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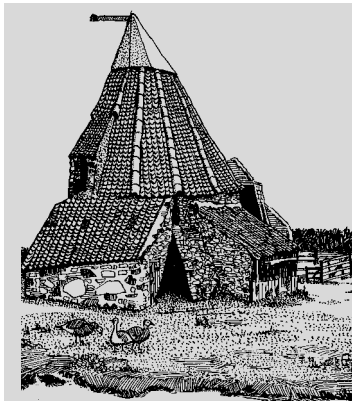


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## 'Old Road' given new look

DCC has funded a dramatic facelift to the east end of the 'old road' (East Linton to Markle path). The right of way to Markle was cleared of 40 cubic metres of waste.

Overgrown hedges and trees were trimmed and swathes of nettles were removed to provide walkers and cyclists with a wide and attractive path. It is now hoped that mud will be kept to a minimum during the wetter months.

With the local wildlife in mind, four piles of loose twigs and leaves have been left to provide habitats for small creatures like hedgehogs and voles. In turn this will help sustain the barn owls that are often seen hunting along the railway embankment.

An environmentally friendly weed killer has been sprayed over the area and further strimming of the path will take place during spring and summer.

The work was carried out by local company Marche Hare. Enquiries: 861815



Old Markle Road

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
.... see pages 4-5



## 1st East Linton Scout Group - we need you!

We urgently need volunteers to help run our enthusiastic, fun-loving Cubs and Scouts. We have postponed the start date of Scouts to give us time to find someone but if we're not successful, Scouts will not continue in East Linton.

Please think about helping us out for a few hours each week and give something back to your community – it is fun, honest!

Contact Kay Henderson on 01620 860074 for more information.



East Linton's New Football Club  
receives Community Council Cash. Read more inside...



Judith Priest Chairman, DCC

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

The recent glorious autumn weather has tempted people out for a walk and it's really pleasing to see so many groups of walkers enjoying the John Muir Way and our other paths. Weeds were again a problem this summer so we have decided to pay from our own funds to clear them, starting with the Markle path.

Our villages are looking very attractive these days with colourful gardens, tubs and window boxes full of flowers this summer thanks to individual efforts and the work of volunteers in the Keep Scotland Beautiful group.

A major achievement this summer has been to have the Fountain in East Linton Square painted and repaired so that the lights are lit for the first time in years. Also, the lights have been fixed on Jessie the clock.

New signs have been ordered for the entrances to East Linton featuring the town crest which was designed over a century ago by the artist Robert Noble.

One of the reasons we all enjoy living in the Dunspeir area is the beauty and peace of its rural setting. In our view some recent planning applications pose a threat to this and we shall continue to oppose this type of development. The Local Plan has identified land at Orchardfield for 50 new houses and DCC feels that this is the right place for housing – in a settlement where there is already a bus service, school, shops and other amenities. We shall do our best to ensure a good mix of affordable housing here, built in a style which fits our area.

Our new East Lothian Council has so far proved to be very responsive to the views of communities and our councillors have pursued a number of issues with great energy! The new administration intends to devolve more decision-making to local communities so it is very important that we hear from you. Get in touch by phone or email or through our website [www.dunspender.net](http://www.dunspender.net). and we shall do our best to keep everyone informed through the website, Dunspeir News and our slot in the Advertiser.

The Community Council meets at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month, except in July and August, in East Linton Council Chambers. Minutes of our meetings are available in the Library or online at [www.dunspender.net](http://www.dunspender.net)

Judith Priest, Chairman

## LOCAL PRIORITIES 2007-08

This year our allocated budget has shrunk to £4320, and there is again a stipulation that monies should be spent during the current financial year. As we have discovered this makes planning more complicated projects very difficult. Having completed much work in the area, often in conjunction with ELC we are restricting our commitment to small scale items or projects already in the pipeline. So far we are committed to:

- Money to the Playgroup to help comply with new regulations
- Donation to the fund to resurface and upgrade the carpark at Prestonkirk Stables
- Distributing the new East Linton tourist leaflet.
- Plants and materials for Scotland in Bloom campaign
- Printing the two Dunspeir Newsletters
- Renewing and erecting Christmas Lights in East Linton and Whitekirk
- Working with ELC to finalise the renewal of street furniture in East Linton with better signposting and completing the erection of new lights
- We are putting seedcorn money aside for two more long term projects: a better East Linton and District Visitor Website and a fund to help with our Council obligations under the new guidelines to be enacted in 2008 concerning Community Involvement in the Planning Process.

