

Fife Council's Big Change Challenge Consultation on Draft Budget Proposals – Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre

Fife Council's Consultation - Big Change Challenge - has been underway for several months offering people across Fife the opportunity to comment on the proposals, and attend a series of face to face meetings that were held during the month of December. The purpose of the consultation has been to raise awareness of the challenges that lie ahead and give people information on the choices facing the Council not just next year but in the future. As part of the Draft Budget Proposal there is a potential investment of £100K for the **Dalgety Sports Facility**. The proposed investment to be used for the wider development of gymnastics at the Dalgety Bay Sports Facility.

Representations from the community, clubs and user groups, suggest that people feel that there had not been sufficient communication and consultation by the Leisure Trust on this specific proposal. Local ward councillors approached the Leisure Trust and a presentation was made at the Community Council meeting of 13 January. The presentation set out the overall picture in terms of current use, and the options around potential future use of the facility. Presentation can be viewed at the Community Council website www.dalgetybay.org.uk also at Dalgety Bay library where a box will be provided for comments. Emails can be sent to the Community Council Secretary, jeanette.gray1@btopenworld.com.

The Community Council would invite local people to respond to this specific draft budget proposal. Submissions to be made by **February 9th** for review at the Community Council meeting on 10th February. This is a *draft proposal* and no decision will be taken until the consultation is complete.

The wider budget consultation process is also still open online until **22 January** and can be accessed at www.fifedirect.org.uk/bigchange.

If you oppose this proposal it is **vital** that you make your voice heard by posting a comment, before the deadline of **5th February 2014**, on the Fife Council website as described below. This is the only way Fife Council will know what the community's views are on this matter.

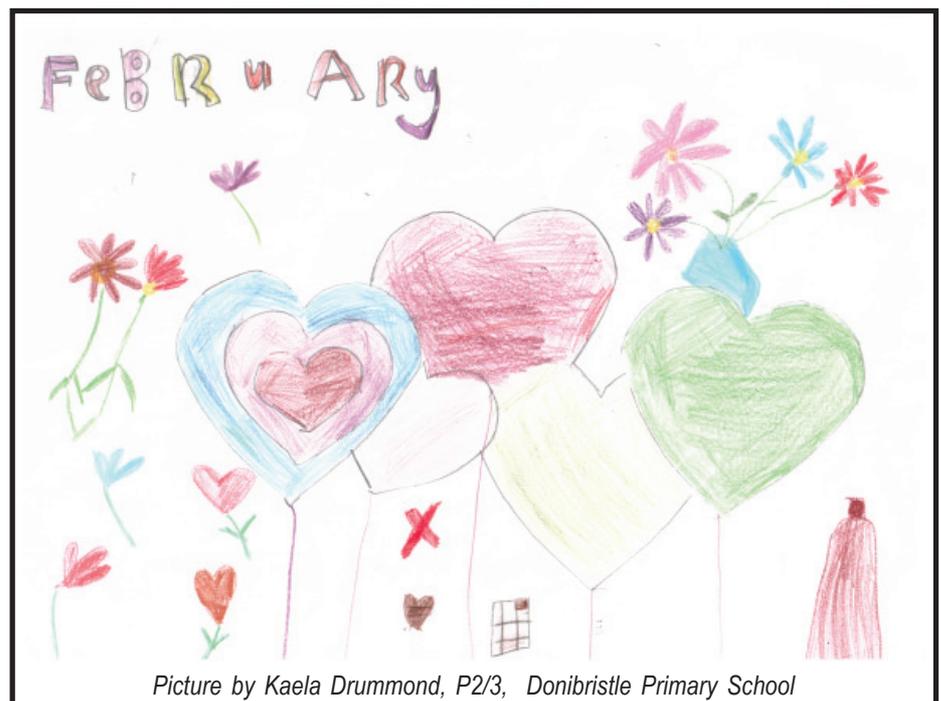
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- FIFEplan Development Strategy Consultation
- Scroll down to 'Read and comment on document'
- Comment on a site (last in the list on the left hand side)
- Towns and villages (D)
- Dalgety Bay

... and follow the instructions. You'll have to register with a user name but that takes less than a minute.

Eastern Expansion Proposal

You may be aware that two fields at Barns Farm - the horse fields - are being sold by Shell to developers for building up to 150 houses.



Picture by Kaela Drummond, P2/3, Donibristle Primary School

YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

...up to the minute

The Community Council holds its regular meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in Dalgety Parish Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to the discussion or to raise matters of special interest to them. Please note that the minutes displayed in the Diary are edited from the 'draft' minutes. The full agreed minutes of every meeting are displayed in the Library.

PRESENTATION BY WENDY WATSON, DB SPORTS CENTRE TRUST MANAGER ON BUDGET PROPOSAL.

Wendy thanked the Community Council for the invitation to attend the meeting to fully explain the situation regarding the proposal in FC Budget consultation to invest £100,000 to install a sprung floor in the sports hall to accommodate gymnastics. The Trust had made an economic decision to apply for money from the budget, which was allocated to sports facilities.

If this goes ahead the sports hall would predominately be used for gymnastics and groups such as the Badminton Club, Nifty Fifties, Quid a Kid etc would have to travel to other sports centres such as Duloch, Inverkeithing and Cowdenbeath.

Representatives from both gymnastics and the groups who would be displaced by the proposals were in attendance. The proposals were said to acknowledge the popularity of gymnastics, their special requirements and the income they generate to the Centre in fees.

Objectors cited the fact that the Centre had been a planning gain for Dalgety Bay paid for by Tay Homes for the building of the St Davids development and residents should not have to travel to other areas for facilities.

It was strongly agreed that the consultation process had been very badly carried out with information of the proposal only coming to light but Councillor Laird stated that agreement for the proposal had to come from residents of Dalgety Bay and that the monies could be ring fenced to give time for views to be heard.

It was agreed by the meeting that Dalgety Bay residents must be given the opportunity to express their opinion on the proposals as a matter of urgency. Wendy agreed to supply information for the website and it was hoped that there is still time to have something in the Diary.

Wendy and Councillor Laird will also contact the two primary schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The minutes were accepted as true, proposed by G Walker and seconded by D Pritchard.

REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Dalgety Bay Foreshore Radiation

The next meeting of the Dalgety Bay Forum will be held on 30th January 2014.

b) Sale of Land at Barns Farm

FC Planners are now designating the area as 'reasonable alternative for housing development' in the Local Plan.

A public meeting will be held on January 27th at 7.0pm in Dalgety Parish Church hall.

c) Woodlands Management Plan

With the insurance now in place with Zurich Municipal the Community Council has taken over ownership of the 3 woodlands. The Dalgety Bay Woodlands Group has formalised with a constitution and committee leading to the long-term management and maintenance of the 3 woodlands plus Downing Point for the community.

d) Pathway on Town Centre land

Ongoing.

e) Play Park Redevelopment Group

The Secretary reported that the Group now has a constitution agreed and bank account is in hand. Fundraising committee has been formed and charitable status will be applied for. Details of a logo were discussed at the January meeting.

f) Fairtrade Town

Ian Henderson, FC Transportation & Environmental Services has supplied a detailed design for 3 Fairtrade signs at Dalgety Bay gateways. The cost is estimated to be £1100. Funding is being looked into.

g) Cyclists on Harbour Drive

Ongoing

h) Shopping Centre

A meeting is to be confirmed with Tesco and Dry Cleaners to update on current position and potential next steps.

i) Notice Board at St Davids

Ongoing.

j) Diary

A meeting of the projects sub-committee together with the Diary Editor, Advertising Manager and Webmaster will be arranged to discuss Diary issues.

k) Overhanging Branch at Harbour Drive / Place

Work carried out.

l) Damaged Sign at St Bridgets Brae

Councillor McGarry agreed to look into this.

m) Damaged Drain

FC reported that the road gullies on Harbour Drive opposite the BP garage had been inspected and no repairs are required. Community Councillors G Walker and

D Pritchard did not agree with this and will visit the site with Fife Councillor Dempsey.

n) Grow Wild Funding

The application form has been passed to the Woodlands Group.

