

# Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council Newsletter



## Issue 42 – Spring/Summer 2010

### Half Yearly Report

Community Councillor Paula McLay has, regretfully, resigned for personal reasons. We take this opportunity to thank her for her valued work and input into the Community Council since 2006. Jackie McMillan has also left us and we thank her for her input, especially her significant contribution on the Promenade Lighting project team.

There are currently vacancies on the Community Council and we are always in need of volunteers especially for deliveries and events. Please contact us if you can help in any way – see contact details on back page.

### Our Autumn/Winter Events

**“Age of Stupid”** – In October we held a film night with the help of two community councillors from Humber, East & West Saltoun and Bolton Community Council who loaned and operated the equipment for the event. Refreshments were served and delicious home baking was kindly donated by a member of our community. The £50 raffle prize was won by Sam Knox, Prestonpans. The film (available on DVD) is a thought-provoking, award-winning docu-drama about the causes and effects of global warming. Everyone can help lessen these effects by walking/cycling instead of taking the car whenever possible and safe; switching off electrical items at socket; recycling paper etc and unwanted household items and being aware of the need to reduce waste and consumption of fuels. **Good for the purse, health and environment!**

**Fireworks** – Once again we held a successful, well-attended event which also added to our fundraising efforts. Many thanks to those who came along to help on the night.

**Switch-on of Christmas Tree Lights** – Thanks to those who joined the Carol Singing and who contributed to our fundraising by sponsoring lights for loved ones. Total raised was £235. Hot food and drinks were served at the John Bellany Day Centre which helped staff and volunteers raise funds for treats for the old folks who attend the day centre.

**Winter Wonderland** – Our Christmas event was well attended and as usual provided lots of fun and prizes for families. Children visited Santa’s Grotto and Roseanna, Seton Queen 2009, was in attendance wearing her stunning gala dress.

**Senior Citizens’ Party** – It was lovely to see so many of our wonderful senior citizens enjoying the annual treat. It is a pleasure to hold this event for them. Mouth-watering food was provided by the Wemyss and Ramage’s delicious sausage rolls were a big hit as usual! A selection of drinks was served too. The Seton Queen carried out her duties once again, doing an excellent job! Thank you Roseanna. Thanks to the local businesses and individuals who donated prizes for Winter Wonderland and the Senior Citizens’ Party. Thanks to volunteers who gave their time and much needed help.

### Consultations

**New Gas-Fired Station at Cockenzie** – Further to a community survey (as requested – comments/concerns will be on view to the public in due course) and a public meeting held by the Community Council, a representation was submitted to the Scottish Government (SG) stating the concerns raised regarding the plans for the redevelopment of the power station by ScottishPower. East Lothian Council (ELC) will hold a meeting – Tues 20 April, 7pm at Port Seton Centre – before submitting its representation and a decision by the SG is due in late autumn. The Gas Pipeline is a separate application and no submission has been made by ScottishPower as yet.

**ELC’s Budget** – Due to drastic cuts to ELC’s income and rising costs of services, difficult choices had to be faced as to where cuts could be made. ELC put these choices to the residents of East Lothian (EL). After studying the “You Pay – Have Your Say” document and attending one of the workshops held by the Council, our team agreed that there were ways ELC could cut costs with less impact on services such as schools and social care. We completed a questionnaire at the workshop and then submitted a document to ELC stressing where cuts should not be made. When ELC released its planned cuts there was a lot of anger expressed regarding the withdrawal of school buses for pupils living less than 3 miles from secondary schools. The community fought this decision with the full support of the Community Council. We raised a petition, lettered ELC officials and submitted a letter to the press and attended the public meeting arranged by members of the community. ELC is now reconsidering this cut and a decision will be taken at the end of April.