We welcome requests and suggestions from residents. A copy of our Policy governing LPS awards is available from any of us or online @[dunspender.net](mailto:dunspender.net)



## POTHoles AND STREETLIGHT DEFECTS

A reminder that a call to Clarence on Freephone 0800 23 23 23 will immediately log any problems for the attention of East Lothian Council. Also call Clarence for public transport enquiries.

## Whitekirk Planning Update

Back in June the plans to develop the Golf Club at Whitekirk to include a 100 bedroom hotel, 50 new houses and 21 holiday chalets, were rejected by the Council's Planning Committee. Whitekirk Developments Ltd is now working on plans to submit a new outline application in December. This plans to reposition the 100 bedroom hotel and build a new clubhouse. The Developers are requesting 42 houses as enabling development which will be located on the west side of the present golf course. The new parkland course and holiday chalets remain, as per the previous application. A strip of land will be allocated to the village of Whitekirk, to include a children's play park. Both the chalet and new housing developments will also feature play parks.

Your comments on the plans and application would be welcomed, so do visit Whitekirk golf course to view the proposal, contact Robin Tuer on 07711 841921, and contact any Community Councillor (see page 8) to give us your feedback.

## Floral Art

Congratulations once again to Maureen Cuthill who won the Dunspeir Community Council's prize for Floral Art at the East Linton Arts, Crafts and Flower Show Society event in August. Maureen, from Gladsmuir, is the Chairperson of her local Community Council and takes the prize for the second year in succession.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### New East Linton Football Club receives £250 from Dunpender Community Council

John Baptie is 26 years old and works by day at Sherriffs in Haddington. His other life is as Secretary of East Linton's new Football Club, now part of the Edinburgh & Lothian League. The team should soon be able to practise in East Linton, as we are endeavouring to restore the floodlights. In the meantime, DCC has offered to help pay the players' costs of hiring floodlit pitches in Haddington and Meadowmill for their winter practice sessions. We wish them every success!

Some facts from this new team are:

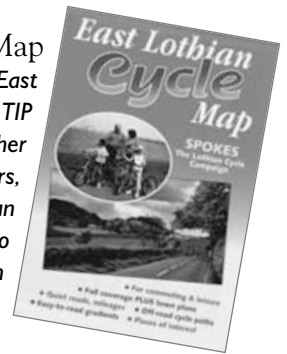
- 23 signed up members of the club already, with Calum White as Captain
- youngest member is Grant Thomson of East Linton at 17 years
- oldest member is Paul Melrose of East Linton at 35 years
- at least 90 spectators turned out for their first home game!

The team sends heartfelt thanks to many supporters, including:

- Andy Grant, the Club's Coach and Manager, who once played for the village himself.
- Local businesses, which have entered a prize draw to have their logo on tops and t-shirts
- The Bowling Club, for providing great snacks and drinks for the team after their games

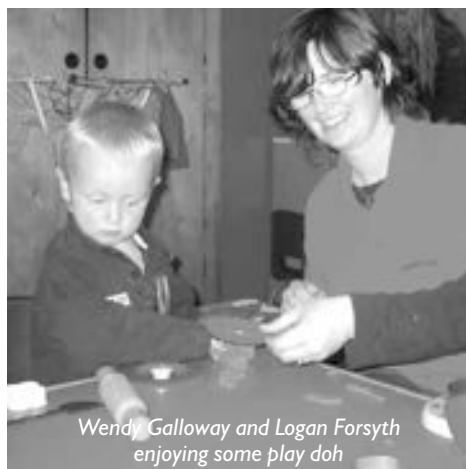
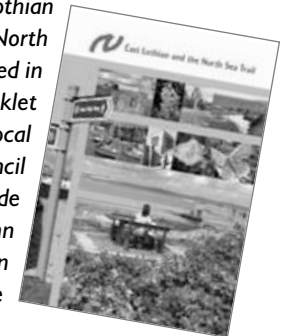
Anyone over 16 yrs is welcome to attend the Club's practice sessions, which are currently held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Contact John, on 07900 636967, for more information.

