

DUNPENDER NEWS



100,000TH VISITOR TO JOHN MUIR'S BIRTH PLACE

John Muir's Birthplace opened in 2003 and has received visitors from all over the world including royalty. John was born in Dunbar in 1838 before moving to America. There he devoted his time to protecting wild places and initiated the idea of national parks with Yosemite being one of the most famous.

It was a group of primary five pupils from East Linton Primary School who took the centre over the 100,000 visitor mark earlier in February. To celebrate they were given a set of books for the school library.



PRESTON MILL EXHIBITION PROJECT

The National Trust for Scotland is spending £30,000 this year to upgrade the Visitor and Exhibition Centre at Preston Mill. New interactive displays about the Mill and Phantassie Doocot will replace the original exhibits which are now some 15 years old. As well as providing information and activities for all age groups the new displays are particularly aimed at attracting families to the Mill as well as school groups looking to learn about the industrial and agricultural heritage of the area. New signs and themed walks around the Mill and Doocot are being introduced. Explorer Packs – new adventure backpacks with many fun and educational activities to help families and school groups to explore the flora, fauna and history of the area surrounding the Mill and Doocot will also be available.



This exciting project aims to bring Preston Mill to life for visitors, to improve the facilities and tell the fascinating story of this beautiful place which has played such an important part in East Linton's life over the centuries. There has been a mill on this site since the 16th century although the present buildings with their distinctive conical kiln and pan-tiled roofs, date mainly from the 18th century. The new exhibits will

give exciting insights into how the miller, his family and animals lived and worked, depending on the water wheel to power the machinery much as it did until the end of its commercial life in 1959.

The shop, reception and refreshments area are all benefitting from the upgrade so why not volunteer to help the NTS staff. Property Manager Rhiannon Naismith is also keen to hear from local people who might know old stories about Preston Mill, have old pictures or even unusual milling artefacts that they would be willing to share with the people who come to explore Dunpender's unique heritage. If you can help or spare a few hours per week call Rhiannon on 0131 653 5590 or look up the NTS website at www.nts.org.uk.

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Meetings

First Thursday of every month

(except July and August)

7.30pm

Council Chambers, East Linton

New Tyne Path

A new path has been opened up along the North bank of the River Tyne. It runs from Hailes through to Abbey Bridge.

At the Hailes end it connects with the path to East Linton and at the other end you can continue along the path to Haddington.

This now means you can walk along the Tyne from Haddington along paths right down to the bridge on the North Berwick/Dunbar road.



People have already reported seeing otters, kingfishers and goosanders and depending on the time of the year, there is also a wide variety of flowers and butterflies along the route. Some sections of the path could be muddy

depending on time of the year, so remember to wear your boots.

PATH WARDENS

The Countryside Department of East Lothian Council has recently launched a volunteer path warden scheme. The idea is for local people to look after their local paths. Tasks that can be undertaken range from picking up fallen branches to scraping off leaf mulch. What you do very much depends on what you are able or willing to do. Some of the existing path wardens simply walk the paths and report problems they see, while others undertake maintenance work.

Path wardens can undertake their duties when it suits them and can sign up to adopt one path, two or 22 – it's up to you. Many of the paths around East Lothian are already adopted, but wardens can share paths or choose paths further afield.

If you think that putting something back to a favourite walk is for you, please e-mail East Lothian Council's Countryside Officer, Duncan Priddle at dpriddle@eastlothian.gov.uk

Notes from the beat.

Although it's beginning to get lighter at night now, I'd like to remind everyone who cycles to ensure they are well lit while riding in the dark. Please wear fluorescent vests/bibs and ensure your bicycle has a front and rear working light. If you are using a strobe light make sure you also have a static light.

There is an on-going parking issue with people parking their vehicles on pavements. Can I remind drivers that it is not only criminal offence to do so, but it also puts pedestrians needlessly in danger. Please park carefully and consider other road users and pedestrians.

