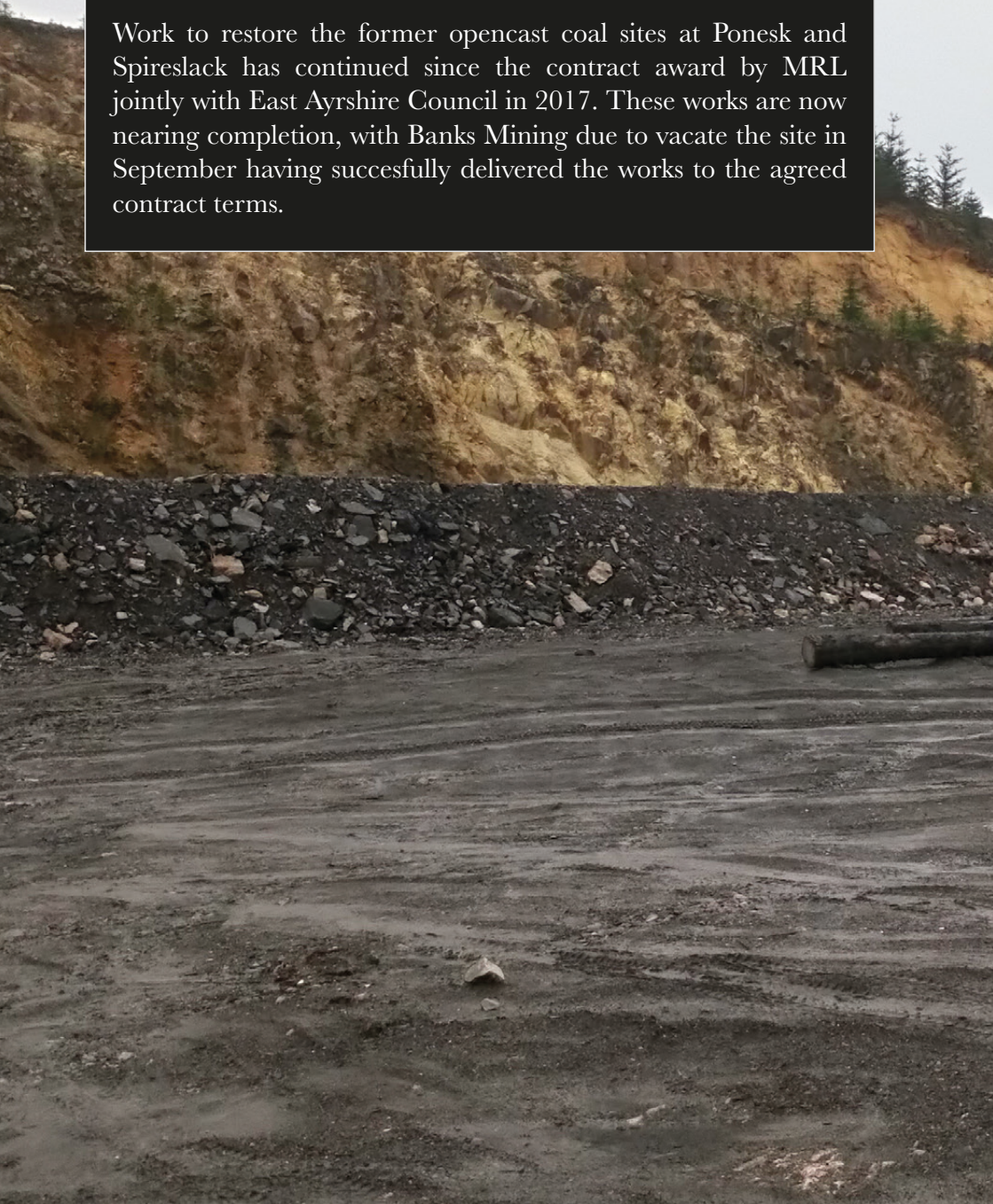




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LOCAL GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	WHERE & WHEN
Muirkirk Juniors FC	Billy Tait 01290 425377 07596 089828	Burnside Park, Furnace Road
Golf Club	Hugh Moorhead 01290 661789 07900 470658	Southside Golf Course
Bowling Club	Philip Mackin 01290 661701	Park Avenue
Learners Group (Photo Group)	Marj Whelan 01290 661504	Information Office - 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 7.00-9.00pm
Learners Group (Craft Group)	Annie Williams 01290 660033	Garan House - Monday 10.15-12.15
Learners Group (Drop In)	Marj Whelan 01290 661504	Information Office – Monday & Thursday 10.00-2.00
East Ayrshire Car Club		Car Track
Cancer Support Group	Stephanie Essex 01290 661566	
Lodge St Thomas	Joe Timmins 01290 661114	Coach House Inn – Times as Advertised
Angling Club	Scott Hogg	River Ayr & Greenock Water
Boys Brigade	Stuart Griffin	Community Centre
Gala Day Committee	Cheryl Shepherd 07793 233225	
Zumba Class	Sherce Mullen 07939 586066	St Thomas' Hall, Kirk Green – Monday 4.00-7.00 Kids, 7.00-8.00 Adults, Thursday – 7.00-8.00 Adults
St Thomas Hall Committee	Wilma Brady 01290 661377	St Thomas' Hall, Kirk Green
St Thomas Church	Gemma Stoppard 01290 660079	St Thomas' Church, Wellwood Street
Parish Church	Sylvia McGlynn 01290 661203 07815985786	Muirkirk Parish Church of Scotland, Kirk Green Sunday Service – 12.00 noon
Enterprise Group	Andy Young 01290 660173	Garan House, 26-28 Main Street
YIP World	Sandra Jedrysko 01290 422364	Barrhill Road, Cumnock
Woman's Institute		Community Centre - 2 nd Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm
Craft Group (Knitting)	Morag Dempster 01290 661681 07870 405956	Community Centre - Wednesday 10.00-12.00
Community Association	Cheryl Hynd 07543 721697	Community Centre
Community Association (Hall Lets)	Tom Bark 01290 661954	Community Centre
Community Council	David McLatchie 01290 661506	Community Centre
Community Council (Muirkirk News Magazine)	Tom Bark 07796 113844	Garan House
Community Council (Lapraik Group)	Harry Murray 01290 661719	
Kickback Martial Arts	Nancy 07798 725813	Community Centre – Friday 5.30-7.30pm



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	EAC have put games hall up for asset transfer also the library building. Trotters building and Central bar – ask owners to attend a meeting.	D McL	
10.	<p>A.O.C.B. A request was made to have 3 banners in Muirkirk as in Lugar. It was agreed by all present.</p> <p>G McGuire - project with school about dog fouling. Children will design posters. Contacted shops to supply free poo bags. Local businesses have been very helpful with raffle prizes to take the children's ideas forward.</p> <p>Travellers - on council ground on Furnace Road. Suggestions to have electronic gates or some other deterrent.</p> <p>Furnace Road – speeding complaints. Possibly get speed bumps? Also get bus parking signs to be taken down as they are no longer needed.</p>	CL	

