

# DUNPENDER NEWS



Gala Queen, Elen Averis

## PEDAL POWERED PC

Leading the East Linton Gala this year was PC Kevin Hughes on his new bicycle. Funded by local community councils, including Dunpender, the new cycling PC has already clocked up 400 miles. "It is so much better than being stuck in the car," commented Kevin, "It's great!". The funding included all weather clothing, a high impact helmet and top quality lighting so nothing should stop this policeman getting to the crime. PC Hughes can now move around faster and travel much further than on foot, while still being approachable and easy to talk to. He's been learning some advanced bike manoeuvres too including, as pictured, cycling down steps in Dunbar!



PC Hughes on his new bike (Photo: East Lothian Life)

Rebecca Davidson & Tamsin



## A BRUSH WITH FAME FOR JAMES SANDIE & SON

In April, Sandie's was awarded the title of Scottish Decorator of the Year by the Scottish Decorators' Federation. The family business, founded in 1868, was one of ten nominated for the top award, and was judged on a recent decorating project it carried out on an eight-storey house in Edinburgh. In a proud moment for the company, brothers Murray and Colin Stewart were presented with an engraved crystal bowl trophy.



Stories Park Path

## Gala News Inside

### NEW LOOK

Dunpender Community Council has taken over the full production of our newsletter from East Lothian Council. We hope you like the result. Your suggestions and comments would be greatly valued.

## Another Footpath Improved!

Last year, DCC obtained planning permission for the repair of the riverside path at Stories Park. This repair work has been carried out and the result is a really super short walk along the River Tyne, from the bottom of Stories Park along to the Linn Falls. It meanders along through the trees, alongside the river and, at this lush time of year in particular, makes a beautifully peaceful stroll.



Scottish Decorators of the year!

## Dunpender Community Council

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Tel 860786

### Meetings

First Thursday of every month  
(except July and August)  
7.30pm  
Council Chambers, East Linton

## MEET A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR PATRICIA STEPHEN

Born and brought up in East Linton, Patricia Stephen is a well known member of the local community. She runs the very successful Phantassie Organic Vegetable box business which, as well as providing veg-boxes in the local area, has now expanded to offer a local food market to Edinburgh residents called Earthy Foods & Goods.

Patricia left East Linton in her teens to go to University in Kent and study History and Politics. This was a time when students didn't know the meaning of the word "apathy" and Patricia was actively involved in University life. She chaired the Radical Women's

Group and having realised that the best way to encourage students to protest was to feed them good food, helped to facilitate the most successful ever sit-in the University had ever seen!

Patricia showed early entrepreneurial promise as soon as she left University by starting her own whole food business when most of the country was still eating "Smash", "Vesta Curry" and "Angel Delight"! Importing wholegrain rice from Italy and bringing Thai food across from Holland the people of Canterbury must have been very bemused. It was however a great success, selling wholesale and retail and quickly became an established business with several branches.

Moving back to East Linton, and bringing her new partner Ralph with her, Patricia started growing organic vegetables at Phantassie over 10 years ago. Fitting motherhood around starting a business is never easy but Patricia seems to thrive on a challenge. The business also became a member of WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) with Patricia welcoming many visitors from around the world to help out on the East Linton site.

Patricia joined the community council around the same time she was setting up her business. She felt she had something to offer; her retail experience had given her an insight into the bureaucracy of local government, she knew the area and she was an active A1 campaigner. Now an invaluable member of the council, and an expert on local planning matters, Patricia's contribution is extensive. How she fits everything in is a wonder, but then I get the impression that Patricia relishes the challenge!



## LOCAL PRIORITIES 2008-2009

We enter the new budgetary year with little or no overhang from the last as most projects now have to be completed within the time span of the ELC annual budget. All last year's projects were carried through. This year's Budget is £4370.

So far we are committed to:

- Helping upgrade the heating in the Community Hall in East Linton
- Providing Planters in Tynninghame and ivy clearance in Whittingehame
- Encouraging the Scotland in Bloom team with money for plants
- Match funding ELC to provide CCTV at the Sports Pavilion to combat mindless vandalism
- Providing Hampden quality floodlights (we hope!) for our newly fledged football team.
- Publishing printing and distributing the Dunpender News and Dunpender tourist leaflet
- Continuing to work at more permanent Christmas Lights in East Linton and Whitekirk as the regulations surrounding their erection get more onerous.