LOCAL ISSUES

a) Doctors Surgery

A complaint was received on lighting at the surgery. This matter was passed to FC Lighting Service to confirm if FC or NHS was responsible for maintenance.

b) Use of Schools for Elections

The problem of disruption to parents and pupils by the use of Dalgety Bay Primary School for elections was put before the meeting. FC is looking at this issue and Councillor McGarry asked for suggestions as to other suitable places in Dalgety Bay, which could be put forward.

PLANNING

a) Pre-determination Hearing for Gateway Proposals on the Industrial Estate

The hearing before the West Planning Committee will take place at 2.00pm on 22nd January 2014 in the City Chambers, Dunfermline.

It was not decided if the Community Council will speak at the hearing but the comments on the application, which we have already submitted, will be considered by the Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) Finance

Invoice of £1,5514.88 for removal and storage of Christmas lights received.

ii) Projects

No meeting held this month.

TIMMS COMMUNITY TROPHY

The Community Council was pleased with the number of nominations received. As usual the decision was not easy for each deserved recognition. Following a vote Irene Stevenson will be invited to receive the trophy for her long-term dedication to

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Dalgety Bay Day Care and Senior Citizens Group. The trophy will be awarded at the February meeting.

Thanks are expressed to everyone who sent in nominations.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Laird reported on the proposed Food Bank for Dalgety Bay and Inverkeithing.

Further information on road surveys required re Harbour Drive.

Other issues covered under previous items.

Councillor McGarry issues covered under previous items.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fife Council Weekly Planning Lists
 Grants
 FIFEplan - Supplementary
 Planning Guidance on Affordable
 Housing

Gordon Brown, MP-Debate in House of Commons on Radiation

All other correspondence emailed to Community Councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Exxon Burns Lunch

Names are being gathered for senior citizens to attend the lunch on 29th January.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 10th February 2014 at 7.30pm in Dalgety Parish Church Halls.

Note: These minutes will be approved at the February meeting of the Community Council and any amendments will appear in the March 2014 minutes.

DECEMBER 2013 Minutes

The Chair commenced the meeting by welcoming Margaret Willis who had volunteered to fill a 'casual vacancy' on the Community Council.

Margaret introduced herself to the meeting and after being proposed by R Doyle and seconded by J Gray, she was unanimously accepted as a Community Councillor.

SEPA UPDATES-Dalgety Bay Foreshore Radiation

Dr Paul Dale updated the meeting by saying the MOD had still to complete their latest investigation of the contaminated area as to its extent and characterisation. This is expected to be completed by the beginning of the new year and in January consultations will take place with the stakeholders on the resultant remediation options being produced.

It was recommended by the CC that remediation work should be completed at no later than by the end of 2014.

The Chair then reported on his latest reply received from Mark Hutchison, Director of Service Delivery, DIO MOD which can be read on the CC's website www.dalgetybay.org.uk

The Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP report for the December meeting which has been circulated can also be read on the CC website.

Dr Paul Dale replied to questions and was thanked for his attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

With the addition of Harbour Place to heading of Item 6f, the minutes were accepted as true, proposed by D Pritchard and seconded by J McColl.

PUBLIC FORUM

a) Dalgety Bay Sports Centre

Members of Acrobay and Dalgety Bay Badminton Club attended the meeting to discuss the proposal in FC Budget consultation process for changes to be carried out in the sports hall to accommodate gymnastics. This would result in other groups such as the badminton club having to use alternative sport centres at Duloch and Inverkeithing.

Councillor Yates informed that included in FC budget proposals was an investment of £100,000 to install a sprung floor for gymnastics. He stressed that this was at present only a proposal and further budget discussions will be carried out by FC before a decision is reached in February.

No consultation has been carried out with centre users and it was felt that the matter has been very badly handled.

The Chair has contacted FC and further details are awaited.

Update. Wendy Watson, Fife Leisure Trust, who now run the sports centre has agreed to attend the community council meeting on January 13th 2014 to answer queries and concerns.

b) Sale of Land at Barns Farm

Residents attended the meeting to express concerns at the marketing of the ground by Shell UK. Also that FC Planners are now designating the area as 'reasonable alternative for housing development' in the Local Plan.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting in January before the end of the consultation period on the Local Plan so that residents can make comments to FC if they wish.

Update. The Public Meeting will be held in Dalgety Bay Parish Church on Monday 27th January at 7 pm.

REPORT ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Woodlands Management Plan

The process of transfer of ownership to the Community Council is now being progressed with our Solicitor and Alfred Stewart Properties.

Discussion took place on the Risk Assessment Report and also the responsibility placed on the Community Council Office Bearers who will be Trustees. The Chair has been in contact with Zurich Insurance who has informed that in addition to insurance being in place for Community Council Office Bearers, the Woodlands Group must set up their own Public Liability Insurance. Quotes will be requested.

A meeting of the Woodlands Group will be held on 19th December when it is hoped a constitution will be agreed and the Group will be formalised.

b) Pathway on Town Centre land

FC Locality Manager has informed that the application for a grant to carry out the work has been unsuccessful. Alternative funding will be looked into.

c) Play Park Redevelopment Group

R Doyle reported on her attendance at the December meeting of the Group.

d) Fairtrade Town

Ian Henderson, FC Transportation & Environmental Services has supplied a detailed design for 3 Fairtrade signs at Dalgety Bay gateways. The cost is estimated to be £1100. The Chair will discuss this with Mr Henderson.

e) Cyclists on Harbour Drive

Councillor Yates has held a meeting with SUStran. There is not a simple solution to the safety problem, as extending the cyclists path would take away parking spaces. SUStran will send a drawing of the proposal.

f) Shopping Centre

Voluntary groups have showed interest on the use of the vacant shops. Discussion on costs and management of a community enterprise is still being investigated.

g) Notice Board at St Davids

Ongoing.

h) Diary

A meeting of the projects sub-committee together with the Diary Editor, Advertising Manager and Webmaster will be arranged in the new year to discuss Diary issues.

i) Longhill Park

Complaints received on trees have now been passed to FC tree squad.

j) Blue Cabins

The cabins, which were lying unused in the Jubilee Park, have now been removed.

k) Timms Community Trophy

Nominations for the award of the trophy have been received. Closing date is 20th December.

l) Police Engagement Meeting

Paul Branningan, as representative of the Community Council at the Police Engagement Meetings, gave an account of his attendance at the recent Police Engagement Meeting. The police have agreed to place a report in the Diary.

LOCAL ISSUES

a) Overhanging Branch at Harbour Drive / Place

Councillor Yates will report the matter.

b) Damaged Sign at St Bridgets Brae

The Chair will report this.

c) Damaged Drain

Councillor Dempsey will report the damaged drain opposite the BP garage.

PLANNING

a) Springfield Properties

Springfield Properties has requested attendance at a Community Council meeting to discuss the proposed planning application for 48 homes at Ridge Way on the industrial estate. The Community Council object to the proposal as it is contrary to the FC Local Plan therefore it is felt that discussion is not required.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) Finance

No meeting held this month.

ii) Projects

No meeting held this month.

DALGETY BAY LEISURE CENTRE

Discussed under Public Forum.

GROW WILD FUNDING

Funding is available for wildlife garden projects. The Treasurer will look into this, as time is short for applications.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Dempsey reported on investigations into problems with trees.

Councillor Yates reported on the FC Budget consultation which can be seen on Fife Direct website.