**Blindwells** – Members of the Community Council studied ELC’s Draft Consultation on Blindwells New Settlement and submitted a letter which acknowledged the principle of the plans but stated concerns. Some of the points raised are: proximity to surrounding villages, increased traffic at the Bankton Roundabouts, housing-mix doing very little to reduce numbers on the housing list. Presentations have been held recently in the surrounding communities by the planners and community councillors have attended three of these.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

**Trees Planted at Cockenzie Primary School** – 20 more trees have been planted at the north, south and west perimeters of the playing field. On 1st March, a beautiful spring day, pupils joined in the planting and learned about the kind of trees being planted (oaks and Scots pines), how tall they would grow and how long it would take for them to grow to maturity – 60/70 years! Thank you to the school for their participation and to ELC’s Tree Officer, Mike Foy, and his team for their work and expertise.

**Dual Bins** – 7 new dual bins are now in place around the village. Along with the existing bins, you will never be too far away from a bin so please use them for your litter and dog mess – or take it home with you! See next page for more info. Both these Community Council projects were funded by ELC’s Community Environmental Fund.

## More News from the Community Council

**PROMENADE LIGHTING** – This project will start soon and will take about 6 weeks to complete. Funding has been secured from Tyne Esk Leader, ELC's Community Councils' Capital Development Fund, Viridor/Forward Scotland and also a very kind and substantial donation from Bourne Leisure/Seton Sands Holiday Village. We look forward to seeing this project completed as it will mean more and safer use of the Links walkway. Also, the visual effect should be very pleasing – lights will operate on a dimmer switch from twilight to midnight.

**ROAD ISSUES** – The Community Council has formed a committee to work on various issues regarding roads in and around Cockenzie and Port Seton. We are currently working with EL Councillors, ELC Transportation and the police to try and help make our roads safer. Some of the areas identified and being addressed at present are: Alder Road and Long Craigs – traffic calming and "Children Playing" signs should be in place soon; possibility of roundabout at Avenue Road/Edinburgh Road/Cockenzie House area to help reduce speed; path, speeding and danger when exiting at south Fishers Road; South Seton Park – better traffic calming measures at entrance to Port Seton Centre; better signage of one way system at Osborne Terrace. **If you have any road issues please contact us – see back page.**

**SETON FIELDS** – Bourne Leisure, the owners of Seton Field West, has worked hard over the winter to prepare a very attractive frontage to the caravan park and associated facilities. We now look forward to the upgrading of the footpaths. However, there have been several complaints regarding access disruption along the well-worn routes with trees and fencing lying across some paths with at least one unpleasant accident as a result. We have assurances from Bourne Leisure consultants that these hurdles will be removed and the paths will be made safe in the meantime for all users.

**LITTER AND DOG FOULING** – Complaints regarding litter and dog fouling are regularly passed on by us to ELC's Stuart Pryde who liaises with the community wardens. However, please call, write or email (see below) ELC if you have a complaint as the volume of complaints received is a factor for prioritising where action is taken.

A new scheme is to be launched by ELC in Dunbar at the end of April – 'Dog Watch – Who's watching You'. One of the key elements of Dog Watch will be getting accurate data highlighting areas to be targeted. Cockenzie and Port Seton (C&PS) will join the scheme soon after it has been rolled out in Dunbar.

**REMEMBER** – LITTERING AND NOT CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR DOG IS AN OFFENCE AND YOU CAN AND WILL BE FINED! **23 fines have been issued in the county in the past year!**

Please do not drop litter and please clean up after your dog. It is unfair and unhealthy for people and the environment. The cost of cleaning up after litter louts and irresponsible dog owners is huge. Money could be better used if this expense could be reduced by everyone practising good citizenship. Free poop bags are available from Port Seton Centre and the public toilets or email [landscapeandcountryside@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:landscapeandcountryside@eastlothian.gov.uk) to have a pack of bags posted to you.

**GRAFFITI** – Graffiti is unsightly and can be upsetting for anyone who finds their property has been targeted. Please report any graffiti to ELC on 618614 or Sheila Chambers on 812410. Sheila submits a monthly report (or dependant on the severity – right away) to ELC's Peter Rattray. His team are always quick to respond and do a great job in cleaning up. Again, continually cleaning off graffiti costs money which could be better spent on other services!