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(Votadini) and other  
local retailers,  
this map is an  
excellent guide to  
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East Lothian  
(price £4.95)



### The North Sea Trail

The East Lothian section of the North Sea trail is featured in a new free booklet available from local libraries and council offices. The guide features the John Muir Way and is an invaluable guide for walkers.



Wendy Galloway and Logan Forsyth enjoying some play doh

### Fun at the Playgroup

Wendy Galloway is the enthusiastic Play Leader who runs our Playgroup, which takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.15-11.15am at the Community Hall. Most of the children having fun there are 2-3 years old and come not just from the village but from Dunbar and Haddington too. It is a structured morning of learning through play – there is an enclosed garden for fresh air, lots of highly popular messy play and a healthy snack to keep energy levels up. A maximum of 20 little ones are closely supervised by Wendy and her Play Assistants and there are spaces available, so please call her on 01620 861217 for information.

### Keep Scotland Beautiful 2007

The **four thistle award** of 70 to 79 points range out of 100 points to East Linton in this year's keen competition for the large village class (1000 to 2500 population), was a significant achievement. Although not an easy year, with weeds resisting treatment by the Council after it rained, the low profile work helped to pick up extra points. For example, the ten troughs at the Bridge and Station Road newly planted up for display next Spring have been filled with compost recycled from the thirty hanging basket displays of 2006 as we try to "reduce, recycle and care for the environment." The judges had the chance to talk to the primary school children and the East Linton Guides about their contributions, as well as assessing the personal efforts of so many of our residents and traders to Bring Colour to East Linton. So for the sixth year, we have taken part in an event that promotes East Linton and enables us to have floral displays that enhance our environment throughout the year. If you would like to offer help with practical tasks as part of the project team, please phone 01620 860694 to find out more.

David Affleck.

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# REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



*less waste is now  
being dumped in landfill*



*Kerbside collections*

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

### The reality

Scientists now agree that Global warming is a reality and that action needs to be taken to ensure that we take much more care of the planet. Modern lifestyles are dangerously damaging the environment. Recycling your rubbish is one way you can start to make a change and recycling is now becoming much easier thanks to initiatives by East Lothian Council.

### Recycling

Tom Reid is the Principal Waste Services Officer at East Lothian Council. He explained that the level of recycling has risen dramatically. "Just 5 years ago East Lothian was only recycling about 4% of our waste. This figure has now risen to 33% and is continuing to increase." Tom explained that so much more of our rubbish can now be recycled and that the council are continuing to look at other areas to reduce the amount that goes into landfill each year. Projects to make recycling easier have meant that we have to travel less distance to deposit our waste and many households now have kerbside collections of glass, plastic bottles, cans and paper.

## East Linton Environmental Garden

East Linton Primary School Eco Schools Committee has just secured funding from Viridor Credits – Scotland (landfill tax funds) to support the implementation of an environmental garden located in the school grounds. The design introduces a variety of habitats from dry stone walling to marshland and uses plant species supportive of wildlife. The garden will be available for use by the whole community and not just the school.

*Liz Dorrian*

## Furniture Recycling

East Lothian Voluntary Organisations Network (ELVON) is an independent voluntary organisation partially funded by East Lothian Council. It runs a project to recycle good quality second hand furniture and domestic appliances and white goods. It tests and repairs items in its workshop and distributes them to East Lothian families in need. In addition some refurbished items are sold and the revenue is invested back into the project.

If you would like items uplifted or more information and opening times call 01875 615891/615797. The warehouse can be visited at Unit 12a, Macmerry Industrial Estate, Macmerry EH33 1RD. Visit [www.recyclingfirst.freeuk.com](http://www.recyclingfirst.freeuk.com)



*Recycling bins behind the co-op*

# REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

## Drinks Carton Recycling – it's new!

The recycling centres have just started a trial to collect cartons (Tetra-paks). Tetra-pak cartons are made of about 80% very high-grade paper, covered with polyethylene waterproofing and sometimes an aluminium lining to give extra product life. They are very good for holding and preserving fluids, they are light and they stack easily which makes transportation more cost effective. However for a long time they've not been able to be recycled.