Road survey on speeding to be carried out at Harbour Drive.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fife Council Weekly Planning Lists
 Guide to Winter Gritting and Snow Clearing
 Fife Local Development Plan (Development Strategy Consultation)
 Supplementary Planning

Guidance on Affordable Housing

SAC Consulting – Renewable Energy for Communities

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Muirdean Opencast Site

P Franklin the Community Council member on the Liaison Committee reported on the agreement by Hargreaves to reopen the site.

b) Dalgety Bay Library

Notification has been received that the Community Council will now have to pay a concessionary charge of £7.20 per hour for the hire of the meeting room, which had been free. Fife Cultural Trust now runs the library. The Community Council is displeased with this decision.

There being no further business the Chair wished everyone Seasons Greetings and closed the meeting.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 13th January 2014 at 7.30pm in Dalgety Parish Church Halls.

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The late Helen Eadie, MSP for Cowdenbeath Constituency, Cllrs Gavin Yates and Lesley Laird, for Dalgety Bay, Inverkeithing & Aberdour Joint Surgeries will continue as follows:
Fourth SATURDAY of every month in Dalgety Bay Library from 9.30am to 10.15am
Fourth SATURDAY of every month in Aberdour Community Centre from 10.30am to 11.15am
Fourth FRIDAY of every month in Parliamentary Advice Office, 25 Church Street, Inverkeithing from 2.00pm - 2.45pm
Cllr Gavin Yates: 01383 829734
Cllr Lesley Laird: cllr.Lesley.Laird@fiffe.gov.uk - 07725223777
Cllr Alice McGarry Surgeries - 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm in Dalgety Parish Church and every Tuesday at 6.30pm in Inverkeithing Civic Centre. Councillor McGarry can be contacted directly by telephoning 01383 414982 or 07895039973 or email to cllr.alice.mcgarry@fiffe.gov.uk
Cllr Dave Dempsey would prefer to meet you at a time and place to suit you. Phone 01383 415022 (leave a message if no reply and he'll call you back) or emailcldr.dave.dempsey@fiffe.gov.uk

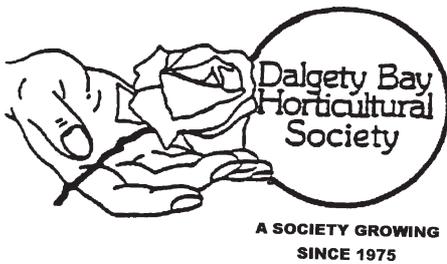
Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1 825195.	Woodland Explorers - Indoor Event , Cornerstone Church - see page 8	Contact: Kim Blasco or Helen Galloway on
Sunday 2	Dunfermline Rambling Club - Ben Ledi OR along by Loch Lubnaig	Contact: Eric Simpson - 822304
Monday 3	Dunfermline Rambling Club - Slide Show & Social, Crossford Village Hall	Contact: Eric Simpson - 822304
Monday 3, 24	Bums off Seats Walk - 3 miles - Meet at Library - 12.50pm	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26	Dalgety Bay Bowling Club - Coffee Morning	10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27	Day Care Centre - Drop-In Coffee Morning	10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday 6	Dunfermline Rambling Club - Townhill Country Park	Contact: Eric Simpson - 822304
Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27	Dalgety Players, Dalgety Parish Church	8.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday 7	Dementia Support Group, Dalgety Parish Church - 10.00am - 12 noon.	Contact: Lawson Rennie - 823312
Friday 7	DBHS - Dalgety Bay Community Centre	7.30pm
Saturday 8	Dalgety Bay Ramblers: Dunmore & The Pineapple Circular - 6 miles	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
Saturday 8	Dalgety Bay Folk Club - Dún Aengus , Woodside Hotel, Aberdour see page 19 for details	
Monday 10	Community Council Meeting, Dalgety Parish Church Halls - 'FC Draft Budget Proposals - Leisure Club'	7.30pm
Monday 10, 17	Bums off Seats Walk - 2.5 miles - Meet at Library - 12.50pm	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
Thursday 13	Dalgety Bay Ramblers: (Roamers) Fordell Circular - 4 miles	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
Friday 14	Coffee Morning Fundraising for Childreach International, Dalgety Bay Parish Church (see page 18)	10.00am - 12 noon
Friday 21	Dalgety Bay Folk Club - Gaberlunzie , Woodside Hotel, Aberdour - see page 19 for details	
Saturday 22	Dalgety Bay Ramblers: Around Auchlinsky, Ochil Hills - 8.5 miles	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
Monday 24 - 9 March - Fairtrade Fortnight	see dates below and see page 18 for further information	
Tuesday 25	Dalgety Bay Ramblers: Hill of Beath Circular - 5 miles	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
Wednesday 26	Fairtrade Wine Tasting presented by the Co-op, Dalgety Parish Church, see page 18 for details	
Friday 28	Fairtrade Stand in ASDA foyer	

MARCH

Saturday 1	Fairtrade Coffee Morning, Dalgety Parish Church	10.00 - 12 noon
Saturday 1	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay Rotary Club - Fund Raising coffee morning, Church Hall, Aberdour	10.00am - 12 noon
Saturday 1	Dalgety Bay Ramblers: Allan Water Wander, Bridge of Allan - 6 miles	Contact: Ben Douglas - 822715
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Norman started with the Aboriginal bush call "Coowee, Coowee"an answer sounded from beyond the hall "Coowee; coowee" then Ben rushed through the door. It turns out that this is the call you would give or hear if you were lost in the bush in Australia. Norman and Ben Kurzman gave a presentation, entitled "Diggers Down Under" to the last meeting of DBHS. They took us through some of the national parks of Queensland Australia including Mount Tamborine, Lamington National Park and Gondwana Land, world heritage site. The range of woodland ranged from tropical to temperate and some of the plants were special. The fig ivy grew down through the trees and eventually, over many years, rooted itself to take over the tree completely. This resulted in hollow trees. We learned that never should you stick your hand into a hollow. You just never know what is in it.

When visiting home, Norman visited his sister who took him to Beelarong Allotments and Community Gardens, in which she has an active role. (It must be in the blood.) This was very interesting with a policy of recycling everything including waste from the on site toilets. There was a community building where you could have a meal from the produce grown and of course, being Australia, the ubiquitous barbeque.

We moved on to Brisbane and were shown pictures of both botanical gardens in the city and the grounds of Brisbane University. Ben is moving to Brisbane soon to attend the university. We at DBHS, where he has been an active member all of his life, wish him all the very best.

Our next meeting is the DBHS Annual Cheese and Wine. You can get your tickets, £5 each, from Michael Gourlay on 823425. Bring along a friend or two. The more the merrier. This will take place on Friday 7th February 2014 in Dalgety Bay Community Centre from 7:30pm. Please come along. We'll be happy to see you.

Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society (DBHS) holds it's meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm in Dalgety Bay Community Centre. You are welcome to come along to our meetings and, who knows, you may be convinced to join us. We offer discounts on seeds, chemicals, organics, seed potatoes and bedding plants, which we buy in bulk. Trees and shrubs are on offer and very reasonable prices. We hold a plant sale in May and our Annual Show is in September. Discounts at various horticultural establishments are offered. We also have around 50 allotments in Dalgety Bay.

If you think you may be interested in joining, please phone, **Michael Gourlay on 01383 823425.** He will give you all the information you need.

Michael Gourlay, Chairman, DBHS

Jobs for February

Seeds

Sorting seed packets into sowing month order can help to keep up to date at the correct time. I use an old office concertina file with slots for each month and additional ones for first, second, third and fourth quarter. Packets are put in the relevant earliest month and then sown if soil conditions appear right. If not then they are moved to the next month. Those which can be sown in succession can also be moved to a later month.

A good test of soil conditions is to stick your finger in the ground. If you can keep it there then conditions are probably okay for most seeds. If you find your finger gets frozen to the marrow then it's probably best to wait to "sow your seeds" (see below).

Sweet peas - sow seeds in good compost. Sow one seed in 3" pots or 6 to 8 in a 6" pot. They may need a little heat to germinate but once germinated they should be grown hard. Use an unheated greenhouse or cold frame. Chipping the seed coat or soaking in water should not be necessary and soaking may weaken the plant.