NEXT MEETING

Date: MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2018

Time: 7pm

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Muirkirk Juniors FC

A disappointing result for Kirk going down 3 - 1 to Carlisle Rovers at John Cumming Stadium on Saturday 11th August. Kirk led by a first minute goal from Andy Murray and held on to the lead until half time. A lethargic second half performance led to concession of three goals to the home side. Manager Kevin Muirhead was far from happy with his sides performance and could ring the changes for next week's home encounter with St Anthony's at Burnside Park.

After a poor opening league cup tie against Kello the players bounced back emphatically with two wins in 3 days. First of all they travelled to Rosebank to take on Lugar and after a tough match came out on top thanks to a cool finish by last seasons top scorer Stevie Campbell. Better was to follow two days later when the lads overcame premier side Cumnock on Penalties (5- 3). The result was no more than the guys deserved and Cumnock were fortunate not to lose in the 90 mins. Goal Scorer was Peter McVey. Just for the record our penalty Scorers were, Derek McGrory, Stephen Campbell, Daryl McDonald, Scott Steedman & David Edwards. A great result for all at the club and a big well done to Kevin and his team.

Last Man Standing

Our massive competition gets underway this weekend with a one off entry of £10, with the chance of the prize which could be bordering on £1000. Contact the club through our Facebook page or Muirkirk Last Man Standing on Facebook.

Lotto

11.08.18 Jackpot not won and now stands at £1450. 3 numbers 7 winners receive £10 each. Support The Juniors & join our lotto.

Programme

After a gap of many years we are issuing a match programme for every home game priced £2. Once again there are opportunities for companies to advertise. The first double issue for Stirling Albion/ Dalbeattie Star sold out. If you wish to reserve your advert contact Billy Tait or any committee member.

The club are delighted that Hillhouse Quarry Group are continuing their sponsorship of our home kit, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much.

Recipe - Tea Loaf

Ingredients

300ml strong tea
225g dark sugar
400g dry mixed fruit
1 egg
285g self-raising flour

Method

Preheat oven at 180°C
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From one of June Bark's recipes.

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Glenbuck Cherrypickers

The Chronicle and Daily Record on 8th of August ran articles on Glenbuck Footballers. They were trying to drum up support for a couple of projects.