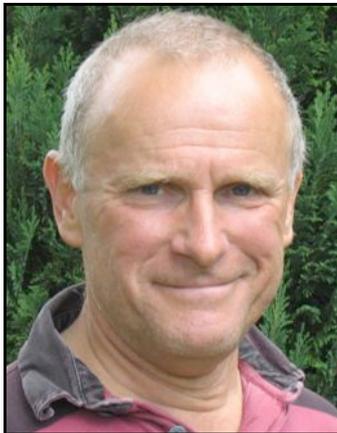
Following a constituent suggestion we are looking at commissioning a series of Dunpender Postcards for local sale and promotion rather than repeating the tourist leaflet. Any input on this would be appreciated.

We welcome all requests and suggestions from residents. A copy of our Policy governing LPS awards is available from any of us or at [www.dunpender.net](http://www.dunpender.net)

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Judith Priest



Ted Hill



New Village Signs at Last!

### Elections

Community Council elections were held in April and Dunderpender CC was formed without contest. All our Community Councillors opted for re-election except for Janet Boyd from Tynninghame who has retired due to other commitments. That position has now been taken by Ted Hill from Lochhouses and I'm sure that he will be a capable and enthusiastic councillor. I've remained in the chair, Bill Alder is still Secretary, John Robson remains Treasurer but Patricia Stephen has stepped down as Vice-chairman, this post now being held by Janet Pooley.

### Community Projects

When I first became chairman in 2001 we wrote a strategy, helped by a survey of residents, which was aimed at bringing more visitors to the Dunderpender area in a bid to keep our businesses going. Since then we have worked our way through the list, funding and managing projects to improve the appearance of East Linton and the amenities on offer throughout the area. As we got more ambitious, new ideas were added but we are now not far off finishing the original list. A lot of money has been spent here and it shows.

### Footpaths

Since Christmas the new path along the river at Storie's Park has been finished, just in time as the old path has fallen into the river in two places. Some new bushes will be planted there and we've already had requests for the path to continue on round to Preston Road so we'll be looking into that. The path at St Baldred's well has had new gravel put on it and signs ordered for the Markle path. A bench has been ordered for a pleasant spot above Knowes ford.

Weeds and undergrowth have been cleared from beside the footbridge at East Linton Surgery, lighting is also being installed there and the footbridge is to be painted sometime this year. We're still trying to have the main bridge painted - a grey, ugly eyesore right at the entrance to our main street!

### Village Signs

Work has been done at the west entrance to East Linton where the turn-off from A199 is not easily seen after dark. Lighting, signing and road marking work should help make this safer. We have finally had new entrance signs installed and very smart they look too - even though it took three attempts to get the wording on the banner right - 'Beautiful Scotland Award Winners'.

### Beautiful Scotland

East Linton will be entering the Beautiful Scotland competition again this summer as it more or less sums up a lot of the work we have been trying to do here in the last seven years. We have two new flowerbeds, one at the Park and one at Mill Wynd and I feel sure the judges will be impressed by the new community garden at the School, a real asset and well worth the huge amount of work done by those who made it happen. The competition is not just about flowers though; this is roughly how the score-sheet looks:

Planting: 35 points [half for public places/ businesses and half for residential gardens]

Sustainable development, recycling etc: 30 points

Environment [no litter, dog dirt, gum etc]: 20 points

Public participation: 15 points

So you see that we can all help to win this prize!

The Community Council will be taking a break during July and August so our next meeting will be in September. We meet in East Linton Council chambers at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month. Please contact any councillor if you have something to say or email us via our website [www.eastlinton.uk.com](http://www.eastlinton.uk.com).

## Dan, the website man, heads Down Under

Dan McLean has single-handedly and voluntarily worked on our community website for the past eight years. If you visit [www.dunderpender.net](http://www.dunderpender.net) or [www.eastlinton.uk.com](http://www.eastlinton.uk.com) you can see how much work Dan has done recently to update and merge the two sites. It aims to provide information, not just on the Community Council, but on all aspects of life in the area which might interest visitors and residents. This is a big job, still very much in progress, and one that now needs a new volunteer. Dan and his wife Annette are planning to move to Melbourne, Australia, within the next few months, so this is a very busy and exciting time for them. Dan, a big thank you for all your enthusiasm and technical expertise over the years - we wish you all the best for your new life down under. You'll be able to log in every so often to see how we are doing with the website!