Your local police contact:

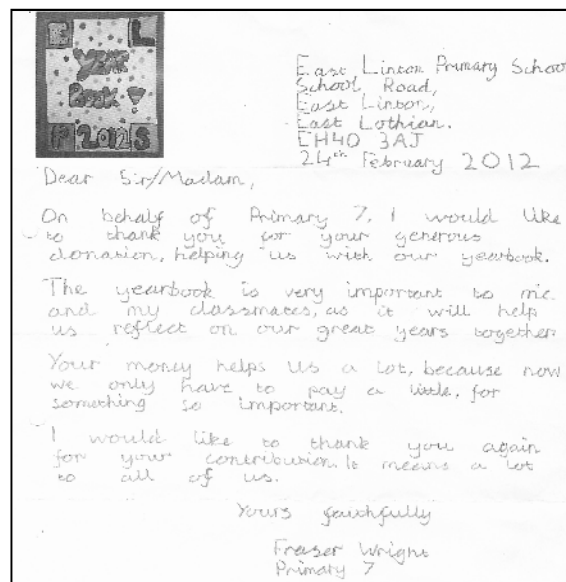
PC 4652E Kev Hughes Tel 01368 862718

Email Kevin.hughes@lbp.pnn.police.uk



P7 YEARBOOKS

DCC were delighted to be able to contribute towards the Primary 7 Yearbooks and pleased to receive the lovely letter from the class:



VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Judith Priest



Since the last edition of *Dunpender News* we have seen quite a few changes at the Community Council. Four long-standing members have retired: Jan Ferguson, Liz Kilpatrick, Janet Pooley and Bill Alder and we as a community should be very grateful to these people for the time and effort they have put in on our behalf.

Luckily new people have stepped into their shoes: Anne Pearson from Sunnyside, Shelagh Richards from Newbyth, Martin Strachan from Dunpender Rd and Jon Swift from Markle. Anne has taken on responsibility for our Paths network and Shelagh has picked up the production of *Dunpender News*.

We still need one more member from the Whitekirk/Tynninghame area. If you are keen to have a say in what goes on in your community, join us and you can make a difference. We meet from Sept to June on the first Thursday of the month.

I am also pleased to introduce the new Park Subcommittee the group, (John Armstrong, Liz Dorrian and Stephanie Scott) are focusing specifically on local community requirements for the park, read their article on page 4 and please help

them understand your needs by responding to their questionnaire.

In these current times of rising fuel costs it is useful for us all to look at the different ways we can save costs and help protect our environment. The Dunbar Sparewheels club offers a creative solution read about it on page 5 and let us know if you think we should have our own club in East Linton.

Last summer East Linton won the Silver gilt award again in the Beautiful Scotland competition, just four points away from Gold with our score improving every year. Whatever the prize, East Linton looks so much better than it did ten years ago and we look forward to the spring displays provided by the Horticultural Society. It will soon be time to start

growing on plants for this summer. Please help either by putting out your own window-box or tub or by offering to help with tidying and planting the flowerbeds. Tourism is now the biggest source of income for East Lothian and we rely on it to keep our businesses going. We can all do our bit by helping to keep our area looking its best even if that just means picking up the odd piece of litter and putting it in the nearest bin.

You can find out what we are doing and what goes on in Dunpender from our website www.eastlinton.uk.com by following us on twitter @DunpenderCC and our Minutes are also available in the Library.

Judith Priest

LOCAL PRIORITIES 2011/2012

East Lothian Council's Local Priorities Scheme is recognised nationally as leading practice and remains one of the most successful aspects of their partnership with local communities. The scheme provides the local communities the ability to use the funds to make local improvements either overlooked by the council or outside their remit.

Dunpender Community Council's budget for the financial year 2011/2012 amounts to nearly £7,200. the majority funding a new notice board at Whitekirk; printing and distribution of the *Dunpender News*; contribution to the annual Scotland in Bloom competition; and purchase of additional salt and litter bins for the area. We are also funding maintenance costs for the path from the Surgery to the rail footbridge. Other projects include donations to local organisations such as Carers of East Lothian; East Linton Community Choir, The Playgroup, and Primary 7 yearbooks. We also continue to fund the successful DCC's local area postcards (which are sold and money allocated to other Dunpender projects.)

