

DUNPENDER NEWS



WISH YOU WERE HERE!

When retailers told us that no postcard of East Linton seemed to exist and that both local people and visitors would really appreciate one, we thought that this was an ideal opportunity to help support local business and tourism. The result is this new postcard, with four views showing just a few highlights of the Dunpender area. Many thanks to

Garry Menzies for donating such beautiful spring photos for the card. Send these 35p postcards this summer to faraway friends and family to show them a little of what East Linton has to offer. You can buy the cards at the Post Office, Votadinis, Malcolms, East Linton Library, Knowes Farm Shop, Tynninghame Coffee Shop and Smeaton Garden Centre. If you know of a B&B, self-catering or other business that would like a supply of postcards, please contact Liz Kilpatrick on 01620 870353.



Saving
Scotland



The Gala Queen

Gala
Gallery
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SCHOOL FAIR RAISES VALUABLE FUNDS

On May 16th, the School held an extremely successful May Fair which raised over £900 for School funds. Parent Council members Helen Pickles, Kay Henderson and Jeannie Barber, pictured here, helped to organise the event, which was blessed with sunny weather. The Fair was opened by MSP Iain Gray, who has taken a keen interest in East Linton Primary School's achievement of its Silver Eco Schools Award.



Iain Gray
MSP

Parent Council Members



Babies and
Toddlers Float

No Adverts!

You may notice that we are not carrying adverts in this edition of the Dunpender News. Advertising has always been our way of helping to promote local businesses whilst also helping to fund this newsletter. The success of The East Linton District advertiser makes this promotion less necessary. A huge thank you to all the local businesses who over the years have supported the News.

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Meetings

First Thursday of every month

(except July and August)

7.30pm

Council Chambers,

East Linton

House Martins – Have You Seen Any Yet?

House Martins return to their traditional nest sites during April-June after arduous flights from as far away as Africa. These amazing little birds are under serious threat from habitat destruction and the population has dropped by 38% since 1970. They are now on the RSPB amber list. The house martin is a quintessential sign of spring and an essential part of the food chain (they dine mainly on insects). As residents of the countryside we have chosen to share our living space with many different species and we must do all we can to encourage the house martins survival.

If you are lucky enough to have a house martin choose your house as a nest site

please be patient. It might be a slight inconvenience – undoubtedly they have ‘messy’ habits. However, this can surely be tolerated, a small mess in return for the lively chatter and bubbling energy these little birds bring into our daily lives. Living in the countryside brings many challenges but many more rewards.

The Legal Status of the House Martin is that they are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the eggs, young or nest of a house martin whilst it is being built or in use. Hefty fines can be applied to anyone in breach of the Act.

For more information: www.rspb.org.uk

New Path improves Safety

Dunpender Community Council would like to thank Tommy Dale for this new path at Drylawhill. He provided the land and the stone. This is a completely new path which was not previously a right of way. It will be a great help to people using the John Muir Way as they can stay off road up this dangerous part of Drylawhill.

Also residents from Drylaw Cottages can now take an alternative route down into the village without worrying about the traffic. Any children going to school can also benefit from the safety of the new path.

Jan Ferguson (Community Councillor—paths)

The new path into East Linton



The new road surface through Whitekirk



“THE WORST ROADS IN EAST Lothian”

Well at least the roads around Whitekirk used to be the worst roads in East Lothian, but not any longer! Resurfacing over the last few weeks has left the lanes really smooth and noticeably wider! No longer do drivers have to swerve pot holes and puddles as though they are taking part in an obstacle race! Dunpender Community Council complained about the state of these roads some time ago and are delighted that action has now been taken to upgrade them. Many thanks to East Lothian Council for these repairs.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Judith
Priest



PC David
Aitchison



Supported by East Lothian Council
through the Safer East Lothian Fund

We welcomed a new member to DCC this year. Kate Moulin from Whittingehame has been co-opted for that ward while Linda Shaw Stewart, member since 1994, takes time off for family reasons. Linda has worked hard for us and we shall miss her.