Dan McLean

# A MUSICAL GALA SPECTACULAR

Dodging the showers was not enough to spoil the enjoyment of another wonderful gala day in East Linton. The theme for the day was "Musicals" and this had clearly inspired many to dress up. Andy Baker, secretary of the gala committee, was really impressed. "There are a lot more floats this year. It's a really good turn out," commented Andy. Mary Poppins, Cats and Oliver all featured.

Eleven year old Elen Averis was this year's gala queen and she spoke with confidence and clarity to everyone present. "It took me a couple of hours to learn it all, she confessed afterwards, "and then I practised for a few days to get it just right." Elen was really thrilled to have been chosen and really enjoyed the day. "It is a wonderful experience. My court were all very good and I was very impressed how much Ross (Woodward) had improved with the horn."

Many thanks to the gala committee who once again worked enormously hard to ensure that the day ran smoothly. Also thanks to all the helpers and those who dressed up and took part - it would be nothing without you all.

Laura Pattison,  
past gala Queen



Page Boys Jack  
Duncan and Robert  
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**Spokes Map**

Recently updated, this map is an excellent guide to cycle routes in East Lothian. It is available from the library, the TIP (Votadini) and other local retailers (£4.95).

**Nick Morgan**



**Dunpender's Paths – we couldn't do it without...**

**NICK MORGAN**

**DCC would officially like to thank Nick and his team for the time and effort taken to help us provide East Linton with a path network to be proud of.**

Nick has been working as the Access Officer with East Lothian Council for the last six years and sees his job as a balancing act. He has to try and achieve a balance between providing good access for the public, while not interfering with what land managers are trying to achieve. His work includes developing community path networks, upgrading existing paths and rights of way and the creation of longer routes such as the John Muir Way. He is now busy with the Core Paths Planning process.

Path work often involves compromise. Some people prefer to walk on a good, well sign-posted path. However, in the countryside people also like to walk in a natural, unspoilt environment. We agreed that paths, such as that at Hailes Castle, are better left as beaten earth with just a bit of drainage work where required.

Nick is also trying to ensure that horse-riders, cyclists, pedestrians and wheel-chair user can all use paths where possible – often a tall order.

Our paths always need maintenance and monitoring, especially after the hard winter we have had. Now the summer is here, the problem is too much greenery, rather than too much mud. Thanks again to Nick for helping us all year round!



Nick leads a walk in Dunbar



**WALKING FESTIVAL 2008**

By Robert Russel

The third ELWF, organised this time by East Lothian Council, took place on 18th-20th April with a total of 14 led walks. They were graded as easy, moderate or strenuous, and took place throughout the county, ranging from coastal walks at Prestonpans and Dunbar to high in the Lammermuirs. Over 200 people took part in the Festival; many were from the county or Edinburgh itself, but others travelled from Aberdeenshire and Gateshead to attend. Walks were restricted to 15 if strenuous, 20 for the others, and most were rapidly booked up when details became available earlier in the year. Unfortunately Friday's damp and cold weather lessened enjoyment somewhat, and views from Lammerlaw were restricted to 100 metres. However Saturday and Sunday provided excellent walking weather. Three of the walks involved East Linton; East Linton to Traprain Law and return, North Berwick to East Linton along the John Muir Way, and East Linton to Dunbar on the John Muir way. On Sunday in recognition of John Muir's birthday on 21st April, tea and cakes were offered to participants in three walks ending in Dunbar, at the John Muir Birthplace in Dunbar's High Street.

Walkers admiring Bilsdean Linn near Cockburnspath



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## Wildlife Garden Takes Shape

Liz Dorrian gave us an update on the Eco-Schools garden at East Linton Primary School which, after a lot of hard work this spring, will hopefully be planted up by the end of June. It will be a woodland and hedgerow type garden, designed to attract birds and butterflies with wild raspberries, strawberries and a host of other plants.

The project has been part funded by Viridor, but an enormous number of local people and businesses have donated their time, effort, equipment and materials to get the structure in place and ready for planting. Children at the primary school have helped on four successive Saturdays and are looking forward to watching their new garden grow over the summer holidays. Do have a look at this real community effort if you have the chance – it is there for everybody to enjoy.



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## FIRST YEAR FOR THE NEW FOOTBALL TEAM



We have had a great first season. We finished seventh in the league and also got to the cup quarter final.