**CCTV** – Cameras will be in situ throughout the village very soon and we expect this will make a big difference in alleviating the problems of litter, dog fouling, graffiti, other anti-social behaviour and other crimes.

## Community Wardens – Working together to make a difference

ELC Community Wardens work with local communities to improve the quality of life for all residents and improve the appearance of the local environment. They provide reassuring, highly visible uniformed patrols aimed at reducing and deterring crime and tackling issues of antisocial behaviour (ASB). They also encourage good citizenship and promote social inclusion. Wardens can be seen throughout East Lothian on a daily basis wearing distinctive red and black fleeces/ jackets clearly marked 'Community Warden' and bearing the ELC logo on the breast pocket. Wardens are the eyes and ears of the community. They work in partnership with other agencies to promote a safer and cleaner East Lothian; deter and prevent crime; reduce the fear of crime; build community confidence and promote and encourage citizenship and social inclusion. The duties of Community Wardens are not to be confused with those carried out by the police as Community Wardens have a unique role. Responding to crime is the responsibility of the police and all crimes should be reported to them. Wardens complement the police by providing an additional reassuring presence within East Lothian.

**Community Wardens** – Deal with issues of minor ASB whilst engaging closely with ELC's ASB Investigation Team \* Report environmental and maintenance issues to the relevant authorities and work to promote a cleaner environment \* Report untaxed abandoned vehicles \* Support other council departments in the identification and removal of graffiti \* Issue verbal warnings and fixed penalty notices when appropriate for dog fouling and litter offences \* Provide support in responding to night time noise nuisance complaints \* Deal sensitively with issues of vulnerability within the community \* Act as professional witnesses to colleagues and partner agencies \* Participate in local initiatives to address community focused issues. **To report ASB contact [asb@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:asb@eastlothian.gov.uk) or telephone our helpline on 0845 601851**

## Cockenzie and Port Seton Local History Society

The Society has been meeting throughout the autumn and winter in the Library on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The meetings have been very well attended and topics lately have included: Reminiscence, with Ann Anderson, The Fishing, an illustrated talk by Simon Fairnie of Musselburgh and Seton Collegiate Church by Lesley Brown. There is an excursion planned to Lennoxlove in April. New members are always welcome and the evenings are often a social occasion as well as being entertaining.

## People and Songs of the Sea – Cockenzie to Chicago

In 2008, celebrating the Cockenzie and Port Seton 60th Gala, Shona McMillan held her first exhibition at Port Seton Library. From the 'impromptu ceilidh' which followed the event's opening, an idea formed to record a music album and in 2009 People and Songs of the Sea was launched. Shona produced the album in association with local recording company "Greentrax" of Cockenzie. And, for the last/ 21st track she wanted something very special. Through local press, posters and by word of mouth she put the invite out for 100 local fisher folk to join her in singing 'Will Your Anchor Hold'. Speaking at the album launch in May 2009, it was said that such was the singing on that evening "it was like being hit by a glorious wave of sound". As the project continued, over 10,000 visitors came to Shona's exhibitions in 14 venues along the Firth of Forth and that 'glorious wave of sound' kept rolling, continuing on far beyond Scotland's shores. On Hogmanay, Shona was phoned from Chicago and told the album had just won Radio Liveireland's Album of the Year. Shona said "For me and for listeners around the world, 2010 began with a broadcast from Chicago of 100 local voices singing out from Cockenzie. How emotional it was to hear American and Irish DJs discussing how moved they were by these "wonderful" Scottish people singing and, from the CD's booklet, that they had enjoyed seeing their photos and reading their stories." Such was the reaction to Liveireland's Awards show that, over its hour broadcast, Shona received 270 emails and they have kept coming since, with over a thousand messages of congratulations and notes of interest received. Shona said: "I always had the vision that my project was more than 'just' great music and photos. Music from the cream of Celtic artists? Yes. But vital to the album's integrity, I wanted songs from the fishing community themselves. I am so pleased and proud that people from Cockenzie and Port Seton are part of this success too".