Both papers were for the Cherrypickers to be named in Scottish Museums Hall of Fame asking readers to nominate them, the nominations had to be in for Friday 10th August. Glenbuck had a brilliant record and it would be great to get it recognized in such a way. The players who turned to professional football from a mining village of about 1,000 habitants were;

John Anderson	Kilmarnock
William Bain	Solway Star
William Barr	Kilmarnock & Manchester City
John Barr	Belfast Distillery
John Bishop	Ayr United
Robert Crawford	Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool
Robert Blyth	Rangers, Preston NE, Portsmouth
William Blyth	Portsmouth, Preston NE
Jock Bone	Aston Villa
Johnnie Bone	Everton
Sandy Brown	Preston, Tottenham
Tommy Brown	Blackburn
Tommy Brown	Dundee, Chesterfield, Portsmouth
John Davidson	Solway Star, Coventry
John Crosby	Ayr, Birmingham, Blackpool
John Ferguson	Hamilton, Cowdenbeath
Walter Ferguson	Sheffield Weds
George Halley	Kilmarnock, Bradford Park Avenue, Burnley
John Hastie	Celtic, Raith
Archie Garrett	Hamilton, Millwall
David Henderson	Motherwell
Hugh Knox	Sunderland, Morton
Tom Knox	Hamilton
William Knox	Everton, Liverpool
Alex McConnell	Everton, Arsenal, Grimsby
John McConnell	Kilmarnock, Bradford, Grimsby, QPR
Peter McIntyre	Preston, Sheffield Wed, Hamilton
Jock McKenzie	Hearts, Newcastle, Norwich, Walsall
Jock Menzies	Lainmark [Cumnock]
James Muncie	Middlesbrough
William Muir	Everton, Dundee, Hearts, Kilmarnock
John Murdoch	Clyde
James Nisbet	Ayr United

Alec Park	Fall River [USA]
Alec Shankly	Ayr United, Clyde
James Shankly	Portsmouth, Sheffield United, Carlisle
John Shankly	Portsmouth, Blackpool, Alloa
Bob Shankly	Alloa, Falkirk, Manager of Dundee
Bill Shankly	Carlisle, Preston, Manager of Carlisle, Grimsby, Workington, Huddersfield, Liverpool
Hugh Smith	Solway Star
Sandy Tait	Royal Albert, Larkhall, Preston, Tottenham, Sheffield United
Robert Tait	Motherwell, Cowdenbeath, Carlisle, Tottenham
John Taylor	Bathgate
Bert Wallace	Hamilton, Plymouth Argyle
Joe Wallace	Newcastle
John Wallace	Partick Thistle
Alec Wallace	Airdrie
James Weir	Cowdenbeath
John Weir	St Bernard

What a record.

Yipworld

Yipworld are looking into providing a new service within the Muirkirk area. The stronger connections programme is about engaging families within the local community and getting involved in a range of activities within the village. Our family youth workers have been in Muirkirk a few times meeting the local residents and asking what they would like from the service.

We will be running some pilot groups in the near future to gain the opinions of the family members attending so the groups are beneficial to the community.

We hope to see as many families as possible attend.

If you would like any further information, please call Yipworld on 01290 422364.

St Thomas' Hall

To catch up on our last report.

In June we were Happy to be part of The John Lapraik poetry Festival which turned out to be well attended with the audience enjoying excellent local entertainment on the Friday night. On Saturday morning in the Kirk, local primary children treated

us to a poetry contest of the highest standard which was a credit to the children their teachers and parents Jane provided the catering for both events keeping up her usual high standard.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Harry Murray and his committee for taking on this event which could have been lost to the village

Father Kitchen celebrated the 10th Anniversary of his ordination with a Mass and a Buffet reception for 100 guests with Rev Stan's Grace showing other clergy present how to get things going.

Fundraisers in the form of Tea Bingo and concerts are being arranged for the senior citizens Christmas party

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

Muirkirk Golf Club

Golf Fixtures for September

- 1st Muirkirk Open
- 8th September Medal
- 15th Alex Walker Trophy
- 16th Davidson Cup
- 22nd Marion Casagrande Cup
- 29th Coach House Inn Trophy

	<u>MUIRKIRK GOLF CLUB</u>			
	<u>COMPETITION RESULTS</u>			
	<u>St THOMAS' HALL INVITATION PAIRS</u>			
	04/08/2018 (Stroke Play)			Nett
1st	Iain Girvan & David Muir			56
2nd	Stuart Angus & Norman Wilson			57
3rd	Craig Menzies & Richard Menzies			60
	<u>AUGUST MEDAL</u>			
	05/08/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Billy Frew	84	21	63
2nd	John Jackson	92	19	63
3rd	Robert Kane	85	18	67
4th	Iain Girvan	77	10	67
5th	John Wilson	108	40	68
	Par 68, CSS 66			

Newsletter

The next date for submission of articles for the September newsletter is Friday 7th September 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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Quiz Answers

1. 1966
 2. The River Tay
 3. Traquair in Tweeddale
 4. Lanark
 5. John Macadam
 6. Simon Fraser, The 11th Lord Lovat
 7. In a cave on the Island of Arran
 8. Kelso
 9. Dunkeld in Perthshire
 10. The QE2
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Tuesday	08:00 - 19:30
Wednesday	08:00 - 18:00
Thursday	08:00 - 19:00
Friday	08:00 - 18:00
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