A copy of our policy governing LPS awards is available from any of the councilors or on line www.eastlinton.uk.com

Whitekirk Notice Board	£1600
Dunpender News	£1000
Scotland in Bloom	£650
Christmas Lights 2011	£400
Salt Bins x 6	£420
E.Linton Surgery Path Maintenance	£400
E.Linton Playgroup Donation	£300
DCC Postcards	£265
Carers East Lothian	£200
Primary 7 Yearbook 2011	£120
East Linton Community Choir	£100

EAST LINTON PARK

Last year many people were unhappy that grants can be applied for at the felling of trees in the park, along to help enhance the area. Initially the avenue by the war memorial. This was stopped and no further felling took place and new trees were planted alongside the remaining existing trees. Following an open meeting with the ELC and Community Council a sub group of Dunpender Community Council was formed, called Park People. Initially the group will concentrate on a specific area, including the avenue (see map below). It is

the group want to consult with local people to find out their views regarding not only the avenue, but also how we might improve this part of the park.

There is a questionnaire within this newsletter. Further copies will also be available around the village. Completed questionnaires should be returned to one of two special post boxes in place from 24th March until

14th April; one will be in the East Linton Post Office and another on park railings near School Road.

If you are interested in what happens to your park, please look out for the questionnaire.

Park People

John Armstrong 01620 861103

Stephanie Scott 01620 861452

Elizabeth Dorian 01620 861991



Protecting Our Wildlife

Gavin recently moved from being a response officer to being one of the community beat officers based at Dunbar Police Station. He is getting used to walking and now cycling the area however the public may spot him in unexpected places. If you see him down by the river he's not skiving. It's likely he is looking for poachers.

Alongside his normal role he is also East Lothian's Police Wildlife and Environmental Crime Officer. This means he is the specialist who enquires into offences in relation to wildlife with the most common wildlife crimes in Lothian and Borders



being raptor persecution, fish and deer poaching, badger set disturbance and hare coursing.

Crime occurs in the East Linton area and he is requesting assistance from us in helping him deal with this. If you see suspicious behaviour such as a net across the river or persons with lurcher dogs walking through a stubble field then please phone the police. Never put yourself in harms way by approaching the suspects, but descriptions of people, clothing and vehicles (especially registration numbers) along with a specific location will assist his enquiries.

Gavin Ross PC4821E Tel. 01368 862718

Spare Wheels

Dunbar's transport club



With the rising cost of fuel it is becoming more expensive to keep a car on the road. For many people who drive less than 6000 miles a year they could

The cars can also be hired for longer periods, prices start from £125 per week plus cost of fuel. If anyone in the East Linton or outlying area would like to use the cars on a weekly or long-term hire, SpareWheels will help you get to Dunbar to collect the car by subsidizing a taxi fee up to £20 (£10 each way)

The cars are kept clean and in tiptop condition by a group of volunteers in Dunbar, while the booking and billing is handled by a national car sharing network called CommonWheels. SpareWheels members can book and drive any of nearly 100 CommonWheels cars around the country.

make savings by joining a car sharing scheme. There are currently 12 community car sharing schemes across Scotland.

To join Dunbar's SpareWheels or to find out more, call 0845 602 8030.

SpareWheels is a community-owned not-for-profit car sharing club based in Dunbar, launched in 2011 with funding from the Scottish Government. they have two cars available for hire in the town, a 7-seater Mazda and a Ford Fiesta, both of which are equipped with computers allowing members to book the cars online or over the phone. It costs £25 to join and cars are available from just £1.04 per hour, plus fuel.

