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Quiz

Questions:

1. What is the only South American country whose name starts and ends with the same letter?
2. Yom Kippur is a religious holy day marked by followers of which religion?
3. What nationality is the tennis player Rafael Nadal?
4. Mount Fuji is an active volcano in which country?
5. The name of which Greek God was also the name of the American space programme that took man to the Moon?
6. Which city is the capital of Poland?
7. Which city is the capital of New Zealand?
8. Which city is the capital of Serbia?
9. Which city is the capital of Portugal?
10. Which city is the capital of Greece?

How did you do? Find the answers on page 18

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Chairman's Update

At a recent well attended Community Council Meeting Alan Brown MP gave a synopsis of his work at the Westminster Parliament. This was found to be very interesting and he was happy to take questions from the attendees.

Representatives from Auchinleck Community Development Initiative attended the Meeting and gave an overview on their work in the village with the Step Programme. This helps residents seeking advice in completing benefit applications. They also assist with finding training programmes and work opportunities.

The Participatory Budgeting Event was attended by over 200 of the population who came along to view the twenty bids on display, and thereafter vote for their top ten choices. Following the counting of the votes placed, the successful bids were announced which resulted in a number of happy people from the winning groups. It ought to be said that PB also means that there are losers and commiserations go to them and we wish them better luck next time.

The PB Event was a result of the Council running a pilot scheme using the Gala-whistle Windfarm Community Benefit money which is held in the Renewable Energy Fund. Given the interest and the excellent turnout we are hopeful that this will result in the Council making the decision to allow the fund to be expended using the PB model for the lifespan of the Project.

The BBC Programme Scotland from the Sky are looking to include Muirkirk in one of their productions over the next few weeks. This interest is as a consequence of our Industrial History.

The numbers looking to have the News delivered continues to grow and we keep looking for new ideas to improve and we would welcome any feedback to help us in our quest.

Written on behalf of Muirkirk Community Council by David McLatchie

Locum Minister, Rev. Stan Kennon, Says Goodbye

It was a sad day indeed, when Rev. Stan Kennon announced his decision to move on to pastures new in Abernethy, Perth and Kinross. He will be greatly missed.

We understand that there is a shortage of Ministers at this time, and many other parishes, like ours, are lucky to find a Locum Minister. While pulpit supply is our only option for now, until another locum, or indeed a replacement Minister is found, we all wish Rev. Kennon the very best in his new parish.

Following the retirement of Rev. Scott Rae in 2016, Stan has served the communities of Muirkirk Parish Church and Trinity Church, Cumnock, very well. Many of you will remember last year's joint service to commemorate 60 years since the Kames Mining Disaster, in which he played a very active part together with Fr Philip Kitchen, of St Thomas's Church. This moving service was testament to his ability to plan and perform in a way that did justice to the memory of the seventeen men who perished.

A man of many talents, Stan's 'Graces' for the Church Lunches at St Thomas's Hall, will be fondly remembered, as will his love of Empire biscuits. Will he love the Abernethy ones as much?

Sunday 21st of October marked his last Service in Muirkirk. We can only cherish the wonderful memories he has helped to create during the 26 months he has served us, and pray for a new Minister to discover the delights that our vacancy has to offer.

St. Thomas' Hall

October began with a fundraising Dance on the 6th in aid of The Elderly Christmas Party with Neil & Pat providing the Music.

A Sunday Lunch took place on the 14th and on the 20th the local Golf Club held their annual Presentation Dance where some of the tales of performances would win The Ryder Cup.

The Halloween Party is on the 28th at 2pm.

November

Saturday 6th another fundraiser in aid of the Christmas Party.

Friday 23rd The Christmas Fayre is held with a selection of Christmas Gifts and Crafts on display along with Tea, Coffee, Mulled wine etc.

Muirkirk Cancer Support Group Christmas Dinner has been set for Thursday 29th

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

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Muirkirk Juniors FC

07.10.18: Great weekend for the club on and off the field. Firstly the team did the business in our 2nd round replay at Holm Park Clydebank with a penalty shoot-out win over First Division Yoker Athletic. The teams were tied 3-3 after Yoker equalized with an injury time strike. The Kirk held their nerve to win the penalty shoot-out 5-4, with the heroes being goalkeeper Nathan Bogle and Keenan McVey (who struck the winning penalty). We look forward to the round three draw on Tuesday 9th October.