We also welcome our new policeman, PC David Aitchison. We are grateful for the regular attendance of the police at our monthly meetings.

In a bid to slow traffic down in the main streets of East Linton we have purchased a 'speed reactive sign' to remind drivers to slow down if they are travelling at more than 30mph. We have also helped the East Lothian Access Panel locate and improve some dropped kerbs with more to come this year.

Our new benches are in place at Knowes ford and Stories Park, signposts are up on the rest of our paths, with a new path up Drylawhill. We are working with Historic Scotland on better interpretation for Hailes Castle. We've produced a postcard for sale in local shops, more will follow soon.

Our contribution to the Year of Homecoming will focus on the Traprain Law Race and a special football match on Gala Day, then on 6th September we are hosting a Community Fair in the Hall when as many local groups as possible will take a table to showcase their activities, with lunch provided by one of them.

Our website is now really full with lots of pictures and all the information you need about Dunpender. Many thanks to Alastair Seagroatt for the daily work he puts into the site.

Work is already underway to fill all the baskets and planters for our summer

flower displays with a newly repaired wall at Phantassie Cottages ready for planting. We'll be entering the Beautiful Scotland competition again in August so if you have windowsills suitable for a trough, do please join in and help make our village bloom.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new residents at Monksmuir where a new community is growing. We hope you will all come down the hill and join in all the many social activities in East Linton, the Library is a good place to find out what's on.

Here's hoping for a better summer than last year

Judith Priest

New Seat at Knowes Bridge



Local Priorities 09/10

Our budget this year remains almost the same at £4310. Funds are already committed in various directions, a new one being our commissioning and publishing the first of what we hope will be a series of Dunpender Postcards.

Some such as the provision of independent power sockets in East Linton Square to aid the Christmas Market and similar events, are still being explored. We are supporting an initiative to provide BMX, skateboarding and other facilities for Dunpender youth this summer and the establishment of a Primary School age football team. DCC still sees the publishing of the Dunpender News as a value for money way of communicating with and being accountable to our constituency, and hope you enjoy it.

This money is derogated from the main ELC budget each year. Using matching funding principles to the full, DCC consistently uses these funds to make local improvements either overlooked by the main Council or outside their remit.

We welcome all requests and suggestions from residents. A copy of our Policy governing LPS awards is available from any of us or online www.eastlinton.uk.com

Project	Cost
Printing and Distribution of Dunpender News	£850
Continuation of permanent Christmas Lights	
Installation in East Linton	£450
Scotland in Bloom Planting	£500
New Litter Bin in Stories Park near Riverside Walk	£200
Repairs to John Rennie Memorial and wall opposite	
Phantassie Cottages (contribution)	£130
Donation to East Linton Senior Citizens Club	£250
Dedicated power socket in EL square	£400
Postcard Publishing	£300
Whittingehame wall repair at Memorial	£50
Phantassie Sound summer project	£200

Dunpender News Team: Liz Kilpatrick, Janet Pooley

Thanks to Garry Menzies for the Knowes and Gala Photos

A full colour edition of The Dunpender News can be found on the website:
www.eastlinton.uk.com

Contributions to the News are always welcome. Please phone any council member with details, events and information.