Fettykil Mills in Fife is now set up to separate out and recycle the paper fibre. They are looking at ways to get the plastic and aluminium recycled, too. Baled cartons are dropped into a pulping machine and within 15 minutes the fibre has been separated from the other materials. The recovered pulp is of high value to the mill because of the strong fibres. It is then used in the manufacture of new paper products that require strength, such as carrier bags.

For any further information contact East Lothian Council  
Waste Services Recycling Helpline 827215  
letsnotwaste@eastlothian.gov.uk



Recycling cartons



Dougie Cameron at North Berwick Recycling Centre

## Recycling in East Lothian

Waste	Where does it go?	What can it be used as?
Glass*†	Blackburn Macglass in Dalkeith	Mixed glass from kerbside boxes goes into the construction industry and is used as a road surfacing medium as well as filtration material. Separated glass from the large bins at collection sites goes straight back into the glass recycling industry.
Paper*	Kent	New paper.
Plastics*	Blackburn	Products such as fleeces, recycling boxes, composters, watering cans and filling material for winter jackets.
Cardboard	Scotland	New cardboard products and packaging material.
Cans*†	Alcan in Warrington (Aluminium) and Corus in South Wales (Steel)	Aluminium cans are made into new cans. Steel cans may be made into all sorts of steel products such as engine parts as well as new cans.
Cooking Oil	A M Morrison, Musselburgh	Biodiesel.
Textiles and Shoes	Salvation Army or Nathan's Wastesavers, Denny, Stirlingshire	Clothes and shoes are reused if they can be and may be sent around the world. Unwearable items can be used to make wiping and polishing cloths or as mattress and furniture fillings.
Drink Cartons	Fettykil Mills in Fife	New strong paper products e.g. carrier bags.
Scrap Metal	Hunters in Edinburgh	Melted down and reused.
Chemicals	Macmerry, East Lothian and Paisley	Decontaminated.

\*Kerbside collections †local recycling bins

All other waste can be recycled at the main recycling centres in Dunbar and North Berwick. These sites also recycle timber, carpets, mattresses, sofas, TVs and PCs, rubble, gas cylinders, old spectacles, mobile phones, and all types of batteries.

## Dem Bins, Dem Brown Bins

Back in June 2005 Dunpender News featured Forth Resource Management based at Seacliffe who are recycling the garden waste in the brown bins.

Their compost is now Composting Association Certified and is available to purchase in East Linton at both Stewart Stenhouse and Smeaton Nurseries.



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East Linton Carers enjoying coffee at the Lynton Centre

Kathleen Jack and Anne Stewart run the East Linton Carers' Group, which is part of the vibrant and developing Carers of East Lothian. This friendly, informal group always welcomes carers of any age who need support, information and direction to help them in their caring role. Many people who spend time looking after someone else don't realise that they have entitlements and rights – East Linton Carers can help with form filling, community care referrals, respite care and even free IT training.

However, the group does not just offer practical support. It is so important that carers receive care and emotional support themselves, and the East Linton Group meets once a month in the Lynton Centre for coffee, biscuits, advice, support and good conversation (and an eagerly anticipated Christmas lunch at the Linton Hotel!)

Do contact Kathleen Jack at Carers of East Lothian on 0131 665 0135 for more information.

### Pensioners comfortable in their new home

The East Linton branch of the Scottish Pensioners' Association has settled comfortably into their new home at the Community Hall which has full facilities for disabled people. The group is pleased to see many new people joining this autumn and now has over 50 members.

Meetings are usually at 7pm on the first Friday of the month and a full programme is planned through to next June. The Christmas party will be held at the Bowling Club on 18th December and on 11th January our MSP Iain Gray will be the guest speaker followed by the popular Burns Supper on 6th February.

New faces are always most welcome.

For more information contact the secretary Mrs Ella Bell on 01620 860766

### SWRI scoops top prizes

Prestonkirk SWRI, which meets on the third Thursday of the month at East Linton Community Hall, took top prizes at the 2007 East Lothian Federation SWRI show this autumn including bringing home the Cup for most points in the show for the first time in 39 years! Talented members put in no less than 75 entries to the show and picked up a total of four trophies. However, even if you can't sew and hate baking, the 'Rurals' meetings are very sociable and draw guest speakers from a wide range of subjects. The upcoming programme includes talks on working in medicine in Uganda and the architecture of East Linton. If you'd like to join this very active group call secretary Lyn Meisky on 861 327.