Off the field the club got £3500 in funding to upgrade our toilet and heating system from the wind farm regeneration fund. We would like to thank everyone who took the effort to vote for our projects, which we hope will enhance the facilities at Burnside Park.

Lotto

06.10.18: Jackpot not won and now stands at £1850. Three numbers 2 winners winning £30 each.

If you can't get along to our games, why not support the club by joining our lotto from only 50p per line? Contact Billy Tait or any committee member.

Death Notice

Valentine

William (Billy) Valentine, age 74, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 25th September 2018.

Beloved husband of Sheila, proud Dad to Billy and Lesley and loving Papa to Jamie, Ewan, Roddy and Lucy.

Acknowledgement

Valentine

Sheila, Billy and Lesley would like to express their sincere thanks to all friends and relatives for their floral tributes, cards and kind words. A special thank you to Dr Dunlop, Rev John Paterson, Balmoral Funeral Services and Lugar Bowling Club for all their support and assistance which has been a great comfort at this difficult time.

East Ayrshire Car Club

While September's programme at Kames Motorsport Complex was comparatively low-key consisting mainly of an autotest involving tight manoeuvres round traffic cones and three test sessions for members, there was a large spectator turnout on September 23rd for the Albar Trophy Rally which was won by Colin Gemmell from Trabboch in a Mk2 Ford Escort with Graham Bruce second in a similar car. In the Junior Albar Rally, Muirkirk's Amy McCubbin continued her good progress with a fine seventh place. The winner of the under 17 years contest was Olly Hunter from Ayr who cut it fine by edging out New Galloway's Lewis Haining by a remarkable 1 second. With so many rallies competing for entries this event was in some doubt until the father of a Junior competitor stepped in with sponsorship from ISS (Aberdeen) Ltd. This gesture was a result of the gratitude of a Stonehaven dad for help and enjoyment the Muirkirk track had provided for his young son over the past two years. A little bit of history was made at the event when an electric powered car appeared for the first time in a Scottish competition. Cameron Davies brought his Renault Zoe all the way from mid-Wales and finished sixth in the senior section of the rally.

Earlier in September East Ayrshire Car Club member Andrew Gallacher from Hurlford became the 2018 Scottish Rally Champion in the Galloway Hills Rally in the forests around Castle Douglas. East Ayrshire was one of the three organizing clubs and the rally will be shown on BBC1 Scotland later in the year.

The biggest sprint entry of the season came at the final round of four major championships on October 7th when an entry of 71 drivers was the highest for any sprint in Scotland this year.

Muirkirk Enterprise Group

Muirkirk Enterprise Group will meet at 7.30 in the Community Room on Monday 19th November.

All will be made very welcome.

Muirkirk Christmas Cards

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ORGANISATION	CONTACT	WHERE & WHEN
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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 07793 008213	Community Centre
Gala Day Committee	Cheryl Shepherd 07793 233225	
Zumba Class	Sheree 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

Muirkirk Community Association

We're looking forward to all that's planned for the coming months.

Yipworld have joined us on a Thursday for lots of family activities. There are lots of groups doing lots of great things in the Community Wing of the Primary School. Check information boards and our Facebook page to see how you can get involved.

The Knitting group have been busily crafting away making poppies for Remembrance/Armistice. We're hoping to have a fitting display in Muirkirk in honour of our fallen.

The table top sale went well with lots of happy people bagging a bargain. Tesco Community Auchinleck helped with the teas on the night as did Muirkirk Stores Limited. We would like to thank all who came along in support and helped out at the event.

Hazel Elder kindly donated her funds to the annual Hillside School Christmas party. Silverbirch Builders and Landscapers Ayrshire also gave us a donation to put towards the children's party.

Louise Ginnitty Reid was the winner of our Facebook competition. Winning a delicious meal from Top Dexter's.

Along with many other groups applying for the Galawhistle Windfarm Participatory Budgeting, we will be hoping to have had some success in securing funding for future projects.

If you are interested in booking the hall, kitchen or rooms please contact Tom Bark on 01290 661954 or 07796 113844 for information and availability.