EAST LINTON FIREFIGHTERS 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

1. The village is very lucky to have 10 retained firefighters. They are all local men who have full-time jobs, but 5 of them are on stand-by at any time of day or night in case a call comes through.
2. The fire station in Drylaw Terrace (then on the outskirts of the village) was opened in 1961, although protection against chimney fires in the village dates back to 1837.
3. Our retained firefighters meet every Wednesday between 7 and 9pm for training, ladder drills, equipment checks etc, and this is a good time to contact them on 01620 860379.
4. Home Safety Visits are a very successful and key part of the firefighting service, including the provision of free smoke detectors. To arrange a visit, phoning the fire station on a Wednesday evening will get you straight through to one of the firefighters.
5. A brand new fire engine arrived just in time for East Linton's Gala. The new model replaces the old vehicle, which was at least 10 years old.
6. Events where you might have seen our firefighters with their engine are: Stenton Bonfire, Museum of Flight Airshow, Knowes Farm Open Day, the Christmas Fair and fundraising events for local charities. They are justly proud of their very good relationship with local people, especially young people.
7. Better awareness of safety in the home and improved fire regulations are working to make our firefighters' lives marginally less busy. However, the number of callouts in 2008 was 117, which is still more than twice a week.
8. The firefighting team covers a radius stretching halfway to Dunbar, halfway to North Berwick and halfway to Haddington, although they often travel further to support other local teams.
9. Many callouts deal with car accidents and automatic fire alarms. However, they have also rescued dogs from icy ponds this last winter. And, yes, they have saved cats stranded in trees and even a prize pigeon stuck up a chimney!
10. The Fire Station is a community resource and well-equipped with small kitchen and toilets. Its meeting room is available for use by local groups. Call 860379, ideally on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9pm.



East Linton
Fire Brigade

I really enjoyed my visit to the Fire Station and would like to thank Murray Stewart, Watch Manager, and all the firefighters for all their interesting information. Recruiting retained firefighters is proving increasingly hard as there are fewer people now living and working in the area who can be available on stand-by to respond quickly to calls. If you are interested in joining the team, do call in on a Wednesday evening or telephone, as above (that's women, too, by the way!)

Preparing for Beautiful Scotland 2009

The judging date is set for 11th August. Recycled compost has been used at the newly repaired wall opposite Phantassie Steading to prepare for permanent plants which will add colour there. The dry weather has been a problem for containerised planting but their bulbs will still be able to be recycled.

The judges will be looking for efforts to mitigate the impact of empty property and activities linked to Homecoming. As a result of recent research, the Horticultural Society will publish a list of significant local gardeners in the 19th century on ELC's Heritage web

page. An **Apple Day** at Tynninghame Hall on Saturday 19th September is being planned in support of Scotland's Garden Scheme and as part of the Society's 150th anniversary this year. Finally, a conference in Edinburgh in November will learn about the link between local men involved in agriculture in the early 1800's and the formation of the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society in 1809 and also the Royal Horticultural Society formed in 1804. Like the East Linton Horticultural Society, all had as their main objective the promotion of Horticulture.

David Affleck.

David Affleck
with Judith Priest
and Ian Greig



SAVING SCOTLAND GALA GALLERY



The Queen's Court



The Gala Queen, Lisa Nicol



Legends (4) vs East Linton Amateurs (2)



East Linton Playgroup Float



Lisa Nicol is crowned by the 1992 Queen, Rebecca Hawthorne



Law Race 2009 sets off

Law Race 2009—Results

This year there was a strong field of 79 athletes, the largest entry for many years. Congratulations to all the competitors including our local policeman, PC Kevin Hughes who completed the course in riot gear!!

Senior Men

- 1st - Lars Ottermuller
- 2nd - Colin Menzies
- 3rd - Alastair Preiss

Senior Women

- 1st - Clare Ward

Veteran Men

- 1st - Jamie Thin

Veteran Women

- 1st - Fionn Nairn

Super Veteran

- 1st - Bob Johnson

Over 60yrs

- 1st - Chris Oliver

Local

- 1st - Kent Ross

Working in Whitekirk

A team of hardworking volunteers spent Sunday 31st May spring cleaning the Whitekirk Church Hall inside and out. Varying in age from 3 - 80 yrs everyone mucked in. Many of the local children cleaned floors, windows and tables and swept and polished. Mowers and trimmers dealt with the overgrowth outside whilst the invasive ivy was a manual task! The Hall has not looked so good for many years. Margaret Richards, a Church member, was delighted with the results and thanked the community for all their hard work. The day finished off with a well earned barbecue.



