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Quiz

Questions:

1. What was the name of George Stephenson's famous Locomotive?
2. In which Forest Park is Glentroot?
3. What is the name of the two towns at each end of the West Highland Way?
4. Which fishing town on the East Coast of Scotland has Herring Queen Week?
5. Which species of seabird is the largest?
6. Where in Scotland can you have a sail on the SS Walter Scott?
7. What was quarried on Seil Island?
8. What is the name of the last deep mine pit to produce coal for generating electricity in Scotland?
9. Where can you visit Lochnell mine?
10. Where is the museum of the Cameronian's Scottish Rifles Regiment?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 18

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Chairman's Update

Things are getting back to normal for the parents now the children have returned to school after their summer holidays. I understand there are around a dozen children starting in primary one in the new session. We wish them all the best in this new adventure.

It looks as if the opening of the Muirkirk Hub is getting closer which will I am sure be good news for the residents in the village.

I can confirm that there is a great deal of interest in the Galawhistle PB which bodes well for a large turnout at the voting event which is being held in the Community Centre on the 6th October so watch out for the posters and social media for further information.

The recent road resurfacing programme has caused a lot of disruption to local commuters. However there is a big improvement in the condition of our local roads as a result of these works.

Paul Whittaker OBE visited Muirkirk recently. He is carrying out research on the maternal side of the family tree some of whom he believed lived here in the village. His mother's name was Whitfield and as it happens was a cousin of June Whitfield the actress. Thanks to the help from Jimmie Taylor, and the information he provided with regards to the burial records, Paul found two of his ancestors graves in the Parish Church cemetery. His family were involved in mining around Ayrshire in the eighteen hundreds with one of them working at Crossflatt pit. The family moved to the Huddersfield area which is where Paul was born. He is pretty famous in his own right having studied music at Oxford university despite being born profoundly deaf. He established and ran a musical charity for twenty seven years. He is also an international motivational speaker. He is looking to return in early October where I hope to meet up with him again.

In a similar vein, I received a letter from Stuart Murray, one of our postal readers. The letter contained an obituary he had cut out from the Herald newspaper. The obituary was about Dr Ian Preston CBE whose father Jack originally came from Muirkirk. Dr Preston was the first Chief Executive of Scottish Power and held a first class honours degree and doctorate in nuclear physics.

The above are another two examples among many others of people with connections to Muirkirk that have excelled in their careers. It must be something to do with the fresh air or water we get here.

Finally we wish all the bidders every success in their PB bids and would hope that not too many of the bids end in disappointment.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk community Council by David McLatchie

East Ayrshire Car Club

Local motoring enthusiasts can witness history being made on Sunday 23rd September when an electric car will appear for the first time in a Scottish motorsport competition. The event is the Albar Trophy Rally supported by ISS (Aberdeen) Ltd at Kames Motorsport Complex, Muirkirk, and among the first entries received are teenage crews from Stonehaven, Inverness, Skye and Mull. The youngsters have made great progress in recent months at closed-circuit rallies all over the UK and will soon be in a position to challenge their peers once their ages allow them to emerge from the one litre limitation on their "Junior" category.

The electric car is a Renault Zoe and it will be competing in the battle for outright honours and with so little known of the car's performance it will be interesting to see how it compares with the traditional petrol driven rally cars. The sound of such cars is another feature which will be of interest to motorists of all ages.

East Ayrshire Car Club would like to congratulate Andrew Gallacher of Hurlford on winning the 2018 Scottish Rally Championship with co-driver Jane Nicol at the Galloway Hills Rally. His late father Drew Gallacher also won the title in 1973, 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Muirkirk Community Association

We had a positive meeting on the 5th September where we discussed how the group can go forward and be of support to the community.

We have set up a Facebook Page under the Muirkirk Community Association name for you all to visit. There will be regular updates on the group's activity and information on what we can offer and how to contact us. Feel free to like, comment and share the posts. We are keen on hearing from you.

With November 2018 bringing the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, Muirkirk craft (knitting) class will help us mark this Armistice by kindly agreeing to crochet/knit poppies for display. If you have any spare wool or materials for the group to do so they will be in the Community Rooms on a Wednesday between 10am-12noon.

With £17,500 available for community projects in Muirkirk & Glenbuck it was great to see so many turn out for the Participatory Budget information meeting. Muirkirk Community Association will be amongst the applicants hoping to get to the next stage. Successful applicants will be invited to the event on 6th October 2018 in the Community Rooms where there will be stalls to present the projects to the community, who will decide which projects are supported. Please go along on the day and make YOUR vote count.