If you like the idea of a community car sharing club and think we should have one based in East Linton then register your interest by letting your local DCC member know or contact us via the East Linton Website www.eastlinton.uk.com

Friends of John Muir Country Park

The second Friends of John Muir Country Park work day, which took place at the end of January, went really well. The Friends spent the day taking out old fencing from the edge of the wood near



the Tyne Estuary. The winds were very strong but it stayed dry and the group managed to remove most of the old fencing posts and wire, which was brilliant!

The new voluntary group is being led by the site Ranger Tara Sykes and the Coastal Communities Project Coordinator Katy Green. It is a hands-on group that undertakes practical tasks around the site and in the future will also carry out ecological monitoring.

The Friends group has been established for 2 months now and is gathering much interest. If you would like to come a long to one of the work days, or if you would like any more information please contact Katy Green on kgreen2@eastlothian.gov.uk

The friends meet on the last Saturday of the Month the next meeting will be on Saturday 24th March where they will be carrying out a beach clean beneath the clifftop trail starting at the old pool in Dunbar.

Scotland In Bloom

Ten years on from managing our first entry into Scotland in Bloom on behalf of East Linton, it is interesting to look back at the photographic record especially as the spring flowers appear. The Square will shortly be a mass of colour from hyacinth, daffodils and some tulips, all planted by Society members. The path to the Kirk door again has tete a tete daffodils and crocus "Remembrance" in bloom which were planted at least five years ago. The new flower bed at the graveyard car park is beginning to mature and is now showing its potential for April colour. In the next few weeks, new plantings of daffodils and Crocus "Remembrance" on either side of Phantassie lay-by should flower for their first season.

The work of the Society has concentrated on promoting interest in horticulture since it was formed in 1859. Later this year, we have the opportunity to have a special study on the link between horticulture and the paintings of the Impressionists like Monet and make the link with Robert Noble of East Linton. Work is also about to begin to improve the landscape opposite the Community Hall. We are not short of ideas and plants for summer displays will start to arrive in April. However, all organisations need new supporters if they are to survive and after ten years, some of our supporters have new challenges when their circumstances change. So if you feel you can contribute to this activity, you will be most welcome.

David Affleck.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Our new community choir began in October 2011 and was started by Lorraine Cormack who after taking early retirement as Principal Teacher of music in Dalkeith for 35 years, moved to East Linton in 2010. The inception of the choir was to offer local people the means to sing together and have fun.

The choir is open to anyone in the community over High School age and initially after 13 members in the first week, it has grown tremendously to over 30 members now.

The choir's very first performance was at the Christmas market where they sang a variety of popular Christmas songs and received great support from the community.

It recently took part in East Linton's Panto/Variety show and performed four performances of popular music numbers. For some members, this was their first ever performance on a stage!

The choir are looking forward to their first concert on **March 30th** in

the **Community Hall** which

will also include so-lo duets, groups as well as some talented local instrumentalists. All the music is light-hearted and popular and the funds raised will go towards sound equipment for the choir.

Anyone wishing to join the choir should contact Lorraine at lmcormack@btinternet.com



Playtime

The importance of play in children's learning and development is well understood by East Linton Playgroup where each child is encouraged and supported with appropriate stimulating activity in a safe, secure, healthy environment. Earlier this year they celebrated 'Rabbie Burns' with Scottish music. The group is held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in term time. Children from 2 years are accepted. As a registered charity they rely mainly on fundraising and Dunpender Community Council were pleased to be able to give the group support with a grant recently. For more information please see www.eastlintonplaygroup.co.uk or contact Fiona Byrnes on 01620 860016.

East Linton Gala 2012

*Due to the vagaries of our glorious Scottish climate 2011 was a memorable year for the East Linton Gala. The day itself was pretty much a wash out and sadly many of the activities on the day had to be cancelled. However the committee worked hard to recover funds lost due to the inclement weather and are grateful to everyone for supporting our various fundraising events. 'Party in the Park' held in August had a superb turn out. Due to the positive feedback a repeat party will be held on **18th August** this year, only bigger and better. Both The Burns Ceilidh and the Halloween disco held earlier this year were huge successes helping us to secure enough funds to ensure the 2012 Gala will go ahead. Events will be kicked off with a **'Gala Court selection evening'** on the **21st April** where wine and nibbles will be available and the 2012 Gala court and theme will be announced. We are also planning a new event for*



gala week, this time as a treat for the adults. The Gala Summer Ball will be held in the Community hall at the end of the week to finish off the celebrations with a bang.