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

### The Lynton Centre celebrates 5 years

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the Lynton Centre, next to East Linton's Library, is a regular social hub for older people. They often walk down, drop in for a coffee or meet friends for lunch (pre-booking definitely required!), and perhaps stay for afternoon activities, which can range from dominoes or mobile cinema to violin recitals.

Having celebrated its 5th birthday, the Lynton Centre is now looking forward to the Christmas season, with a visit to the Kings Theatre in Edinburgh as a highlight.

If you think that you would enjoy these activities, then you are welcome to drop in for a coffee and a chat on a Mon/Wed/Friday morning.

Steph and Magreit, who run the Centre with their team of energetic and friendly volunteers, would always like to expand their list of regular helpers. They are keen to stress that a flexible commitment of just two hours, once a month, is all they are looking for. There's a great atmosphere, it's a good way to meet some longstanding residents – and it can be a good springboard for people looking to ease back into work. Do call the Centre on 861807, preferably between 10am and 12 noon, before the lunchtime rush, for further information.

Alex Alexander (97) of Drylaw Terrace



Committee members Joyce Fisher and Eddie Samuel with Steph Harrison (centre)



### Notes from the Beat

It's that time of year again when the dark nights are upon us. I would like everyone who cycles to ensure they are well lit whilst 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 ongoing parking issue with people parking their vehicles on pavements. Can I remind drivers that it is not only a criminal offence to do so, but it also puts pedestrians needlessly in danger. Please park carefully and consider other road users and pedestrians.

From 14th September to 27th October, as part of a multi agency approach to solving community related problems, high visibility patrols were made in the Dunbar High Street area. This resulted in a huge decrease in Anti Social Behaviour related calls to Police. The problem was identified after a Community and Police Partnership meeting. This meeting will take place on a monthly basis. If you think a community problem needs addressing please contact the Dunder Community Council who will have dates of the next meeting and will be able to raise any issue with your local Community Beat Officers.

PC Kevin Hughes



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# WINTER WHAT'S ON



## East Linton Gala Association

### Family Ceilidh

Saturday, 1st December, 6.30 for 7.00pm  
in the Community Hall.  
Tickets available now from Anderson's  
and the Post Office.

## Museum of Flight

### Supersonic Christmas

Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd December,  
12.00 – 4.00pm  
Children will meet Santa on-board his  
plane, enjoy festive workshops and  
activities and take home a present.  
Booking essential  
phone 897240  
(Children £5, Adult entry included  
in admission charge)

## Scottish Seabird Centre

### Birdwatching Group visit Tynninghame Park

10am - Sunday 2nd December 2007  
The Birdwatching Group join Edinburgh  
RSPB at Tynninghame Park at Lime Tree  
Walk. Meet at the Tynninghame car park at  
the end of Lime Tree Walk. Contact Eppie  
Sweeney. 0131 445 4379. Free event.

## East Linton Community Hall

Saturday morning classes:

### Funky Aerobics:

9-10am (just pay at the door)

### Real Pilates:

10-11am

For spaces, please contact  
Nicola on 07939 223682

## East Linton Drama Group PANTO

### Cinderella

at the Community Hall  
on  
Jan 31st, Feb 1st and Feb 2nd  
(matinee and evening)  
Tickets will be available from  
the Post Office or through the  
Drama Group from mid-Jan, and are  
expected to sell fast!

Dunbar Grammar School's  
production of

### The Importance of Being Ernest

by Oscar Wilde  
Community Hall, East Linton  
Saturday, 15th March 2008  
(see posters nearer the time for  
ticket details)

## East Linton

### Antiques and Bric-a-Brac Fairs

Community Hall, East Linton  
25th November   
24th February   
30th March  
27th April  
25th May  
29th June

For details and to book a table  
contact Jill McPherson 860592

### East Lothian Walking Festival

18th – 20th April 2008  
Contact Robert Russel  
for more details  
860702



## Christmas Services

### Tynninghame and Whitekirk

Sunday 23 December 11.30 am  
Candlelight Service of Six Readings and Carols  
Monday 24 December 11.30 pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Watchnight Service  
Tuesday 25 December 11.00 am  
Worship for Christmas Day  
with the Celebration of Holy Communion by Candlelight.

### Prestonkirk

Christmas Day Service at 10 am  
See Church Noticeboards for other Christmas Services