Dahlias - check stored tubers and discard any rotten ones.

Vegetables - you could sow: Broad Beans, Chicory, Onions, Summer Cabbage, Turnip and Early Peas now. But take note of the soil conditions as too cold and wet will not suit many seeds.

Undercover - A little extra protection in a greenhouse or better still a heated sand bed will enable the following to be sown in February: Aubergines, Beetroot, Carrot, Celery, Celery, Cucumbers, Kohl Rabi, Lettuce & Lettuce Mixes, Melons, Peppers, Rocket and Tomatoes. Also many of the herbs.

Slugs

Yes it's that time again when the little dears start coming out to feed on all those nice new shoots in the greenhouse. Keep on top of them by using beer traps and placing slates and other refuges for them to crawl in. Half an eaten grapefruit is effective. Check them regularly.

Check possible hiding places outdoors as well as they like to hide under black plastic, stones, and so on waiting for the odd warm day. Despatch or translocate as you see fit.



Hi there from Dalgety Bay Playgroup. We have had another busy month. Along with our usual activities, such as Yoga Bugs and Kate from Chatterbox stories. We enjoyed a visit from the ladies at the library, who read the children Christmas stories. Hank also came in to talk to the children about Christmas.

On Saturday 30th November we had our annual Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall. This was a great success in helping to raise funds for the Playgroup. We had plenty of stalls; selling reindeer dust, the children's homemade salt dough decorations, tombola, guess the ginger bread house location, tombola, home baking, toys and books and

many many more. Our stall holders included Choc'z away, Ailsa's Nail bar, Second Heart Crafts, Party HQ, and The Whole Shebang. Not to mention the delicious hot rolls and yummy hot chocolate/marshmallow drinks on sale. Santa also managed to find time out of his busy schedule to pop along. Singing songs and chatting to all the children throughout the morning. Santa was cheered and applauded when he left. What a great memory.

We are open during school term time Monday-Friday 9.30am-12pm and Thursday afternoon 1pm-3.30pm and we accept children from 2 years 6 months. We also offer a lunch club on a Thursday to provide wraparound care, 12-1pm, where children can bring a packed lunch and stay an extra hour for only £3.50.

Dalgety Bay Playgroup follows the same Curriculum for Excellence as all Primary School Nurseries. Many of the children in Playgroup receive their antepreschool year of education with us before moving to complete their final year at one of the school nurseries. We have spaces available at the moment for our new January term and it would be great to meet some more new friends. Children from Dalgety Bay and all surrounding areas are welcome as we are not restricted by a catchment area. Each session costs £7.00 and each child is entitled to five free sessions per week from the term following their third birthday. Many of our new children were introduced to Playgroup by first attending our 2+ Club, which runs on Thursday afternoons 1pm - 2.45pm and Friday mornings 9.45am - 11.45am at a cost of £2.50 (including snack and drink). This is a great way for younger children to have fun with the reassurance of their parent/carer being with them.

If you are interested in registering your child for Playgroup or 2+ Club please email dalgetybayplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or pop into the Playgroup at Dalgety Bay Parish Church (War Memorial entrance) during our sessions and we will be happy to arrange for you to have a look around. <http://www.facebook.com/DalgetyBayPlaygroup>.

East Fife Male Voice Choir

Friday 28th March 2014
7.30 pm

What a date to keep in your diary, it will be amazing. The Choir is performing in Dalgety Parish Church, a fabulous evening will be in store for you. With a phenomenal reputation the choir never fail to entertain. The proceeds will go to Christian Aid, tickets will be available from the church office (01383 824092) from the beginning of February. A very reasonable ticket price of £5.00 for the night and of course you can pay at the door if there are seats available. Please don't miss this opportunity for a fantastic evening.



Dalgety Bay Art Club

www.dalgetybayartclub.co.uk

Club News Happy New Year!

I always put the paintbrushes & pencils away for a couple of weeks over Christmas and New Year to give myself (or my family maybe) a little time to reflect on things that worked and things that didn't work so well and to give myself a bit of time just to think about what I would like to try in the New Year. I also give my studio a jolly good tidy up ready to start afresh in January. So now I am raring to go!

We held our first ever Christmas Sale in December at the Club premises. Thank you to everybody who exhibited and to everybody who popped in to see the wonderful display of paintings and treated themselves to a cup of tea and mince pie.

The Committee will be hard at work planning and organising lots of new workshops, demonstrations and events for 2014 so keep an eye out on the notice boards at the Club if you would like to join in.

We now have a brand new & updated website with a new address – www.dalgetybayartclub.com. When you have a spare moment in between creating masterpieces, please pop over and have a look. And don't forget, you can have examples of your work uploaded into the Gallery page.

Thank you to all members who took the time to complete our recent survey. The information will be used to improve your Club experience.

Dalgety Bay Art Club opening hours are
Tuesday 10.00-12.00
Thursday 10.00-12.00
Wednesday & Friday 19.00-21.00

Just for fun

I thought I would try something different this year so here we go with 'missing letters'. Can you guess who this artist is and his/her piece of work.

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Answer in the next edition of The Diary.

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Your Letters

Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre

I refer to an article regarding the proposal to develop a gymnastics training centre at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre in the Dunfermline Press 19th December. It is fantastic to witness the success of the Acrobay gymnastics club and that Fife Council are proposing to invest £100,000 in this project. However, what the article failed to point out and I suspect a great many people in the Bay are not aware of is that this proposal will mean that all the other current users of the sports hall will lose the facility as it will be replaced by a purpose built gymnastics training centre. This change has been poorly communicated to the other users and has been presented as a *fait accompli* without any consultation whatsoever.

Fife Council's desire to support the development of sport in the area is to be commended and certainly the investment put into Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy and Carnegie is impressive and whilst recognizing the efforts of the gymnastics club and their desire to expand and offer further activities the Sports Hall was developed as part of the development in that area for the use of the residents of Dalgety Bay not just one exclusive group.

If the proposal is accepted through the budget process the change will take place in the summer of 2014 and the facility will be lost to all other users.

David Ancliffe, Dalgety Bay

Dear Diary

I wish to complain about the items of clothing that are on show in the window of the previous Dunfermline Building Society in Dalgety Bay which were on show previously in the Dry Cleaners Window (whose premises are currently under repair).

These items include underpants with the word "bawbags" written clearly for all to see, I find this word offensive and certainly feel that there is no place for it in a shop window where both children and adults alike can see. I think these items should be removed as it lowers the whole tone of the shopping centre.

Val Keddie



Happy New Year from everyone at Acrobay!

After a busy time in the run-up to Christmas, the coaches and gymnasts let their hair down at a Fun Night in December before enjoying a well-earned rest over the holidays whilst the Sports Centre was closed. Everyone is now back in

the gym, refreshed and raring to go! We are midway through the competition season so our competitive gymnasts are training hard and preparing for upcoming events. Our youngest members, the boys and girls in the pre-school and development group who took the stage by storm recently at our Gymtasia show, are also busy perfecting their individual skills and learning new moves. Watch this space for our stars of the future!

Many club members are wearing Gymtasia t-shirts which were designed by two of our gymnasts, Bethany Woodburn and Eilidh Mitchell. Well done girls; not only do the t-shirts look fabulous but they have also helped raise funds for the club. Fundraising is still high on our agenda this year. Acrobay is, of course, non-profit making and any funds we raise are ploughed straight back into the club, to buy new equipment, subsidise gymnasts' costs etc. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us raise funds.

We hope that 2014 will be as successful and eventful as last year. Fife Council's proposal to invest in Dalgety Bay's Sports Centre would be a fantastic opportunity for the club and the whole community. Not only would we be able to improve our training facilities, but it would also give us the chance to work with Fife Sports and Leisure Trust in adding to activities currently on offer. In addition to the existing recreational gymnastics classes for boys and girls at the centre, it is also hoped to add a wide variety of new and exciting classes for the whole community including trampolining, free running, fencing, cheerleading, dance tricks classes and to provide a disability gymnastics programme. These activities could also be offered to teenagers at The Edge on Saturday nights. We really hope that the community will support this proposal as we feel it would be a great investment for Dalgety Bay.

