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### EAST LAMMERMUIR CHRONICLE

SUMMER 2014





## News from East Lammermuir Community Council Serving the villages and surrounding areas of











Oldhamstocks

Spott

#### POLICE REPORT

Police Scotland report a reduction in incident numbers, but continue to remind everyone to be vigilant for suspicious persons and vehicles, to note and forward registration numbers of suspicious vehicles to the police and to remember to lock up homes, outbuildings and cars. A domestic housebreaking took place near Stenton between 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April where jewellery and a watch were stolen; 80 litres of red diesel was stolen from a fuel tank at Linkshead Farm near Cockburnspath on 26<sup>th</sup> April; a dog attacked and injured sheep at Wester Broomhouse Farm on 4<sup>th</sup> May, the owner of which has since been traced and charged. If you have any information on any of the above incidents, please contact Dunbar Police Station on 101 or email DunbarEastLintoncpt@ scotland.pnn.police.uk

The next Community and Police Partnership Meeting (CAPP) will be held within Dunbar Police Station on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm. All members of the public are welcome to these open forum format meetings to discuss any concerns they may have.

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL POSITION VACANCY**

Despite previous appeals, there remains a vacancy on the East Lammermuir Community Council for representation of the Innerwick Area. If you are interested please contact Chris Bruce or Donna Collins, details for whom can be found overleaf. Alternatively, come along to our next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June in Spott Village Hall. After hearing what we do, you may be inspired to join us in looking after the interests of our community.

#### WIND TURBINES UPDATE

ELCC wrote to the Scottish Government to set out the views of the residents of East Lammermuir about the proposal from Community Windpower Ltd to extend the current and permitted 35 wind turbines at Aikengall with an additional 27 wind turbines. The Community Council raised four objections to Aikengall IIa:

- 1. This would form an unacceptable precedent as it contravenes East Lothian Council Planning Guidelines on wind turbines.
- 2. These tall turbines, if constructed, would be clearly visible from many points within

Oldhamstocks Conservation Village area.

- 3. The cumulative impact of wind turbines throughout and around East Lammermuir, including Drone Hill, Penmanshiel, Quixwood, Ferneylea, East Neuk, Hoprigshiels, and of course Aikengall.
- 4. The other concerns raised by local residents including impact on residential amenity due to visual, noise and psychological impact.

Community Windpower have changed their minds about community ownership of a turbine in the proposed Aikengall IIa scheme. They are offering a minimum of £5k per megawatt generated and possibly £6.5k per megawatt under a pseudo-ownership scheme whereby the revenue benefits, but none of the capital asset, would be offered to local communities.

#### WATCH OUT, ADDERS MAY BE ABOUT

The adder is the only venomous snake native to Britain. It is easily recognized by the zigzag markings down its back and an inverted 'V' shape on the neck. Males are generally white or pale grey with a black zigzag. Females are a pale brown colour, with a darker brown zigzag. Adders eat small rodents, lizards, frogs, newts and the young of ground nesting birds.



Male Adder (Vipera berus)

Unlike most reptiles, adders do not lay eggs. Young snakes are born in late August/early September and are about the size and shape of an earthworm, but a perfect miniature of the adult snake. Adders very occasionally bite people, but usually only when they stick their hands into bracken, tread on them or try to pick them up. Most bites occur during the summer months when adders are likely to be more visible as they bask in the sunshine. When adder bites deliver venom, it can cause localized pain, tenderness, swelling and bruising. If a child is bitten, the effects can be seen across their

whole body. Take care when out walking in adder hot-spots like the edges of the Lammermuir Hills, wear boots and long trousers and keep a close watch on small children and dogs. Please leave your dog at home if you're visiting places like the Scottish Wildlife Trust reserve at Woodhall Dean. If you are bitten or your dog is bitten, please seek immediate medical or veterinary assistance.

#### **COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUEENS BATON RELAY**

The Glasgow 2014 Queen's Baton Relay will take place in East Lothian on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. It is expected to be in Dunbar at approx' 4.30-5:30pm. Congratulations to all our local batonbearers.

#### **CRYSTAL RIG COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

The closing date for applications for the next round of funding from the Crystal Rig Community Benefit Fund is 17<sup>th</sup> October. These funds are distributed to, and for the benefit of the communities within East Lammermuir. At a recent meeting a total of £35,633 was awarded. The following organisations were successful in obtaining funding:

Innerwick: Parish Welfare, Horticultural Society, Primary School, Ladies Group.

Oldhamstocks: Community Association, Keep Fit, WRI, Horticultural Society.

Spott: Community Association, County Dancing, WRI, Spott Church.

Stenton: Bowling Club, Stenton Church, The

Bughts. The Scottish Air Ambulance Service and Parish of

Dunglass also received funding. Application forms and further information are

available from the ELCC www.eastlammermuircommunitycouncil.org.uk or from ELCC representatives.

#### **PARISH OF DUNGLASS YOUTH CLUB**

Assisted by the Crystal Rig Community Benefit Fund, the Parish of Dunglass is in the process of setting up a youth club to meet once a month for fun and fellowship developed around a variety of activities. Watch out for details.

