

News from East Lammermuir Community Council

Serving the villages and surrounding areas of Innerwick, Oldhamstocks, Spott and Stenton



	Innerwick Village Hall	Oldhamstocks Village Hall	Spott Village Hall	Stenton Village Hall
Michael Veitch ELC Councillor (Conservative)	2 nd Saturday of month 10:45am-11:15am	2 nd Saturday of month 11:30am-12noon	2 nd Saturday of month 10:00am-10:30am	4 th Tuesday of month 5:15pm-5:45pm
Norman Hampshire ELC Councillor (Labour)	4 th Monday of month 6:15pm-6:45pm	4 th Monday of month 5:30pm-6:00pm	1 st Monday of month 5:30pm-6:00pm	3 rd Monday of month 5:30pm-6:00pm
Paul McLennan ELC Councillor (SNP)	For surgery information goto http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/councillors/17/paul_mclennan			
Iain Gray MSP (Labour)	2 nd Friday of each month at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre, Dunbar, 3:00pm to 3:30pm			
George Kerevan MP (SNP)	4 th Friday of each month at Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar, 1:00pm to 1:30pm			

MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DURING 2015:

Tuesday 8th March, Oldhamstocks Village Hall, 7:30pm
 Tuesday 23rd August, Spott Village Hall, 7:30pm
 Tuesday 13th December, Oldhamstocks Village Hall, 7:30pm
 Tuesday 17th May, Stenton Bowling Club, 7:30pm
 Tuesday 25th October, Innerwick Bowling Club, 7:30pm

CONTACT US:

YOUR EAST LAMMERMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS ARE:

Innerwick: - Donna Collins, 6 Thorntonloch Holdings, Dunbar, EH42 1QT
 Jason Ormiston, Four Acres, Near Innerwick, EH42 1QT
 Elisabeth Wilson, 10 Temple Mains Steading, Innerwick, EH42 1EF

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 Produce Company, 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)

OTHER NEWS

SPOTT VILLAGE HALL

Spott Village Hall reopened its doors in November after undergoing a substantial programme of refurbishment funded by Viridor Credits and the Crystal Rig Community Benefit Fund.

The hall is available for hire for parties, ceilidhs, weddings and meetings at very competitive rates. Regular groups are welcomed; so if you would like to run a keep fit session or interest group, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below. A discounted rate can be offered for regular users.



The large hall can accommodate 70, while the small hall is perfect for groups up to 20. There is a fully stocked working kitchen, accessible toilets and baby changing facilities.

The hall lies adjacent to the historic and picturesque Spott Kirk, and has delightful views across open countryside towards the sea. To make the most of the stunning views there is a raised decking area to the rear with access directly from the hall or via an external staircase. There is also a play park with swings, see-saw and climbing frame, making this a great venue for children's parties or any other event that children are at.

Contact details: email spottcommunityassociation@gmail.com or tel: 07340350773

STENTON FOOTLIGHTS CELEBRATE 30TH PRODUCTION

Words by Jenny Harper

The Footlights were formed in 1984 and have always performed in March in Stenton Village Hall. We missed a year, due to Foot and Mouth Disease knocking on our farm doors, therefore the 2016 production will be our 30th production. In celebration we are repeating a much-loved play we did some 20 years ago, The Deners. It is set in the Mills of Galashiels in mid 1950's, and is a play with comedy and pathos and is based on true events. Perhaps some of our very loyal and appreciative audiences may remember this production?! This is to be a celebration and thanks to those said loyal folk who have repeatedly supported us, and to the many, many folk (over 90) who have over the 30 years been part of the Stenton Footlights: the backstage crews, front of house, actors, directors, producers and the whole community of Stenton who kindly share the hall with us during rehearsal months and performance week.

Please come and see The Deners. The dates are 16th to 19th March and tickets are available from Janette Macdonald on 01368 850665.

CRYSTAL RIG COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

ELCC have been making recommendations about the Crystal Rig Community Benefit Fund for the last 10 years. In order to make the most of the funds available, we have recently committed significant sums to well-developed projects in Spott and Stenton, leaving only approx £20K lying with Fred Olsen Renewables. This represents good management – **but also means that for 2016 we will have considerably less to disburse.** The fund will need time to again build up in relation to the electricity generated by the wind farm. With foresight, it would be prudent for those wishing to apply for projects requiring large capital funding to use this time well to plan and develop their proposals before submitting an application.

At our November meeting, a total of £200,246 was awarded. The following organisations were successful in obtaining funding:

Innerwick: Church, Horticultural Society, Parish Welfare, Primary School, Toddlers.

Oldhamstocks: Horticultural Society, Keep-Fit, WRI.

Spott: Church, Community Association, WRI.

Stenton: Bowling Club, Church, Community Association, Primary School.

The Parish of Dunglass and Crossreach Counselling also received funding.

The closing date for applications for the next round of funding is 30th April. Application forms and further information are available from the ELCC website or from ELCC representatives.