Acrobay Gymnastics Club is based at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre. We specialise in Acrobatic Gymnastics and currently have 97 members, both male and female, ages ranging from 3 – 40. For more information please visit www.acrobay.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Photo: Howard Ashton-Jones, PBS Photography



St. Columba's Episcopal Church Aberdour



St. Columba's Episcopal Church Aberdour
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane
Bishop David Chillingworth - Primus

Rev Maureen Stirzaker
Telephone 01383 861 283

Eucharist is held each Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Evensong is generally sung at 5.0 p.m. on the last Sunday in the month. In the past we used to have Evensong on the 5th Sunday in the month, henceforth we will have a service on the last Sunday in the month.

Eucharist will be held on Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd February 2014.

We had an amazing and productive Christmas and New Year. On 22nd December the Evening Carol Service had standing room only, the Crib Service packed the church and we had a short but meaningful service on Christmas Day. In between all that we managed to help Sally Watt pack 117 shoe boxes for deserving children as part of Operation Christmas Child. To everyone who helped and contributed, our very grateful thanks.

We have created a small website which will be used to tell you about what is happening at the church. Please go to <http://www.stcolumba-aberdour-sec.org>

Jeremy Hawkings - T: 825 800



Cornerstone Full Gospel Church

www.cornerstonefgc.org

Our **Christmas Celebration** took place on Tuesday, 3rd December 2013. There was, once again an enjoyable programme which included a set of hilarious drama sketches concentrating on how stressful Christmas can be when the focus is on all the wrong things. There were also traditional Carols where audience participation was invited, sacred dance and solos. There was an excellent turnout from the community and we were very pleased to see some regular faces coming back for more this year, as well as new ones. It was good to chat with you during the buffet afterwards and it blessed us to receive excellent feedback from some of our visitors.

The **Christmas Family Service** was held on Sunday 22nd December 2013. The Sunday School

children and leaders all wore costumes, taking their place in the Nativity tableau. The programme incorporated songs and readings by the children who performed very impressively. We introduced a few new songs this year, including "Welcome to our World" which was a popular addition to our Christmas repertoire. The theme of the message was to do with claiming back Christmas for Christ which demonstrated how commercialised Christmas has become and that Christ is not at its centre for many people these days. There was a great turnout of family members and they were all very proud of the children's display of enthusiasm and talent.

Our **Christmas and New Year Services** were well attended. Before each service, hot beverages and cake were served. On Christmas Eve, we sang Christmas Carols and heard Scripture readings, all of which focused our minds on the true meaning of Christmas. On New Year's Eve, at our Watchnight Service, we heard various testimonies of how God had moved in the lives of individuals throughout 2013. It was an exciting end to the year and we all look forward eagerly to see what God will do in 2014!

Holiday Club – The Holiday Club for 2014 is "Mega Makers" and is based on Matthew's Gospel. During Mega Makers! children will enter the inventor's workshop and make some mega discoveries about God, hear about how God's love is far wider and longer and higher and deeper than we can ever imagine and find out what it means to be a follower of Jesus. It will take place the week 4th to 8th August 2014. We're already looking forward to it, so watch this space for further info!

Weekly Services

Our weekly services which take place at 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Sundays continue to be a blessing to those who attend. The message is always challenging and thought-provoking, with praise and worship that stirs the spirit. After the evening service, there is a tasty finger buffet, which is enjoyed by everyone and is a time when people can mix and have fellowship together.

Bible Study Home Groups.

Bible Study groups take place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting at 7.30 p.m. in Dalgety Bay.

For further details regarding any of the above, please contact the church office on telephone number **01383-825095**.

Forthcoming Events

4th - 8th August 2013 "Mega Makers"
Holiday Club, Cornerstone Full Gospel Church

Please visit our website:

www.cornerstonefgc.org

Thought for February

Our unknown future is secure in the hands of our all-knowing God.

"The Lord, He it is that goes before you; He will be with you, He will not fail you." Deut.31:8



Donibristle Playgroup hopes that you all have had a very good Christmas and New Year! All the children here had an amazing time, and we have enjoyed listening to all their stories of near sightings of the BIG MAN!!

Back in November we held our quiz night at The Bay Inn, and we would once again like to thank them for not only allowing us to host our quiz night in November but also donating the winning prize. We are hoping to organise another quiz night around Easter, again at The Bay Inn – details to follow nearer the time.

We have been very busy already since coming back from our Christmas break. Settling in and welcoming new children both to playgroup and our 2.5 club. We have also had fun celebrating both Burns night and the Chinese New Year with poems, artwork, food and music.

This month will also see us also celebrating Valentine's Day, again with poems and artwork.

Who would like to win £10? We are selling quiz sheets (£1 a sheet) and the lucky winner will get £10! Please pop into the playgroup on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning to get your quiz sheet, closing date for completed quiz forms will be Friday 28th February. All proceeds will be spent on resources for the playgroup – Good Luck Everyone!

We currently have places available at our playgroup; so if you are 2½ years old and would like to come to our 2.5 club, or you are 2 years and 10 months or older and would like to visit us, please contact us at donibristleplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk. We are open **ALL DAY** on a Monday & Wednesday and also open on a Friday morning. Please call us on 07729 771344 for more information.



The New Year started with seven Air Cadets from 859 Squadron visiting the Edinburgh Airport Air Traffic Control Tower and witnessing first-hand the work of the air traffic controllers before getting a guided tour of an EasyJet Airbus airliner.

At the squadron the cadets have continued to make a radio controlled robot for the Rampaging Chariots competition later in the year. The newer cadets have continued training towards their First Class Cadet classification by learning about airmanship and aircraft controls.

The efforts towards the Duke of Edinburgh award has started with the cadets carrying out gym tests which form part of the physical requirements for the award. In the next few weeks they shall be starting to train towards the expeditions with map work and navigation sessions before going out into the hills.

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Dalgety Parish Church



Diary dates...

Every Tuesday from 10am: Café Connect, with home-baking and Fairtrade coffee

1st February: Elders' conference

5th & 19th February: Forth Churches Guild meets 7.30pm

9th & 23rd February: Roots & Wings for 17-25 year olds 12 noon

9th February: Come & Sing at 6.30pm

14th February: The Connexion film night 7pm

28th February: Guild Concert 7.30pm

Christmas has come and gone but, as we move forward through the year, the events of that first Christmas continue to impact on our lives and we rejoice in that fact.

Frontline Fife

As a result of our Christmas Card delivery service and retiring offerings from some of our Christmas services we were delighted to be able to hand over a cheque for £810 to Frontline Fife to help with their work in dealing with homelessness. We were also able to deliver non-perishable food items to them in time for Christmas. The Church will accept non-perishable food items or charity shop items for Frontline Fife on any weekday morning from 9.30am – 12 noon. These are used to support homeless families and those in crisis situations.

Medical Aid for Palestinians

A letter of thanks was received before Christmas from MAP for the donation of £3,600 from our Harvest Appeal. In the letter MAP indicated... "Your very kind donation is being put to work for the health and dignity of Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees... Everything you are doing is helping the people of Palestine to endure the trauma and insecurity they face... Thanks to your efforts we are able to provide essential medicines in Gaza, support training programmes..., provide support to children and support midwives..."

Helping Older People

Winter weather (winter's not over yet!) and illness can be a minor inconvenience to many of us or it can cause a major problem, especially for older people who run out of foodstuffs and who are unable to go shopping and have no-one to go for them.

We can help! If you are stuck at home and have run out of **basic** foodstuffs, phone our Church office (824092) between 9.30am – 12noon on weekdays and we will arrange to deliver what you need; outwith those times call 726238.

Needing a quiet place?