*A huge thank you to all the volunteers who step up each year helping with these events. We can never have enough volunteers, so if you can spare just half an hour of your time either in preparing for Gala or on the day itself, this year on **June 9th** please email Dave on taffy1974@gmail.com, phone 01620861002 or speak to a member of the committee.*

Finally, a massive thank you to Sheena who has retired from the committee. Sheena has been working hard for many years and can only be described as the soul of Gala. She will be sorely missed.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Court selection evening to start the countdown to this year's big day in East Linton.

East Linton Arts and Crafts

Saturday 25th of August may seem to be a long way away but that is the date for this year's East Linton Arts Crafts and Flower Show. The Show is held in the community hall and is now one of East Lothian's premier shows.

The beauty is anyone can participate and this is the perfect time for planning your prize winning exhibits, there is a class to suit everyone.

Don't be shy, even if you are unsure there are plenty there to assist and. All you need to do is pick up the new 2012 Show Schedule and join in the fun.

Schedules are available from Votadini coffee shop High Street and Wilma Wilson 01620860640.

They will also be available at the plant sale on the **13th May in the Community Hall.**

If you can offer us support in some way or could help us setting up the hall please do come along. **Otherwise we look forward to seeing you on the 25th August.**

Its YOUR library –Use it or Lose it!

It's been a busy year for the library with a variety of events, a great children's Summer Reading Challenge, wonderful Bea Ferguson Storytelling evening and the superb "Annual" St. Andrew's Day Event with "local celebrities" taking a turn to entertain (see photo). Various events are planned for 2012 including the 5-12yrs + Teen Summer Reading Challenge with all the Junior stock categorised. Accelerated Reading and Bookbug and Storytime sessions will be every week starting in April. Although the Library is closed every Wednesday they are now open on Tuesday morning in addition to their usual opening hours. They provide a wide range of books, free computer access, Bus Pass application forms and adult and

junior new DVDs for renting at a nominal charge. Their monthly Adult Book Group is proving very popular.

Carol, Heather and Lorna are always pleased to see you - your support is essential and "Use us or Lose us" is their motto!



The Odd Couple!

Following the sell-out success of the recent pantomime, The East Linton Drama Club are looking forward to their next production a Play on **18th and 19th of May.**

This year it is to be the stage adaptation of the famous film "The Odd Couple" which

starred Jack Lemon and Walter Matthau, set in the sixties. It will be performed for two nights, and will be accompanied by a light supper and bar.

They club are always on the lookout for new people to join them, either as actors, or in any other capacity. If you are interested please contact Maureen Black (chair) 01620 86132.



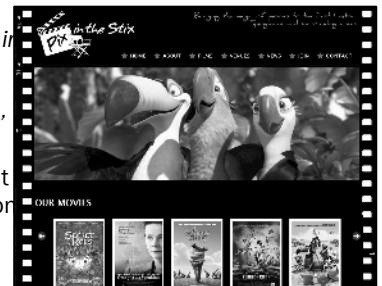
Top Flicks for Stix

You may have heard of 'Pix in the Stix' - your local community cinema. Well, so has the rest of the UK. 'Pix' won the best new local community cinema award at this years British Federation of Film Society's award ceremony.

Following on from this season, 'Pix' is pleased to bring another programme of film nights. There is a great new line up for everyone. Teenage and kids flicks will be in East Linton and adult flicks in Tynninghame. Expect the programme to include everything from 'The Muppets' to 'The Artist'.