Morven works hard raking the cuttings



Ladies of the Village

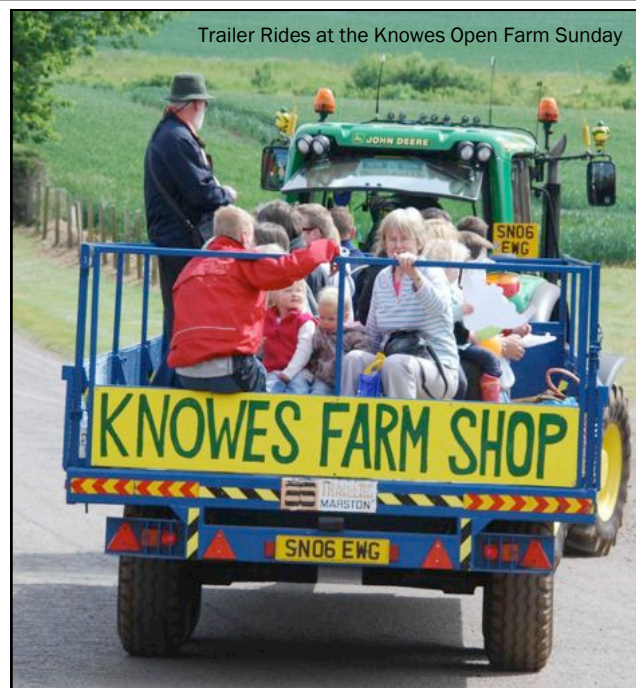


The Patterson Family

FARM KNOW HOW AT KNOWES

The beautiful weather saw large crowds turn out for the Knowes Open Farm Sunday on 7th June. Over 1200 visitors took the opportunity to attend this free event compared with around 450 visitors in 2007. A team of 24 people was employed to help, and Knowes would like to thank all the many volunteers who kept such a busy day running smoothly, as well the local businesses that lent such goodwill and support.

The farmer-guided trailer trips proved a great means of informing all ages about how farmers care for the environment, and visitors were given a chance to learn about crop treatment and protection. The food and craft stalls represented the essential, commercial link between the farmed landscape and the end product, be it food or wool! The egg-grading machinery, pottery demonstrations and giant combine harvester from Spott Estate were a few of many attractions. Entrance was free but donations were requested. Over £2,000 was raised for the chosen charities, including Riding for the Disabled (Muirfield group), Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Fund (RSABF) and Linking the Environment and Farming (LEAF).



Trailer Rides at the Knowes Open Farm Sunday



The Cairndinnis Alpacas proved a handful

PHANTASSIE SOUND SUMMER BARN PROJECT

Phantassie Sound has provided rehearsal space, gigging opportunities and recording facilities for local young bands for several years. Run by young people and adult volunteers, there is now a real social scene around music at Phantassie.

DCC has agreed to contribute £200 towards their Summer Barn Project, which will make full use of Phantassie's large "tattie" barn. Co-ordinator Adrian Girling says that the summer project aims to be a busy, creative, summer hangout spot with lots of activities on offer. Most members will be over 10 years old, and anyone who is interested in finding out more can visit www.bebo.com/phantassiesound, or call Adrian on 07769 905139.

VILLAGE PIED PIPER ATTRACTS CHILDREN!

When Mark Anderson, of Anderson's Butchers, and Richard Fairlie, Pipe Major, were chatting about the recent East Lothian Massed Pipes and Drums Homecoming event, the dream of creating a high-quality competing Pipe Band in East Linton came to them. That was only a couple of months ago. Now, encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by East Linton Primary School pupils and by the amount of local talent in the area, a new band of seven Pipers and two Drummers comes together every Monday night to practice. About 14 young beginners, aged 7 years and up, also come along. This edition of Dunsperder News may reach you just in time to still buy tickets for their Charity Fund-raiser Ceilidh at the Community Hall on 26th June. Anyone interesting in joining the new band should give Richard Fairlie a call on 01368 850759 or 07950 708106.



The East Linton Pipe Band



Eleanor Miller

Ferrari takes pole position

Eleanor Miller has been at the heart of village life for 15 years as proprietor of Millers Delicatessen. The present shop used to be the village Library and Eleanor used the original bookshelves to display all her exotic goodies. Now with three small grandchildren in East Linton to keep her busy, Eleanor has decided to retire and would like to thank all her regular customers who have supported her so loyally over the years. She would also like everyone to know that her famous Chicken Liver Pate will now be stocked, and made by, Anderson's Butchers next door.