#### INNERWICK NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

If you can help with the distribution of future editions of this newsletter to the Innerwick Area, please contact ELCC Councillor Donna Collins or editor Janette MacDonald.

You can keep up to date with the latest news from your Community Council at http://eastlammermuircommunitycouncil.org.uk

**Innerwick Oldhamstocks** Spott Stenton Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall Village Hall Michael Veitch 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month 10:00am-10:30am 10:45am-11:15am 10:00am-10:30am 10:45am-11:15am **Norman Hampshire** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month 1st Monday of month 6:15pm-6:45pm 5:30pm-6:00pm 5:30pm-6:00pm 5:30pm-6:00pm Paul McLennan 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month 6:15pm-6:45pm 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:15pm-6:45pm 5:30pm-6:00pm

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:** 

Please notify the Editor, Janette MacDonald or email **ELCC.Comms@gmail.com** by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014, of any events for the inclusion in the next issue

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, Spott Village Hall, 7:30pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, Innerwick Village Hall, 7:30pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Oldhamstocks Village Hall, 7:30pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Stenton Village Hall, 7:30pm

#### ALL WELCOME

**CONTACT US:** YOUR EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS ARE:

Innerwick: -Donna Collins, 6 Thortonloch Holdings, Dunbar, EH42 1QT

Vacancy (Anyone interested in filling Innerwick vacancy on ELCC please contact Donna Collins or Chris Bruce)

Oldhamstocks: Chris Bruce (Chair), The Old School, Oldhamstocks, TD13 5XN

Janice Hanvidge (Treasurer), Ashgrove House, Oldhamstocks, TD13 5XN

Spott: Peter Armstrong, Hill Cottage, Pleasance Farm, EH42 1RE

Anne Lyall, 7 Doon Steading, Spott, EH42 1UX

Stenton: Barbara Wyllie, Ruchlaw Mains, Stenton, EH42 1TD

Janette MacDonald (Web site and Newsletter Editor), Wayside, Stenton, EH42 1TE

Or email ELCC. Comms@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate council member(s)

#### STRAWBERRIES WITH BALSAMIC VINEGAR RECIPE

Impress your family with this dessert. The balsamic vinegar brings out the beautiful colour of the stawberries and enhances their flavour. Great served over vanilla ice cream or on it's own with a big dollop of cream. Serves 6.

#### Ingredients

500g fresh strawberries, hulled and halved 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar (aged if you have it)

4 tablespoons caster sugar freshly ground black pepper

grind a little pepper over the berries.

What kind of bee can't make up it's mind?

A MAYRE

Place strawberries in a bowl. Drizzle balsamic vinegar over berries and sprinkle with sugar. Stir gently to combine. Cover and let sit at room temperature for at least 1 hour, but not more than 4 hours (or they'll go mushy). Just before serving,

#### **FOR THE KIDS**

COMMONWEALTH GAMES SUDOKU

Every row, column and mini grid must contain the letters MEDALS



### Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the toilet? BECAUSE IT HAS A SILENT 'P'

#### MATH RIDDLE

This riddle must be done IN YOUR HEAD and NOT using paper and pen or a calculator. Try it! Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000 to it. Now add 30. And another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add

What is the total? (Answer on p3 inside)

10.

#### COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014 FACTS:

<sup>1</sup>There will be 6,500 athletes from 71 nations competing in 17 sports over 11 days. 2. More than 1.5 billion people will tune in to

watch the 2014 games. 3. Scotland's most successful Commonwealth athlete is Alister Allan, with 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze medals in Shooting.

### Stenton Gala

Saturday 31st May, 2pm

Stenton Village Green & Park

Kids Fancy Dress, Bouncy Castle, Fire Engine Display, Tombola, Cocoput Shy, Plant Stall, Face Painting, Beat the Goalie, Raffle, Cake & Candy, Ice Cream, Teas, BBQ, Duck Race, and more!

Followed by a Family Ceilidh with Supper in the Hall, 7:30-11:30pm Tickets in advance from Michelle 01368 850205

#### STENTON BOWLING CLUB

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME Both Playing and Social

Tel: Phil Lucas 01368 850227

Hat Night on Wednesdays 6:30-8pm come along and have a go!

The Bar will be open on the following Friday evenings: 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 18th July, 25th July & 22nd August

### STENTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

#### THE EXHIBITION

will be held in

Stenton Village Hall

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014

School Children: Free Admission: £1

#### Sections

Plants, Cut Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables, Flower Arrangement, Handicrafts, Junior and Pre-School

Doors open 2:30pm

PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL, RAFFLE, TEAS

Show Closes 4:30pm

**POST** OFFICE

STENTON VILLAGE HALL THURSDAYS 12-2PM

### **OVER 50?**

LIKE TO PLAY TABLE TENNIS? COME JOIN US IN STENTON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAYS 6PM-7PM



#### **Spott Community Association**

#### Summer Events

Sun' 1<sup>st</sup> June Big Lunch, Village Hall, 12:30pm Bring your own food, drink, crockery, cutlery