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18.08.18: The Kirk defeated St Anthony's at Burnside Park with a late penalty from David 'Buster' Edwards to add to his first half header. Kirk made heavy weather of beating their Govan opponents at a rain sodden Burnside Park. The home side had far the better of the first 45 minutes and took the lead 5 minutes before the break and spurned a glorious chance to double their lead on the break when a Campbell shot from close in was deflected past the post. The Ants came flying out in the second half and created most of their chances from set pieces, they eventually took advantage from a long throw-in which evaded The Kirk defence and their striker scored from close range. Kirk also created chances of their own but found the Ants keeper in great form. Just when it seemed he points would be shared Kirks striker Keenan was upended by the keeper and Edwards dispatched the resultant spot kick beyond the keeper.

Lotto

18.8.18 jackpot not won and now stands at £1500. 3 numbers 3 winners £10 each.

Last Man Standing

Is now entering its 3rd week with over 50 being eliminated in the first two weeks. Prize money for the eventual winner will be £1150.

Intimation: Gibson

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Friendship First

Friendship First is meeting in the Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd October, from 1.00-3.00pm.

This time Gordon McGuire will give a talk about his hobby, model making, and his plans to create a model for this year's Remembrance Sunday. Sylvia will perform some poetry, both humorous and thought-provoking, and of course, there'll be a light buffet, games, & a raffle.



So if you'd like to come along to meet and make friends, mark this on your calendar. All are welcome to this event, held monthly on the first Tuesday, and it's FREE, because we believe you can't put a price on true friendship.

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.

Extract from Cairntable Echoes

1918 THE GREAT WAR. Page 43

One Hundred years ago.

The war raged on in Europe and the sterling work of the Muirkirk Parish War Relief Fund Committee continued, with weekly collections, donations and a variety of fund-raising functions augmenting the funds, enabling the Committee to provide the soldiers with extra clothing, food parcels, etc. but all the while the sons of Muirkirk were paying a high price for the country's effort to obtain peace in Europe.

Up and till the end of 1917, fifty-six local lads had paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Advertiser had stopped printing for quite a few months due to material shortages, but was starting up again to keep folk up to speed with what was happening in the village. The new price of the paper was going up to one penny a copy.

More in the October issue.



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MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th August 2018 in Community Rooms.



Note taker: Kathleen Hignett

1.	PRESENT : ,D McLatchie, T Bark, J Linton, K Hignett, D Agnew, H Murray, J Dempster, C Hynd, D Norman, G McGuire, L Macmillan
	IN ATTENDANCE: J Higgins, S McGlynn, N Beck, G Clifford,W Kirk, S McColm,K Irvine, K Clifford, M Drennan, H Elder, A Craig, A Young, R Smith
	APOLOGIES: L Dunlop, cllr J Roberts,

2.	PREVIOUS MINUTES: The previous minutes were proposed by D McLatchie and seconded by J Linton	ACTION	DATE
2.1	MATTERS ARISING: Will be discussed as meeting progresses.		

3.1	POLICE : 3 crimes reported	ACTION	DATE
3.2	ELECTED MEMBERS: No elected members present		
3.3	MEG: Ongoing with Hub. Lawyer just back from holiday. There have been delays with MEG lawyer and EAC. Some items in lease still to be dealt with and adjustments to be made. Hopefully lease will be activated for September. A dentist from Kilmarnock has asked to meet to discuss a development in village.		

	<p>Scotland from the sky are wanting to include Muirkirk in a BBC programme within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Fence at Hub to be repaired by EAC. Grass needs cut at Hub- still EAC responsibility.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP FIRST: There is an outing to Cardwell garden centre on Saturday 11th August.</p> <p>KAMES CAR CLUB: Triathlon Scotland are possibly using track for training. 7th October championship will be last in season.</p> <p>Fireworks not arranged as yet.</p> <p>YIPWORLD: Stacey and Keira reported that there is funding from EU and Scottish Government for Rural Connections – help find work or organise peer groups. Meet with headteacher at school to have taster groups after school. Also arrange sports development, walking groups and cycle groups.</p> <p>FACEBOOK: Pretty quiet due to holidays. Favourable response for litter and dog fouling prevention.</p>		
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4.	PLANNING: None	ACTION	DATE

5.	TREASURERS REPORT: Total balance - £2884.92. £133 reserved for dog fouling campaign. £1261.73 held in reserve for Lapraik group. Community Council balance £1518.19.	ACTION	DATE