The Church has a 'Quiet Room' which is open Monday – Friday from 9am until 6pm. The room can be accessed from the side of the building nearest the Squash Club and there is space for people to have time on their own, or with others; a place to think; a place to contemplate. There is no direct access to the Church from this room and people can come and go as they please.

Church activities

If you enjoy singing new songs (and old ones) then Dalgety Parish Church is the place to be at 6.30pm on Sunday 9 February. Come and sing and then share in worship.

...and also on 9th and 23rd February, at the earlier time of 12noon, our 'Roots & Wings' group for 17 – 25 year-olds meets in the Church. Explore issues of the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere!

The Connexion, a Forth Churches supported group for young people, is presenting a film night on 14th February at 7pm (looking for something on Valentine's Day?). The film is "Sunshine on Leith" and admission is free.

Forth Churches Guild meets on 5th and 19th February at 7.30pm in Rooms 1 & 2 and the meetings are open to all. On the 5th, the meeting will be addressed by Trevor Francis MBE, Aberdour and on the 19th, by Lt Colin Scott, Salvation Army, Dunfermline.

On 28th February Forth Churches Guild is presenting the internationally renowned singer, "Bruce Davies in Concert" at 7.30pm. Tickets, which include refreshments, cost £5 and are available from the Church office (824092) and Guild members. Proceeds from the concert will go towards national Guild projects, supporting work in India, Rwanda, and Malta amongst others.

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Parish Priest Rev. Peter Kelly will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

Weekday masses:

Monday and Friday only at 10.00am

Mass will be said on Thursdays and

Tuesdays at 12 noon from November



Rosyth Methodist and

St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Churches

Queensferry Road, Rosyth

A Local Ecumenical Partnership

Episcopal Sunday Services normally start at 9.30am followed by the Methodist Services at 11.00 am

On the 2nd Sunday of the Month (except during school holiday periods) we have a Sunday Funday for children up to

12years (accompanied by adults)
Starts with breakfast at 9am, followed by Crafts, Stories, Songs etc. and finishes at 10.30am.

Do bring youngsters
You'll really enjoy it !!

On the 4th Sunday each month there is a Shared Communion Service at 11am only.

Wednesday Fellowship for women and men starts again at 2.15pm on 5th February 2014
Devotions, talks, tea/coffee and chat.

Come and join us!!
Meetings are held weekly.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

Interested? Then please call
415021 or 721252

Methodist: Scottish Charity SC028559

Episcopal: Scottish Charity SC028426

Regrettably, just before Christmas we had an opportunity to get cadets flying in gliders cancelled due to the weather however in the next few weeks we are due to get airborne in both light aircraft and gliders and hopefully we will not be disappointed this time.

If any boy or girl aged 13 to 17 is interested in joining us please contact the squadron on 01383 820695 during parade nights, Monday & Friday evenings, 7.00 - 9.30pm, via the website www.859sqn.org or by e-mail at oc.859@aircadets.org. We are also looking for adults to assist the squadron either as instructors or as part of the Civilian Committee.

Flight Lieutenant Stuart Batty
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training)
Officer Commanding , 859 (Dalgety Bay)
Squadron
Air Training Corps

DB Dalgety Bay DC Day Care

www.dalgetybaydaycare.org.uk

Dalgety Bay Day Care

is a Scottish Charity; No. SC 016093

and is Financially supported by Fife Council

The Day Care members were saddened to hear of the death of Helen Eadie MSP. Helen attended the celebrations and officially opened our new centre in 1997. She was a great supporter of the work we do to help older people in Dalgety Bay and will be sadly missed by the community and especially by her family.

After our Christmas break things have settled back to our normal role of providing a welcoming and safe environment for the not-so-able in Dalgety Bay.

Our Christmas celebrations went very well culminating in an excellent lunch for 40 members, volunteers, and committee members at the Woodmill Restaurant, Dunfermline. The special Christmas coffee morning was a success, and big thanks go to Janet Cowie and Anne Shields and all their helpers for their efforts during the year.

Progress is being made towards the purchase of a new mini-bus, which will give us a few more seats while still having the electric hoist for wheelchair access. We hope to source this in the next few months. Thanks must go to Ian Forsyth, our minibus coordinator, for everything he is doing to make this possible. We have been fund-raising for this for some time, and are grateful once again to the Allister Charitable Trust for their grant towards this project.

The centre continues to be available to community groups when not in use by the Day Care. Please contact us by phone or email if you are looking for a meeting place.

Finally, please consider if you would like to join with us in any capacity; member, volunteer, driver, escort, helper, whatever. Full details of the Day Care and these opportunities for you to help out are on our website, www.dalgetybaydaycare.org.uk. Phone 822905, or email i-can-help@dalgetybaydaycare.org.uk

Jan Owenson, Chairperson



FREE Movies at theConnexion

Spring into Spring with our Friday Free Film nights. Each Friday in the month which has a 'teen' date, we have a family-suitable movie for everyone. These will generally be PG films on the big screen. So everyone, whether kids+parents, youngsters 12+, teens, families, older, ancients+grandkids – all are welcome.

January. We got rid of the blues, and the baddies, with the funny-scary movie-Lemony Snicket's – a series of unfortunate events!

FEBRUARY Big TaDa Fanfare, On Valentine's day, we will be bringing the fabulous **Sunshine on Leith**. If you have seen it, come along again to re-live and re-sing the music: If you haven't seen it, **you must!**

Movie start at 7:00 in Hall@Dalgety Church, Feb 14th. Remember, you don't have to join theConnexion - or be a member of the church - to come to the free movie. Soft drinks are on sale.

March – keep looking here for info. The March meeting will be the last of the winter season due to the nights getting lighter and spoiling the effect on our big screen.

theConnexion is Scottish Charity SC040531 and is financially supported by Fife Council. It is actively supported by Inverkeithing High School, Forth Churches Group, and Fife Community Police.

Click the Link :-) www.theConnexion.org.uk (- : for details



The Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay

The rotary club's next major fundraising event is its annual coffee morning in the church hall, Aberdour on Saturday 1 March, from 10 am to 12 noon.

In addition to the usual coffee and cakes there will be the popular cake and candy stall, stalls with books and quality household goods and a raffle and tombola. Again this year the proceeds will be divided between Rotary International's high profile campaign to end polio worldwide and local charities.

Please come along and support our club which works hard to support your community. And, if you have books or household goods that you think will be suitable for our stalls, please hand them to any member of the rotary club or bring them along to the Aberdour church hall from 9.30 am on Saturday 1 March.

Dalgety Bay Cricket Club

Happy New Year to you all.

Have the excesses of the Festive period caught up with you?

Feel the need to refresh the body & mind, try something different?

Then come and join us at Dalgety Bay Cricket Club (DBCC).

We are a small, friendly, yet ambitious club founded in the 1970, based at Dalgety Bay Sports & Leisure

Centre. The club's cricket playing philosophy was demonstrated last season by DBCC winning the divisional Fair Play Award for Division 8 of the East of Scotland Cricket League.

We currently have one senior team that plays in Division 7 of the East of Scotland Cricket League, and a mixed team of seniors and juniors that play friendlies with likeminded clubs in the area.

We are keen to welcome new members, not just players, but also those who would like to watch cricket, enjoy a social drink, or just stroll around our ground.

If you are interested in becoming a member, player or otherwise, please contact Paul Vincent on 01383 824213, and we will get you involved in local cricket for Summer 2014.

Our current membership is a diverse range of age, gender and abilities, and on paper we have a very strong team. However, unfortunately we play on grass and need your support and assistance. **YOUR CRICKET CLUB NEEDS YOU** and welcomes you.

We have pleasure in confirming that our next winter net session will be held at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre on Sunday 16th February at 09.00 hrs for 1.5hrs. We look forward to seeing you.

The nets are free, but any voluntary contributions will be gratefully received.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hillend Tavern for their continuing support for the coming season.

For up to date information and news please check us out on Facebook, at Dalgety Bay Cricket Club.