STRONG CONNECTIONS

Yipworld will be running our new 'Strong Connections' family group every Thursday in Muirkirk community wing. We will be providing sports groups, craft groups, baking groups cooking groups and holistic therapies for the parents.

Please pop along any Thursday with your family and join in the fun. We are also looking for all your ideas as to what you would like the 'Strong Connections' group to provide in your community.

The group starts back up on Thursday the 25th October. We hope to see lots of new faces.

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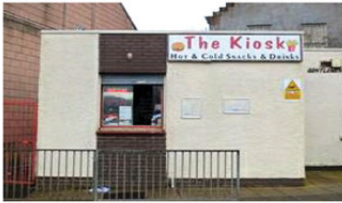
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MUIRKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 in Community Rooms.

1. PRESENT:

D McLatchie, T Bark, J Linton, K Hignett, D Agnew, H Murray, C Hynd, D Norman, G McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Higgins, S McGlynn, N Beck, G Clifford, W Kirk, K Clifford, M Drennan, A Young, R Smith, J McLaughlin, J McIlwain, Cllr J Roberts, S Bark, Cllr A Simmons, M Huddleston, PC McClung, E Millar (EAC)

APOLOGIES:

L Dunlop, L Macmillan, J Dempster, D Crews.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The previous minutes were proposed by T Bark and seconded by D Agnew.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING:

Will be discussed as meeting progresses.

3.1 POLICE:

12 crimes reported – thefts of a road roller from Glasgow Road, vehicles from opencast – ongoing.

3.2 ELECTED MEMBERS:

J Roberts – SPT have been notified of all complaints about recent changes to X76 route. There is only one bus out of Sorn at 6.30am and no more after that. The changes should have been advertised 10 weeks before commencement. J Freeman is meeting with Stagecoach.

A70 – work is progressing.

EAC are looking at ways to close off entrance to factory units on Furnace Road to discourage travellers from camping there.

Road closures in area not well advertised.

Hilltop on B743 at Mauchline needs white lines re painted.

A Simmons - Foundation stone at Barony Campus to be laid next week.

3.3 MEG:

Still awaiting legal details – living record of building. The cooker is deemed illegal looking to apply through PB to replace cooker. Scotland from the sky got in touch with individuals. Fence at Hub is being replaced. Suggestions to run early bus using Coalfield. Rough costs will be £300 per week.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST: Meeting tomorrow (4th) 1pm – 3pm. The day trip to Cardwell Garden Centre went well.

KAMES CAR CLUB: Work on house has slowed down awaiting floor covering to be laid. Triathlon group there for tuition.

Over 60 entries on both days of meeting.

Fireworks still to be decided.

FACEBOOK: Mostly posts asking about when Hub will open.

Advertising for PB event has been shared well.

4. PLANNING:

105 Smallburn Road, change of use to B&B with rear extension.

5. TREASURERS REPORT: Total balance - £3330.92

£133 reserved for dog fouling campaign. £1261.73 held in reserve for Lapraik group.

Community Council balance £1936.19

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

All electronic mail has been passed to councillors. Invite to CAB AGM on 18th September – D Agnew is attending.

7. MUIRKIRK NEWS :

We are now delivering 273 copies, 20 copies to advertisers and 7 postal.

The increase in delivery numbers is ongoing and we might have to increase printing numbers. It was agreed to have the renewal for postal copies to run from January each year. It was also agreed to bulk buy the stamps for the rest of the year and have SAE ready to post when each issue is printed.

8. LAPRAIK :

Not much to report. Next meeting on 2nd October at 7pm in community rooms.

9. INPUT :

All items from last month have been sent to various departments.

Scottish Water report that it is a leak at Victory Park and they will deal with it soon.

EAC was seen weed killing pavement edges today.

Wall at school has stones falling out.

Report of parking problems at Garronhill. There is no room for emergency vehicles to get past at night (AS)

Glenbuck dam – no lease with angling club. There is a dog fouling problem that needs dealt with. The lease will be available by January 2019.

10. A.O.C.B. :

Cairntable race took place this year. It was suggested local groups could organise a race for locals of various age groups. No details of numbers available as yet.