HAVE YOUR SAY

As reported above, the Community Benefit Fund has been supporting improvement in local amenities and community activities since 2005. The fund will continue to be invested in the community for the lifetime of the wind farm and cumulatively will lead to investment of well over £1 million in the East Lammermuir Community Council area.

The funds being made available are therefore substantial - and likely to increase. The members of the ELCC agree that it's time again to ask the community how best to identify local priorities. Please don't hesitate to contact your local community councillor (details of who they are at the back of the newsletter) with your views on the most effective way to invest these funds.

SPOTLIGHT ON STENTON PARISH

Stenton (Scots: *Staneton*) parish lies 5 miles southwest of Dunbar. It derived its name, either from the lands abounding with stones, or from its proximity to a valuable quarry of freestone, whence materials were taken for the buildings in the vicinity. The whole parish is 10 miles from North to South and covers approx 7215 acres. It is bounded on the east by Spott, on the west by Whittingehame, and on the north by parts of the parishes of Prestonkirk and Dunbar.



Stenton Tron and Doocot

Most of Stenton village dates from the late 17th and 18th centuries. The weekly cattle and sheep markets held here between 1681 and 1862 reflect its importance in terms of agriculture. The restored Tron on the East Green is a reminder of these markets. For many years, Biel & Dirleton estate owned large areas of the parish; the village providing craftspeople and workers for the estate and the farms.

The use of local red sandstone, clay pantiles and slate make Stenton, arguably, a village visually unmatched elsewhere in East Lothian. There are a number of listed buildings, including the A listed Roodwell and Biel House. The Doocot (part of the original church), the Joiner's House (1692), and the former manse (1783) with its unusual arched windows are some of the many attractive listed buildings in the village. The Gothic Parish Church, built on a T-plan in 1829 by William Burn, benefits from some fine late 19th Century stained glass. Considerable remains of the 16th Century Old Parish Church remain just to the northeast. In 1969, much of Stenton village was designated an Outstanding Conservation Area; this was extended in 1979. The greatest change to the buildings in Stenton has been the change of use; the bakehouse,

smithy, grocery, joiners and inn/gallery are now all private houses. The only community facilities, which remain, are the primary school, village hall and bowling green.

POLICE REPORT

Over the last 6 months, there has been a huge increase in hare coursing in our rural areas with hare coursers reportedly travelling from as far as Aberdeen and Northumberland. It is illegal to hunt hares using dogs under the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 and anyone found to be doing so can expect to be prosecuted. Should you witness hare coursing or any other crime, please phone the police immediately on 101 or email DunbarEastLintoncpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk and provide as detailed a description of the suspects as possible. If they have a vehicle please note the colour, make, model & registration no. The next Community and Police Partnership Meeting (CAPP) will be held within Dunbar Police Station on Wednesday 24th February at 7:30pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend and discuss any concerns they may have.

FLOODING - WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE?

SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency) runs FLOODLINE, the recorded telephone and website service that provides information on the latest risk of river and coastal flooding in Scotland. The FLOODLINE number is 0845 988 1188 and callers to that number can hear Flood Alerts or Warnings in force for their area, warning them when potential flooding is forecast, as well as general advice on how to prepare for, or cope with flooding. Flood maps, which show areas likely to flood from rivers, the sea and surface water, can be viewed online at www.sepa.org.uk/environment/water/flooding.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH BIRTHDAY

This year Elizabeth II becomes the first British monarch to reach 90. Although her actual birthday is April 21st, she will celebrate her official birthday on June 12th. A weekend of national commemorations will take place from June 10-12 including a mass street party in The Mall. There is an offer of funding from East Lothian Council should any of our villages wish to hold their own celebrations of HRH's official birthday. For further information, please contact Hazel Boak on 01620 827873.

Find out more about your Community Council, our meetings, local news, events & concerns at <http://eastlammermuircommunitycouncil.org.uk>

WHAT'S ON IN OUR VILLAGES

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STENTON BOWLING CLUB

Sunday 7th February
AGM, 2pm

Friday 12th February & Friday 11th March
Quiz Night, 7:30pm

Saturday 12th March, 11am-2pm
Tabletop/Car Boot Sale, £10 per pitch

First Friday of Each Month
Community Café, 10:30 to 12:00

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
Tel: Phil Lucas 01368 850227



RUGBY 6 NATIONS AT STENTON BOWLING CLUB

Clubhouse will be open on:

6 February for Scotland v England KO 16:50
13 February for Wales v Scotland KO 16:50
27 February for Italy v Scotland KO 14:25 & England v Ireland KO 16:50
12 March for England v Wales KO 16:00
13 March for Scotland v France KO 15:00
19 March for Ireland v Scotland KO 17:00 & France v England

Bar will open approx 30 mins before KO (Kick Off). Food will be on sale.
Contact Bob Hastie for more info 01568 850695



STENTON VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAYS 12-2PM

LIKE TO PLAY TABLE TENNIS?