Race Night

In aid of Cancer Research UK –
Relay for Life

'Mums on the Run Team'

Saturday 15th March

at

Louie Browns (Deli Bar area)

6.30pm for 7pm start

Ticket Price: £7.50 per adult which includes a bowl of curry served after the race action!

Please come along and support the 'Mums on the Run' team, a group of local mums who are taking part in the 24hr Relay for Life on 21st June 2014 in memory of a dear friend and local mum.

This event is kindly sponsored by Louie Browns so please come along and show your support for this worthy cause. It is sure to be a fun evening! We have a limited number of tickets available so please don't delay in purchasing your tickets.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mums on the Run Team by contacting Elaine on 07588928892, Julie on 07500970746 or Deborah on 07702213026.



Dalgety Bay Bowling Club

Look for us on **facebook** at
<http://www.facebook.com/DalgetyBayBowlingClub>

The festivities are over for another year and I hope you all managed to have a wonderful time and escape all the bugs that have been flying about!

The Malcolm Watson Memorial Darts Competition – This coveted shield was competed for by a large number of our members on Friday 10th January with Dick Kerr the outright winner, pictured here with Nancy Watson and runner-up John Stock.



Private Functions – As it is winter and our “closed” season we are in a position to cater for private functions –available to members or non-members. The maximum capacity is 60. If you would like more information, please call our Club Secretary, **Marianne Eastwood, on 01383 824670.**

Outdoor Coaching for Beginners – If you haven’t bowled before and would like to give it a try, we will be offering a free **COME AND TRY SESSION** early in May – watch this space for further details in future editions of *The Diary*.

Weather permitting **our weekly social events** will continue throughout the closed season with **coffee mornings** on Wednesdays, **quizzes or bingo** on Thursday evenings, **darts and games** on Friday evenings and any forthcoming **functions** detailed on the Social Events notice board. Non-members are also welcome – please call our Club Secretary, **Marianne Eastwood on 01383 824670** if you would like more information.

Find us on **Facebook** at <http://www.facebook.com/DalgetyBayBowlingClub>.

Marianne Eastwood

WHEN DALGETY BAY HAD ITS OWN MINI-AIRLINE

Below is a photograph depicting men from 782 Squadron which was based at Royal Naval Air Station Donibristle from 1940 to 1953.

782 was a communications squadron serving the Royal Navy, including air ambulance duties.

The aircraft is a an American Beech Expediter provided on Lend Lease. The wingtips framing the photo are from British De Havilland Dominie biplanes.

You can read much more about this squadron and the rest of wartime Dalgety Bay in my Dalgety Bay - Heritage and Hidden History published by the local Community Council. It is available on loan or for purchase from the Dalgety Bay and Dunfermline libraries.



Dalgety Bay Library

Opening Times

Monday	09.30 - 1.00 & 2.00 - 7.00
Tuesday	11.00 - 1.00 & 2.00 - 5.00
Wednesday	09.30 - 1.00 & 2.00 - 5.00
Thursday	09.30 - 1.00 & 2.00 - 5.00
Friday	09.30 - 1.00 & 2.00 - 7.00
Saturday	09.30 - 1.00

Bereavement Support

We extend an invitation to you to come along to our informal **Bereavement Support Meeting** on the last Thursday of each month at **Dalgety Parish Church**.

Please drop in at any time between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and the opportunity to talk with others.

Members of our Pastoral Care Team will also be available to talk with you personally.
 More details from Alasdair Campbell, Parish Assistant –
 Tel: 726238

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After Eight Mince in 2013 or The Year That’s Awa’



After Eight Mince (A8M), the Bay’s own folk group celebrated its 10th Birthday in 2013 by raising over £8,000 for charities, churches, the RNLi and other worthy causes.

In March 2013, the band launched its first CD, “Kingdom of Fife” which has sold well and has so far raised £3,000 which has already been distributed to four major charities. The band plays free of charge for any worthy cause and can be contacted through their leader, Val Valiant at 01383 822727.

A8M consists of lead singer Kirsty backed by musicians Val, Alex, Steve, Dave, Ian and Bill. All are members of Dalgety Bay Folk Club which meets monthly in The Woodside Hotel, Aberdeen.

The band is looking forward to another busy year in 2014 and they thank their families, friends and fans for their loyal support over the past ten years.

Safe Space

Safe Space offers counselling support, group work and justice support for male and female survivors of sexual abuse. There is also a dedicated service for young people (12-18yrs). Safe Space offers training and awareness raising for other agencies and community groups.

To contact Safe Space call 01383 739084 or email contact@safe-space.co.uk . More information available on www.safe-space.co.uk

Fundraising!

My name is Claire Brown, I am 20 years old and I am a member of the Dalgety Bay Community. I have lived in Dalgety Bay for 17 years. During my time at secondary school, I worked at the Dalgety Bay post office for 4 years and was well known as the Saturday girl there.

For the last 3 months I have been fundraising for the charity Childreach International through the Childreach International society at Dundee University. This new and amazing charity works to protect children's basic human rights all over the world; keeping children safe and securing their rights is at the centre of what the charity does.

I have signed up to take part in one of the charities challenges which is called 'Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids'. This challenge includes raising £2650 and then in August I will not only be travelling to Tanzania to visit the schools where the money I raise will help, but will also be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro; the highest free-standing mountain in the world at 5,895 metres.

So far I have raised £629.89 and have lots of ideas to continue to get closer to my target. On the 14th of February I am holding a coffee morning at the Dalgety Bay Parish Church from 10am to 12pm. There will be lots of cakes and drinks and also a raffle – it should be lots of fun with a great atmosphere!

I also have a donation page where people are welcome to make donations to this great cause - <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/clairebrown1>. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Dalgety Bay Curling Club



The run up to the festive season was a busy period for Dalgety Bay Curling Club with several closely contested competitions. The Stoddart Cup was won narrowly by Chris Stuart's team, and Leslie Wilson plus Jess Skelton won the Pairs competition. Both our Points competitions were shared (!) — Leslie Wilson and Eric Tittley winning the scratch prize while the handicap was won jointly by Karen Gibb and Ann McLanaghan. We also played in anniversary bonspiels to celebrate Raith and Abbotshall's 125th anniversary and the 275th year of Dunfermline Curling Club where our teams produced good performances and won both their games.

The New Year brings our Junior Skip league (allows club players a chance to try playing as skip), plus several matches in the Province League and Kinross League, the start of our Suttie Cup, and a bunch of friendly matches with other clubs.

INVERKEITHING MEDICAL GROUP SURGERY NEWS February 2014

PRACTICE TELEPHONE LINES – UPDATE

Following feedback from patients, we have changed the way our telephone lines are answered. The options for specific areas of the service have been dispensed with. Instead, patients phoning the surgery number 01383 413234 will be able to speak directly with a member of our reception staff. Please note that surgery lines tend to be very busy between 8.30 and 10.00am/2.00 and 3pm when urgent house calls etc are being booked. Please avoid calling during these times for non urgent requests.

ON-LINE REPEAT PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

Patients can now request their repeat prescriptions on-line. Patients already registered for on-line appointment booking can use their existing log in details to access the online repeat prescription service. Patients wishing to obtain log in details for requesting on-line repeat prescriptions and appointment booking should ask at reception for further details.

For safety reasons the practice will cease taking repeat prescriptions by phone. We will, however, continue to take requests for housebound patients until adequate arrangements can be made to ensure that they can obtain their repeat prescriptions by another method.

Other ways to request repeat prescriptions:

1. Make arrangements with the local pharmacy.
2. Complete the repeat prescription slip and post in the prescription box in the surgery.
3. Email your request to: fife-uhb.dalgetybayscripts@nhs.net
4. Post request to surgery enclosing SAE for return.
5. Register for accessing our on-line repeat prescription service (ask at reception for further details).

MATERNITY LOCUM

Dr Iliana Foteva will be covering Dr Zheng's maternity leave from 2nd February 2014.