From Chicago, Liveireland DJ Bill Margeson said: "*The album is of the men and women, predominantly in the Scottish fishing industry, who earn their living every day in the face of great danger and with great courage. It would, however, be a mistake to think of this as a "Scottish album". It is an album of the world's seas and the brave men and women who live by it and on it. It is impossible to encapsulate the wonderful songs and tunes offered from a variety of artists, many noticeably from the Scottish fishing communities themselves. It is, as we said, a masterpiece. A wonderful thing of an album!*". Well done to everyone who got involved and as the project's success story continues, we will just need to wait and see what happens next!

For further information see: [www.myspace.com/shona\\_m\\_mcmillan](http://www.myspace.com/shona_m_mcmillan) and to buy the CD: [www.greentrax.com](http://www.greentrax.com) Shona McMillan, Director of People and Songs of the Sea T: 07950 410 763 E: [shonamcmillan@aol.com](mailto:shonamcmillan@aol.com)

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## Library News

We are constantly upgrading our facilities to enable us to continue to play a very important part within the Community. Not only providing free Internet access for all, but also adding access for users to a WI-FI (wireless free internet connection) system, which is available 24/7 giving access out with normal library hours. However parents should continue to be vigilant about their children's use of the internet despite filters being in place. This service is also available to visitors to the area.

Both of our reading groups and our writing group are going strong and have attracted a few new members in the last year.

Issue figures for items are remaining fairly steady, with a slight increase in items being issued to junior members. This is mainly due to the installation of our self-issue counter, which has proved a great hit with this age group.

We continue to provide an excellent service for all users, with staff actively promoting stock, and delivering a house bound service through our volunteer drivers to those who cannot manage to visit in person. Without these wonderful people many of our users would not be able to enjoy our resources. A big thank you to them all, but particularly Nancy Hunnam and Kath Rose who have just retired after a conscientious 17 years plus, dating back to the days of the library in the Pond Hall. Well done Nancy and Kath!

Bookstart Rhymetime, for pre-school children, is held on the 2nd Monday of the month from 10.30 – 11.30am. Numbers are up from last year with 12 adults and 20 children regularly attending.

Our seasonal craft afternoons are always well attended with as many as 20 children each time, and often we have impromptu sessions for celebrations such as Valentine's and Mother's/Father's Day.

There were three author visits last year – Paul Henke, Frederic Lindsay and children's author Linda Strachan.

We will be participating in several events for the Three Harbours Festival and displays by various groups/people are always evident within the library.

We were delighted to host the book launch of the Wiles Bus book by Annette Gilroy in December and all had a most enjoyable evening. This has proven to be a very popular publication with our locals as well as enquiries from abroad.

In conclusion, we would like to thank everyone in the community who protested against the recent council suggestions of closing the part-time libraries in EL by signing a petition on our behalf. The outcome being that there will be no changes to your local library service. We can assure you that staff shall continue to provide an efficient service within the community.

### OPENING HOURS

Mon: **2pm-7.30pm**

Tues: **10am-1pm + 2pm-5pm**

Wed: **CLOSED**

Thur: **2pm-7.30pm**

Fri: **10am-1pm + 2pm-5pm**

Sat: **10am-1pm**

Tel: **811 709**

Email: [portseton.library@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:portseton.library@eastlothian.gov.uk)

# News from Port Seton Centre

## Adult Opportunities

**Open Learning Café** starts Monday 26 April – we aim to introduce a monthly afternoon session in the café. Enjoy a cuppa and learn something new. We hope to attract guest speakers, “come and try” sessions and topics of interest in response to requests from those wishing to attend. If you are interested in trying something new for interest, leisure or learning come along on the last Monday of each month from 2pm-4pm. Please send any suggestions or ideas for speakers/topics to Sandra King at [sking@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:sking@eastlothian.gov.uk) or call 813 925.

**Cooking for the Family** – fun and friendly cookery session in the upstairs kitchen. Try out new recipes and learn some of the basics to help create healthy and wholesome meals for the family. The first daytime course will start after Easter, day and time to be confirmed. A crèche will be provided. Call Sandra for more details.