Michael Roper and Solly Ferrari, both architects, have just taken over the Delicatessen. They are sourcing really local produce such as bread, honey, preserves, chocolate and crafts. Children are very welcome in the shop, which now has tables at which you can sit and enjoy a range of home baking, coffee, quiches and sandwiches. Open both Saturday and Sunday, their first weekend was very busy, with tables on the pavement for folk to enjoy the sunshine.

Community Hall news summer 2009

This past year has seen lots of activity at the Community Hall. It now has a new roof thanks to committee member Colin Stewart who obtained the grants. DCC has funded an improved heating system, a new cooker and painting of doors and windows through ELC grants, matched by the hall's own funds. New catering equipment has been purchased.

New activities include a Callanetics class, Pilates and the new East Lothian Pipe Band. There will be multisports and mini-tennis for children in the summer holidays.

Details of what's on in the hall can be found at www.eastlinton.uk.com or call into the Hall and read the noticeboard. The Hall is very busy so if you want to book it, give Jim plenty of notice!

The Antique Fairs are more popular than

ever and are a great place to make a bit of cash if you are having a clear-out. Telephone Liz Dorrian on 861991.

While Hall rents just about pay the bills [around £250 a week], we rely on the 200 Club to pay for repairs so please consider joining to support your Hall. The Hall is not owned by the Council but by you, the residents of the East Linton area. It's run by East Linton & District Community Association which is a completely separate organisation from Dunsperder Community Council and is made up of both elected members and also representatives from the various groups. Some of us have been on the committee for a long time and it's probably time to hand over to a new team at the AGM this autumn. Please consider whether you could give us some help.



Work on the Community Hall

What's On this Summer

Walkin' East Lothian—Sunday Health walks

For All the Family
East Linton/Hailes Castle
Sunday 23rd August
Meet in East Linton - Library Car park
Further details: Anne Adams - 01620 827608



To report Road and Lighting faults the new numbers are:

Roads Helpline

01875 824305



Street Lighting Helpline

01875 824310

Airshow 09

Saturday, July 25th

10.00—17.00

Museum of Flight



**Book your ticket on-line at www.nms.ac.uk
or on 0131 247 4302 before 13th July to
enjoy savings off the ticket price!**



Summer Activities at East Linton Library

From 30th June, the Summer Reading Challenge is *Quest Seekers* which will take young readers through three fantasy stages during the holidays. All materials are absolutely free. Sign up at the library.

You can also book for the following events:-

2 nd July	Dragon Crafts and Stories 6-9yrs
29 th July	Meet Kelsey Drake, author of "East Lothian Dragons"
3 rd August	Dragon model making 5-10yrs
8 th August	Warhammer Games 5-11yrs
22 nd August	Baby Dragons: stories and songs for under 5's

Dunpender Community Council's Homecoming Community Fair

Sunday 6th Sept 2009
East Linton Community Hall
11am - 2pm

Lunch by East Linton Primary School Parent Council

Come along to this showcase of lots of local community groups, celebrating both the history and the future of our community. Meet active members of local groups, representing everything from the Bowling Club to the Community Council!

WALKING FESTIVAL

On April 24-25 East Lothian Council's Landscape and Countryside department organised the fourth annual East Lothian Walking Festival. Local volunteers led 14 walks over the weekend giving visitors a taste of the splendid variety of scenery that East Lothian has to offer. In perfect weather 185 people enjoyed the walks.

One walk involved a circuit from East Linton up the River Tyne to Hailes Castle with a detour to climb Traprain and a return over Pencraig Hill. A further three walks that followed the John Muir Way either started or finished in East Linton. Four intrepid hikers, over the 3-day period, even managed to complete the total 46-mile length of the John Muir Way from west to east across East Lothian.

Judging from the feedback we have received all those involved seemed to enjoy the festival and many would like to return to experience more of the delights the District has to offer.



Walking by Preston Mill