STEP : James and John are at information office every Thursday from 10am – 2pm. They help with benefit enquiries and training. Also help with finding work. They have a Facebook page @stepacd. They are not involved with Yipworld.

Dog Fouling : The school is involved with the issue. Strongly suggests a bin to be placed at astro turf area. There is still £133 in funds.

Suggestions made for anti virus for Community Council laptop. It was agreed to have the anti virus with monitoring.

A vote was taken as to the price of the community Christmas cards. The winners of the photos were shown to all present. The cost to produce each card is 57p. It was suggested to sell for 80p and £1 each. The vote was for the 80p charge. There will be approx 500 printed.

NEXT MEETING :

MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018 AT 7PM IN COMMUNITY ROOMS.

<u>MUIRKIRK GOLF CLUB</u>				
<u>COMPETITION RESULTS</u>				
<u>SPRINGHILL CUP</u>				
	09/09/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Craig Burns	78	14	64
2nd	Brian Gibson	82	15	67
3rd	Iain Girvan	80	10	70
4th	Richard Trimmer	101	28	73
5th	John Renwick	91	15	76
Par 68, CSS 67				
<u>ALEX WALKER TROPHY</u>				
	15/09/2018 (Stableford)		H/cp	Points
1st	David Murphy		10	40
2nd	Hugh Moorhead		28	39
3rd	Derek Davidson		18	36
4th	Murray Pringle		21	36
5th	Mark Hamilton		17	35
Par 68, CSS 67 (37 stableford Points)				
<u>DAVIDSON CUP</u>				
16/09/2018 (Texas Scramble)				
This was won by the team of : -				
Derek Davidson, Jim Stitt & David Murphy				
With a nett score of : -57.67				
<u>MARION CASAGRANDA CUP</u>				
	22/09/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Iain Girvan	74	10	64
2nd	Brian Gibson	79	15	64
3rd	John Wilson	104	38	66
4th	Eric Sanderson	79	13	66
5th	Robert Kane	88	18	70
Par 68, CSS 67				
<u>J & E HIGGINS TROPHY (Over 50's)</u>				
	23/09/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Robert Kane	85	18	67
2nd	Graeme Walker	84	14	70
3rd	Murray Pringle	97	21	76
4th	John Wilson	116	38	78
5th	John Jackson	96	18	78
Par 68, CSS 67				
<u>COACH HOUSE INN TROPHY</u>				
	29/09/2018 (Stroke Play)	Gross	H/cp	Nett
1st	Robert Kane	87	18	69
2nd	Mark Hamilton	89	17	72
3rd	Rhett Dodds	95	23	72
4th	Craig Burns	87	14	73
5th	William Wilson	92	19	73
Par 68, CSS 69				

Extract from Cairntable Echoes, Page 54

At a public meeting on July 10th 1919 it was agreed to proceed with the building of a memorial on Cairntable in memory of those who gave their lives in the great war. This would not be a rival to the Cenotaph, but an addition. The follow inscription would be cut on a stone in the cairn:



“Erected in Memory of the 87 men of Muirkirk Parish who fell in, and also to honour of the 284 men and 11 women who returned from The Great War, 1914 to 1918”

August 1919 (Cairntable is 1944.4 ft above sea level)

On Sunday 15th, a dedication service took place at the Memorial Cairn, when it was estimated a crowd of around 500 people attended.

Rev John Henderson presided, Rear Admiral sir James Ferguson RN, K.C.M.G., C B . Performed the unveiling ceremony and deposited two casket within the cairn The large casket contained a scroll of the men and women who served in the war while a cross was put opposite the name of those who fell in the war. In the smaller casket were the names of the people who helped build the cairn, Four copies of the (Advertiser) covering the war , and the building of the cairn. A shilling was deposited by Mr Tom Weir a local historian and activist in the village, The Rev John Henderson said he was honoured to officiate at the gathering with such a big turnout.

With thanks to James Taylor for the time and effort producing Cairntable Echoes.



Newsletter

The next date for submission of articles for the November newsletter is Friday 2nd November 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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 2. Judaism
 3. Spanish
 4. Japan
 5. Apollo
 6. Warsaw
 7. Wellington
 8. Belgrade
 9. Lisbon
 10. Athens
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