Afternoon Tea, Village Hall, 2:30-4:30pm Sun' 29<sup>th</sup> June

Adults £4, Children £2

In aid of hall refurbishment

Sat' 19th July Village Fete in the Glebe (next to Spott Kirk)

2:00-4:30pm. Teas in Village Hall

Sat' 16<sup>th</sup> August Bag Pack at ASDA

Fundraising in aid of hall refurbishment Volunteers needed, phone 01368 863308

#### The J Team

MEGA MAKERS HOLIDAY CLUB Club for primary school children

Stenton Village Hall Monday 7th to Friday 11th July 10:00-12:00

> crafts, games, dvd & worship juice & biscuits

# MUSIC MAKERC



COME AND JOIN IN WITH THE SONGS, ACTIONS. INSTRUMENTS, AND PUPPETS

MONDAYS STENTON VILLAGE HALL 10-11 AM

£3 ADULT & CHILD AND £1 EXTRA CHILD INCLUDES DRINK & HOMEMADE SNACKS! CHILDRENS PARTIES

TEL 01368 850316 EMAIL: veritysinclair@btinternet.com

## Spott Parish

Saturday 31st May 10:00-12:00

Entry £3

Coffee Morning Bring and Buy Sale

FAMILY FUN

#### Spott Village Hall

Available to hire at flat rate of £30.

More will be charged for companies who hire for exhibitions

Weekly

Thursday: Scottish Country Dancing

8-9:30pm, £2 per session

Monthly

3<sup>ru</sup> Wednesday SWRI

#### **STENTON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

#### **NOVEMBER 5TH**

Meet at Hall 6:30pm Stovies, Mulled Wine, Cake, Glow Sticks & Toys

#### SCOTLAND'S OPEN GARDEN SCHEME

#### **Stenton Gardens & Allotments**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2:00-5:30pm

Adults £4 Children free Teas in Village Hall

#### 40% proceeds to Maggie Centres

### WHAT'S ON IN OUR VILLAGES

Weekly

Fridays

Monthly

1st Friday

(excl' March)

Wednesdays

#### Oldhamstocks Village Hall

Weekly

Mondays: Keep Fit, 6-7pm (full but a waiting list)

> Country Dancing, 7:30-9:30pm, £2 (January-March, October-December)

Wednesdays: Yoga, 7:30pm, £6 per session

(from 7th May) Monthly

₹<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: WRI, 7:30pm

(except June, July, August)

### Oldhamstocks Community Association

#### Planned Events through 2014

ALL WELCOME

14<sup>th</sup> June BBQ/Picnic/Walk & Cycle

16<sup>th</sup> August Fell Race & Flower Show

4<sup>th</sup> October Whisky/Wine/Cider Tasting

Oldhamstocks Horticultural Society

FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Sections

Fruit & Vegetables, Flower & Floral Art,

**Baking & Preserves** 

Handicraft & Visual Art, Children's

HILL RACE will be held at noon

Official Opening 2pm

followed by:

children's sports, dog show, tug of war, auction etc

Stalls and entertainment for all

Evening Dance by the Pulse from 7:30-11:30pm

MESSY CHURCH

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> October, 4-6pm, Oldhamstocks Village Hall

Sun 7th December, 4-6pm, Innerwick Village Hall

Sun 2nd November, 4-6pm, Cockburnspath Village Hall

16<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fair

13th December Ladies Lunch

Innerwick Village Hall

Post Office 10am-12noon

Community Café, 11am-3pm

Mother and Toddler, 10:30-11:30am

Yoga, 7:15pm-8:45pm

Flower, Vegetable and Fruit Show

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Innerwick Horticultural Association

Village Hall & Park

2pm-5pm

Spectacular displays of flowers, fruit & vegetables, crafts in all sorts of mediums, photography, jams & home baking

A great family day out Arts, crafts, food, stalls & demonstrations

> Evening Dance in Village Hall 'til Midnight

#### Cockburnspath Primary School Parent Council

Family Ceilidh & Disco Cockburnspath Village Hall Friday 6th June, 7pm Adults £2 Kids £1 Tickets at door ВУОВ

#### **EAST LOTHIAN GARDEN TRAIL**

17-21<sup>st</sup> June

10 Glorious Gardens in One Wonderful Week (including Birrells House, Bowerhouse and Redcliffe) for more information: www.eastlothiantrail.org.uk

#### **PARISH OF DUNGLASS**

### **Upcoming Dates for Your Diary**

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the United Charge of the Parish of Dunglass Joint Service in Cockburnspath Church, 10:30am Followed by Soup & Pudding Lunch in Church Hall

#### Monday 11th - Friday 15th August

**Dunbar Churches Together Summer Holiday Club** Dunbar Parish Church Halls, 10-12:30 Theme: For a King Drama, songs, games, crafts Registration online. Places go fast! Contact dorothywildgoose@hotmail.com

Did you get 5000? Way to go! Most of us did, but The answer is 4100. Believe it: use a calculator. Riddle: wrong.