COME JOIN US IN STENTON VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAYS 6:15PM-7:15PM

STENTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BURNS CEILIDH



STENTON VILLAGE HALL
Friday 26th February
7:30pm

with Jimmy Wilson & Bett Morrison

BYOB & PICNIC

Tickets £6 each Family £15
from Moya Ramsay 01368 850283

*Ticket required as numbers limited
due to space restrictions*

ALL PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT FUND

SPOTT VILLAGE HALL

Weekly

Thursday A Spott of Scottish Country Dancing
8:00 to 9:30pm, £1 per session
More info' from Anne Lyall on 01368 860287

Monthly

3rd Wednesday SWRI

KICKBOXING FITNESS

WITH
TAE KWON DO WORLD CHAMPION
BRAD ROBERTSON
&
TAE KWON DO EUROPEAN CHAMPION
GAVIN ROBERTSON

STENTON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays 7:45-8:45pm

£4 PER SESSION (1st session free)
brad.robertson95@gmail.com

Oldhamstocks Village Hall

Weekly

Mondays: Keep Fit, 6-7pm
Country Dancing, 7:30-9:30pm, £2
(January-March, October-December)

Wednesdays: Yoga in the vinyasa flow style
7:30pm, £6 no booking required
(Teacher: Stuart 07849452069)

Monthly

3rd Tuesday: WRI, 7:30pm
(except June, July, August)

OLDHAMSTOCKS 'CURRYOKE NIGHT'

(Curry followed by Karaoke)

on Friday 11 March 7.30 pm

Tickets £12.50 each available from
Jackie 07947247587 or Janice 07917168546

STORY-TELLING COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 14th May, 10.00 - 12.00

Oldhamstocks Village Hall

Come along to contribute your local story to the new
Oldhamstocks Digital Library!

And bring your 'phone so you can record someone else
telling you their story too.

Small entry fee for village funds

INNERWICK VILLAGE HALL

WEEKLY

Mondays Yoga 7:30-8:30pm, £6 no booking required
in the vinyasa flow style (active)
Teacher: Stuart 07849452069

Tuesdays Yoga 9:15-10:15am
info as above

Wednesdays Post Office 10am-12noon

Fridays Toddler Group, 9:30-11:15am
(During term time) Details fm Suzie Fletcher on 07973960544
or look at our Facebook page

IRISH DANCE CLASSES with Devers Academy of Dance

Children's classes:

Wednesday 4:15-5:15pm(beginners), 5:15-7:15pm(advanced)
Saturday 10:30-11:30am
Sunday 10:00-11:30am

Adult classes:

Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm (To Learn Irish Dances)
Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm (For Fitness)

For further information contact Annemarie Hay 07980150304

Innerwick Sunday Cinema operates on the last Sunday of each month in the Village Hall. At 3pm there is a showing of a film particularly suitable for younger viewers, and at 7pm a film is screened that is more suitable for an adult audience. All individual tickets for the afternoon performance are £2, with a family ticket costing £10. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the performance. For the evening performance, tickets cost £4. A combined adult ticket for both performances is £5. Refreshments are on sale at each performance, with wine available for a donation at the evening showing. For more information, and to see details of the films to be shown at the next Sunday Cinema, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/innerwicksundaycinema

STENTON FOOTLIGHTS
PRESENT:

THE DERNERS

A TWO ACT COMEDY
by Mary Strathie

STENTON VILLAGE HALL
16th to 19th March
Nightly at 7:30pm

Adults £7 U16 £5

Tickets from
Janette MacDonald 01368 850665

Raffle & Refreshments

Spott Community Association

QUIZ, WITH BAR

Friday 1st April
at 7pm

£2.50 per person

IT'S NO
APRIL FOOL!

THE J-TEAM ARE BACK

A group for primary school children run by the kirk

Children (5-11yrs) are invited to come along to

STENTON VILLAGE HALL

OR

WEDNESDAYS 4-5pm

This term's theme is Paul, Luke & the Pirates

PARISH OF TRAPRAIN

Easter Rising

Sunday 27th March

Short act of worship on top of Traprain Law on Easter Sunday

Meet at the car park 6:30am

Breakfast at Alison Carghill House thereafter

STENTON SINGERS

Spring Concert takes place on
Friday 22nd April at 7:30pm in Prestonkirk Church
Guest: Mhairi Brown on Clarsach

New Members Most Welcome
Please contact Lynda Jeffrey 01620 860276



Innerwick Horticultural Society's

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 7th August

in

Village Hall & Park

Opening 2pm

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

Evening Dance in Village Hall
'til Midnight

INNERWICK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AGM

21ST MARCH 2016
AT 6PM

INNERWICK VILLAGE HALL

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Cockburnspath Village Hall
Every Tuesday during term time

09:30-11:15am

contact Suzie for details
07973960544

Thurston Manor Leisure Park

Open to non-residents

Fly fishing lake

Indoor leisure pool

Sauna & Steam room

Massage therapist

Hunter's Bar with free wi-fi & Sky Sports

Muir's Café Bar

Shop

Leisure memberships from £7 per week
(terms & conditions apply)

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