SHINGLES VACCINATION

Patients age 70 years old (this includes people who are born between 2nd September 1943) and 70 years old (this includes all people born between 2nd September 1933 and 1st September 1934) can now phone for an appointment. Clinics will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th February, Thursday 6th February and Friday 7th February.

experienced curlers or beginners. We are also supporting a TryCurling session on Feb 23rd at Kinross Ice Rink where for only £1 you can try a taster session on the basics of the game with qualified coaches! See www.trycurling.com for details.

We curl at local ice rinks from late September to late March, and we like to include various fun social events throughout the season. For more information please visit our website at <http://royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org/dalgetybaycurlingclub> or call Margaret on 07725 580293

Dalgety Bay Senior Citizens Club

Thursday 6th David Cooper — Slides
Thursday 13th Games
Thursday 20th Mark Bennet & Co Music
Thursday 26th Games
Elke Grant, Secretary

Dalgety Bay Fairtrade Group

Fairtrade Fortnight will be celebrated from 24 February to 9 March. It will be an opportunity to focus on Fairtrade, what it means, how it affects us and how we can influence retailers to press for a more just and equitable world by ensuring producers get a fair deal and a fair price for their goods.

To focus attention on this year's Fairtrade Fortnight and as part of our campaign to retain Fairtrade Town status for Dalgety Bay, we will be running a Fairtrade coffee morning on Saturday 1 March, from 10am –

12noon in Dalgety Parish Church. We also plan to have an information stand in Asda's foyer on Friday 28 February and in Tesco on Friday 7 March.

As part of the Co-op's celebration of 10 years since Fairtrade wine was first introduced, there will be a wine tasting evening on Wednesday 26 February (7pm – 9pm) in Dalgety Parish Church. The evening will be presented by the Co-op who will conduct a tutored tasting session. Tickets for this will be free but as numbers will be limited, admission will be by ticket only - application for tickets should be made to the Secretary or Chair, or members of the Fairtrade Group. It promises to be a fun evening.

Promoting Fairtrade and highlighting Fairtrade issues means that we have to take the Fairtrade message into the community and a programme of visits to organisations and businesses is underway. We are currently discussing with the primary schools a competition to design a Fairtrade bookmark and, if all goes according to plan, these should be available during Fairtrade Fortnight.

It was disappointing to learn that Fife Council has rejected our application to fund the installation of 'Fairtrade Town' signs at the entrances to Dalgety Bay but, with great support from the Community Council, we are continuing to explore this avenue.

By buying Fairtrade products, you are helping to ensure that producers get a fair price for their product. This enables them to improve their standard of living, pay for their children's education and healthcare costs and contribute to the local economy which, in turn, benefits their whole community.

If you would like to become a Fairtrade supporter; would like more information about events during Fairtrade Fortnight, or if you would like more information about Fair Trade generally, please

contact Winnie Wood (822516) or Robin Arnott (822293). Have a look at our new web site (www.fairtrade-dalgetybay.org.uk) and read about the 2015 Declaration.



1st Dalgety Bay Brownies

1st Dalgety Bay Brownie Guides are taking part in the Philippines Challenge, we will be locating where the Philippines are on the map, study their flag and hope to make our own personal bead brooch of the flag. We will also be checking if there is Guiding and do they have any special games we could learn.

We would really like someone who comes from the Philippines or has been a visitor to this country to come to talk to us to bring the whole project alive. Do you feel you could come along one Tuesday evening to see what we are doing and speak to us, please email.....dalgetybaybrownies1@live.co.uk

Chernobyl Children's Life Line

Host Families Wanted

I first became aware of Chernobyl Children's Life Line Charity six years ago when my son was asked to help out during the summer holidays as part of his Scouting programme. He spent several days taking part in a variety of activities with the visiting Chernobyl children at Dalgety Bay Scout Hut. He did exactly the same the following year and then suggested that the rest of the family become involved by hosting two children next time!

I got in touch with the local co-ordinator of the group and was truly amazed by the information I was given. Although over 25 years have passed since the original accident at Chernobyl, people in the Ukraine and Belarus are still living close to the reactor, many of them making a living off the land – which is obviously still heavily irradiated. The health implications of the constant exposure to the radiation are many and varied – particularly for children.

Chernobyl Children's Life Line provide the opportunity for children from the worst affected areas to visit Britain for four weeks in the summer holidays. The children stay with host families in pairs for two weeks, with a swap over half way through their visit. Each local area link group work hard to provide the children with a wide range of fun activities along with dental care, sight and health checks, lots of fresh fruit and vegetables and many happy memories to take home with them. It is estimated that four weeks here, away

from the radiation, can extend a child's life expectancy by several years.

The children come over in groups of 8 or 10, accompanied by a responsible adult leader from their local area who can speak English. The leader is on call throughout the visit. There is lots of information, help and advice available for host families and there is always someone at the end of the phone or who can pop round to chat. The local area link also arrange Russian lessons in advance of the visit.

As a family, we have found it to be a lovely, positive experience – spending time with the children, getting to know the other host families and attending link events with the children. The other local link members have also become good friends over the years.

So, if you have a spare room, would be willing to have two 10-12 year olds to stay for two weeks in July this year or can help in any other way, please get in touch with either me or the link chairperson, Patrick Reddington 01592 642374

Anja Saunders 821506

Dalgety Players

Dalgety Players meets every Thursday at 8.00pm in Dalgety Parish church and welcomes new members interested in helping a drama group, whether acting or assisting with a variety of support roles including stage management and publicity.

The club performed the pantomime "Puss in Boots" between Tuesday 21st and Saturday 25th January. Dalgety Players summer 2013 production, "The Perfect Package", written by club member Helen Brogan, will be performed again in modified form in the Fife heats of Scottish Community Drama Association's one act play competition at Buchhaven on Saturday 1st March: the play is based on the intrigues of a tv talent show.

Thursday rehearsal dates for February are 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of the month, followed by Thursday 6th March.

LOST AND FOUND

Child's toy (Christmas gift) found on the 26/12/13 in the area of Collins Crescent
Please call 07766 582519 with a brief description of item.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who bought the 2014 Dalgety Bay Calendar. I had lots of people coming up to me and telling me they have sent copies overseas to family and friends. It was not a profit making venture and I am really please so many people enjoyed the photos and also glad I have been able to give something back to my home town, which I have lived in all my life.

Rebecca Lee

Dalgety Bay Folk Club

presents
at the **Woodside Hotel**, High Street,
Aberdour

Dún Aengus 

Irish Music & Song

It's Irish Night at the Folk Club on Saturday 8 February at 7.30 pm

including supper at the Woodside Hotel, High Street, Aberdour Admission is by ticket only!

Featuring Dún Aengus, a duo with Peter Andersson and Martin Rahmberg. The name of the band comes from a place on the small island of Inishmore on the west coast of Ireland.

They both sing and Martin plays guitar and Peter the tenor banjo. Dún Aengus has a rich repertoire of Irish tunes and songs. Music from Scotland has also been a huge influence on us, but we also play modern tunes if we feel the necessity.

Tickets: Members £5.00 and Guests £10.00 (which will include supper) from Colin/Liz hay, Tel: 01383 822732 or email: db01folkclub@gmail.com

On Friday 21 February, we welcome a return visit from top folk duo 'Gaberlunzie'



Robin Watson and Gordon Menzies have been together as Gaberlunzie since the early 1970s and are well known for producing an exciting blend of modern and traditional songs. Essentially Scottish, with an emphasis on rhythm and harmony, Gaberlunzie has a wide appeal to audiences both at home and abroad. They have travelled extensively in Europe, Canada, United States, and the Middle East, taking with them not only Scottish music but also that other extra special ingredient - Scottish humour.

Tickets: Members £7.00 and Guests £10.00 from Colin/Liz hay, Tel: 01383 822732 or email: db01folkclub@gmail.com

Admission is by ticket only!