We would like to thank DCC for all their help during our first season – the new lights will really help our training programme during the winter months. We would also like to thank the bowling club for all the after-match refreshments and all the local companies who took part in our prize draw to get their name on the team warm-up shirts and waterproof tops. The winners were Votadini and Robertson Associates, both of East Linton. This season we would love more sponsorship to enable us to purchase a change of strips so we don't clash club colours with other teams!

We start pre-season training in June and anyone who would like to come along is welcome (minimum age is 16 yrs old). For information regarding playing, help on the committee or sponsorship call 07900 636967. John Baptie

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## GOLFING PROMISE

Blair Shearer of East Linton is, at just 13 years old, already well on the way to achieving his ambition of being a professional golfer, having been selected for the Lothian's Under 18's team.

Blair with his many trophies

A dedicated regular at Gifford Golf Club from the tender age of four, Blair won a string of junior trophies and then moved on to compete against the men at Gifford, with great results. Having won the Men's Snowdon Trophy, Men's Holynbank Trophy, Men's July medal, Men's Watt Cup and the Men's B Championship, he also deservedly won the 2007 Bill Brodie Award for his dedication to golf. Good luck with your professional coaching and training Blair.



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### East Lothian Access Panel

The East Lothian Access Panel was created to promote and improve disabled people's access to the environment. The Panel members (some are physically disabled, so have practical expertise) offer a point of contact between the Public and those who provide local services. The Panel's relationship with East Lothian Council is expressly aimed to assist the disabled, elderly or indeed anyone in need of help or advice.

The Access Panel has been asked to identify where there is a real need for a "dropped kerb" to allow a wheelchair or a buggy or pram access to and from a pavement or roadway, throughout the County. To help, they have asked to tap into local knowledge to identify where these should be placed within the local community.

The East Lothian Access Panel may be contacted by e-mail : [elap@live.co.uk](mailto:elap@live.co.uk) , or the Secretary, Gordon Saunders, 15 Doon Avenue, Dunbar EH42 1DL. Or contact John Robson at DCC.

### Recycling Update



East Lothian Council is aiming to improve its recycling rates by increasing the number of items that can be added to the blue recycling boxes for paper to include cardboard, envelopes and Yellow Pages directories.

Starting from June, residents will be able to add a range of cardboard products to their blue boxes including food boxes, household goods boxes, sleeves from ready meals and greeting cards but excluding wrapping paper, food and drink cartons and padded envelopes.

Food and drinks cartons can be recycled at the main recycling centres at North Berwick and Dunbar.

East Lothian Council's

#### Recycling Helpline

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### The hidden work for *Beautiful Scotland* by the East Linton Horticultural Society

In mid-May work starts in earnest for this year's entry. While 1200 plugs are being grown on to become flourishing blooms for summer displays, last year's old basket and container material has produced 560 litres of rich compost and is ready for reuse with at least 450 litres of new peat reduced compost - a good example of recycling!. At the same time, the *tete a tete* daffodil bulbs are prepared for storage and replanting next autumn. Last year's judges wanted to see more improvements at the graveyard car park. The banking in front of the beech hedge is too stony and needs to have soil added and retained with a small wall. It could be planted with azaleas, not just for spring colour and scent but to act as host plants for lichens. It is now known that these consist of fungi and algae and are very efficient in absorbing nitrogen from the air. There are at least 2000 species in the U K. and if the spores from the old gravestones formed a "lichen garden," this unusual biodiversity project could be just as significant to the judges as colourful blooms in our thirty hanging baskets.



**Judging is at 10 a.m. on the 4th August.**

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# What's On this Summer

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01875 824305



**Street Lighting Helpline**

01875 824310

Saturday morning at East Linton Community Hall  
**Real Pilates**  
 10-11am  
 New course starting in July  
 Please contact Nicola on 07939 223682

**Summer Activities at East Linton Library**

**Olympic Crafts** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 11am – 12noon (Ages 3-6yrs)

**Marathon Crafts** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2.30-3.30pm (Ages 7-11yrs)

**Enjoy-a-Ball** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2.30-3.30pm (Ages 7-11yrs)

All events are free but spaces are limited so phone 01620 860015 to



*Kids—don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Scheme when you break up. There is a sporting theme this year, with medals to be won!*

**East Linton Antiques and Bric-a-Brac Fair**

Community Hall, East Linton  
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contact Jill McPherson

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 30 July, 7.00 – 9.00pm

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Learn about the archaeology and history  
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Pencaig Wood

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Pencaig wood (Just off A199 at the top of the hill out of East Linton)

16 July, 2.00 – 3.30pm

Children 8+

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