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

7.	MUIRKIRK NEWS: Still on holiday.Meeting Sunday 12 th at 2pm in Garan House.	ACTION	DATE

8.	<p>LAPRAIK: Concert was a great success. Thanks to committee and judges. All went without a hitch. Next year's event will go ahead. Worked within budget.</p> <p>Vote of thanks for H Murray.</p>	ACTION	DATE
9.	<p>INPUT : Litter bins at astro turf not being emptied. Pictures forwarded to J Roberts.Seat inside cemetery needs painting.Seat at Garronhill needs repaired.Old stairs at Garronhill badly in need of repair.Butcher's Park – seat has no back.</p> <p>Tree at Pagan Walk blown down, this gives cause for concern as there are a number of trees needing attention (sheltered housing)</p> <p>There is a need for a litter bin at the bus stop outside the Coach House on Main Street.</p> <p>Pavements need to be weedkilled. Drains at sheltered housing have not been cleaned out. Tar dumped at opencast entrance Glasgow Road.</p>	D McL	
10.	<p>Bushes and tree off cuts dumped at Furnace Road by travellers.Some of these travellers have returned – C Leitch has been notified. This area needs to be secured to keep travellers out.</p> <p>Victory Park – Ditches have been cleaned. MEG paid their own contractor (£630) Football pitch could do with being rolled. Water leak is still evident where drinking fountain used to be, outside cottage.</p> <p>A.O.C.B.G McGuire – project with school about dog fouling has raised £133.More work will be done after school returns. Posters to get laminated. This project has been supported by local businesses.</p> <p>No response as yet from owners of Trotter's building and Central Bar.</p> <p>PB Galawhistle - £17500 available this year for community.</p> <p>Community Fund - £100,000 application , will hopefully hear this week.</p> <p>The Kames disaster memorial was mentioned in parliament.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to have postcards and Christmas cards made using photos by Craig McComb. Postcards needed for visitors to put village back on the map.</p> <p>There is a high number of unemployed in the village but there is no real numbers available.</p> <p>The Learners Centre on Main Street is not opening to stated times.</p> <p>There have been a number of complaints. A Young will look into this.</p> <p>Early bus – could be covered by community fund.</p> <p>Walkers car park – the map roof to get repaired</p> <p>The grass has been cut on River Ayr walk.</p> <p>Indian trail needs grass cut – Ayrshire Woodlands</p>	D McL	
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NEXT MEETING	
Date:	MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018
Time:	7pm
Location:	COMMUNITY ROOMS.

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	
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COMPETITION RESULTS				
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	01/09/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
First Class (Up to 12 Handicap)				
1st	David Hughes	80	8	72
2nd	Craig Menzies	81	9	72
3rd	Iain Girvan	83	10	73
4th	Ryan Wade	84	10	74
5th	Stuart Angus	86	12	74
Second Class (13 to 24 Handicap)				
1st	Douglas Ross	86	23	63
2nd	Eric Sanderson	80	14	66
3rd	George Ross	88	19	69
4th	John Arlow	88	18	70
5th	Rhett Dodds	95	23	72
Par 68, CSS 69				
The George Rowe Memorial Trophy				
Best scratch score: -David Hughes				80
The James Millar Trophy				
Best nett score: -Douglas Ross				63
SEPTEMBER MEDAL				
	08/09/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	David Murphy	78	10	68
2nd	William Wilson	89	19	70
3rd	Richard Trimmer	99	28	71
4th	Robert Kane	91	18	73
5th	Brian Gibson	88	14	74
Par 68, CSS 68				

Muirkirk Golf Club

Golf Fixtures for October

- 6th - October Medal
 13th - Eleanor Miller Trophy
 (Closing Day including Medal's Final)
 14th - Competition for Christmas
 Hamper
 20th - Prize-giving & Dinner Dance
 (In St Thomas' Hall)

St Thomas' Hall

The joint Churches Annual Hospice Lunch has been held as usual with the sum of £393.80 for the Lunch plus £295.00 raised from the sale of Christmas Cards. Thanks to all for their hard work and for their continued attendance.

Looking forward, we have a Sunday Lunch on October 14th and the kids' Halloween Party on October 28th. Upcoming, the Christmas Fayre is scheduled for Fri 23rd Nov with a full range of stallholders already committed.

The full Christmas programme will be announced in later issues.

Newsletter

The next date for submission of articles for the October newsletter is Friday 5th October 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 The Rocket
 - 2 The Galloway Forest Park
 - 3 Milngavie and Fort William
 - 4 Eyemouth
 - 5 The Gannet
 - 6 Loch Katrine
 - 7 Slate
 - 8 Longannet
 - 9 Wanlockhead
 - 10 Hamilton
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