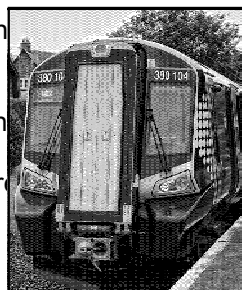
All information about the films can be found on the 'Pix' great new website: www.pixinthestix.org.uk. The website shows dates and trailers for all the films, so take a sneak preview!

If you are not cyber inclined you will find the leaflet around East Linton in most shops and the Library.



Fight For Train Service Continues

On Tuesday 28th February, Keith Brown MSP and Minister for Transport at Holyrood, visited East Linton, he was welcomed to by Paul McLennan, the East Lothian Council Leader and RAGES member. Along with Paul, there was a large contingent gathered to support the need for the local service and a re-opened station, comprising: East Lothian MSP, Iain Gray; East Lothian council staff and their photographer; Dunpender Community Council; SEStran; and RAGES committee members. During the visit, the Minister was enthusiastic and listened attentively to our aims. He certainly was left in no doubt about the support he had seen and heard that afternoon.



East Linton Art group

The group are enthusiastic artists who meet in East Linton Community Hall every Monday, 1-4 p.m. They are an untutored group with a variety of skills, they are more than pleased to share years of experience with new members. Artists of all levels are very welcome including beginners, and in any media. The group was founded in 1989 by Agnes Wilkinson, Anne Craik and Sheila Wilson. The original eight members met in the Scout Hall, and since then the group has grown to over 25 members.

The annual exhibition will be held from **27 – 29 April in the Community Hall**, and they are currently exhibiting in the tearoom at Smeaton Nursery and other galleries in the Lothians and Borders.

If you would like to find out more about the group please contact Lorna Shearer on 01620 861 864.

What's happening in the area soon.

Airshow 12

Saturday, July 28th

Museum of Flight

Scotland's National Airshow is a thrilling day of air displays, military jets, historic war birds, aerobatics, motor-cycle stunts and family activities.

Visit www.nms.ac.uk/flight for full details and prices or call **0300 123 6789** or in person at any National Museum of Scotland.

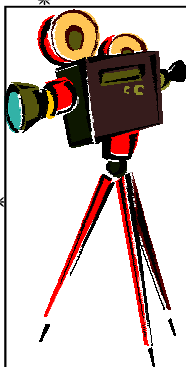


Pix In The Stix

Date	Venue	Time	FILM
5th May	TVH	7:30pm	Warhorse
25th May	ELCH	5:30pm	Puss in Boots
15th June	ELCH	5:30pm	Kung Fu Panda 2
15th June	TVH	7:30pm	The Woman in Black
14th July	TVH	7:30pm	The Artist
20th July	ELCH	5:30pm	The Muppets
11th Aug	TVH	7:30pm	The Help
31st Aug	ELCH	5:30pm	Pirates
31st Aug	ELCH	7:30pm	Chronicle

TVH = Tynninghame Village Hall

ELCH = East Linton Community Hall



East Linton Drama Club
present

"The Odd Couple"

18th - 19th May 2012

Venue East Linton Community Hall

East Linton Gala Events

A series of Gala Events will be held over the summer, watch out in the local shops for an update.

Gala Court Selection Night 21st April

Gala Day 9th June

Party in The Park 18th August



Antiques and Bric-a-Brac Fair

East Linton
Community Hall

Fair Dates for 2012 (Sundays)

March 25th, April 29th, May 27th, June 24th,
September 30th, October 28th, November 25th
10 am - 3.30pm

For information telephone 01368 830 875

EAST LINTON ART EXHIBITION

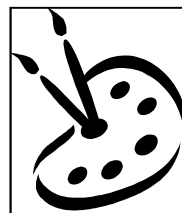
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Are you interested in helping with this year's exhibition?

Lots of little jobs (making tea) and big jobs (hanging pictures)

We have a lot of fun and we want YOU to join us.

Contact Lillian Slark on 861600



East Linton Art Group Annual Exhibition 27 - 29
April Community Hall.

Painting Sheila Wilson



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