**Mature Movers** meets on Fridays 9.30am-10.30am – good for gentle exercise, dance and movement.

**Women Only Sessions in the Gym** – Monday evening 6.30-8pm and Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm.

## Youth & Children's Activities

**Youth Gym** – the 3 sessions on a Wednesday night are going well and the girl's group recently went on an outing to Ratho Climbing Wall and really enjoyed this exciting experience. We have ordered some new equipment for the gym in response to requests from those attending.

**Youth Music** – a group of 10 young people came along to the open session and there are 7 signed up for 8 weeks of drums. This will be followed by 8 weeks of guitar then the final 8 sessions will concentrate on vocals. It is great to see music being offered from the centre as this is something young people requested through the Youth Vision consultation.

Chalmers Church has refurbished their basement to offer a ‘Youth Rock Café’ on Sunday evenings and have offered practice space for local young people to use.

**Karate** – there are places in the Karate Club and we would like to encourage more young people to attend. Sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday between 6pm and 9pm.

**Gym Bunnies** – There are still spaces on Wednesdays, classes run between 10am-2.30pm for children aged 18 months – 5 years.

**Sandcastle Play Group** would like to see the demand for places increase as they have vacancies in morning and afternoon sessions. Please contact the centre (815 815) for more details.

## Healthy Living Award

Port Seton Centre is delighted to report its successful in achieving the Healthy Living Award for the Café. The café staff and Resource Centre Healthy Living Group are to be congratulated on their efforts to achieve this. Alan Blackie, ELC's Chief Executive, presented the certificate to staff and Resource Centre Service users.

## The Sports Hall for All Family Fun Event

Attracted over 112 people. Young people from Cockenzie Primary, Preston Lodge and the centre's Youth Gym and Club made 3D models. Local people were asked to place a small card onto the model to state their preference on a location for a new Sports Hall for Cockenzie & Port Seton. The models were used as a ‘Planning for Real’ community planning aid. Local people also identified local issues and ideas to improve their community by engaging with the model and placing their ideas which were recorded through the morning.

Children took part in an arts and crafts session and produced their pictures of what they would like to see in their Sports Hall, ideas included a dance studio, gymnastics, football and rugby, badminton and basketball. These are on display in the centre.

A seven seater bike made short tours on the pathway between the centre and the play park – the ‘Cozybike’ was a big hit with children and adults. Gary James and ‘Stone the Crow’ entertained families on the day with a popular magic show.

The ‘Sports Hall for All’ Group will continue to consult different groups in the community using the 3D models and will be on display at the 3 Harbours Festival, Port Seton Centre Open Day and Preston Lodge School Assembly.

**Fundraising began with the ‘Buy A Brick’ Campaign and many bricks were sold on the day. Anyone wishing to buy a brick please contact Port Seton Centre on 815 815.**

## ‘Guid Cause Banner’

The East Lothian Quilters together with community artist Barbara Middleton will be showing their banner, which celebrates the Women's Suffragettes Movement in East Lothian, during the 3 Harbours Festival on Saturday 5 June 2010. The banner is beautiful and the group is to be congratulated on such a work of art, it will be on tour around the libraries starting in Port Seton. The Quilters would welcome new members, please contact the centre on 815 815 for details.

## Port Seton Centre Annual Report

We have encouraged groups to use this as an opportunity to monitor and evaluate their work. The Annual Report will also be used as a local directory of community groups with contact details.

The Coastal Regeneration Forum held their first consultation event at the Gothenburg, Prestonpans to help local people create their vision to regenerate the coastline between Prestonpans and Port Seton. This is an exciting piece of work and will be a catalyst for positive change, bringing many community groups together. Various ideas were placed on a large display board which depicted the coastal route. Postcards to send in ideas are available at reception in the centre. The group will also be gathering ideas at our open day in June using 3D models created by local youngsters.

## Open Day

Port Seton Centre's annual Open Day will take place on **Saturday 5 June 2010** during the 3 Harbours Festival. We will have a fun packed day including children's entertainment, arts & crafts activities, face painting, viewing of our 3D models, cookery demonstration and much more.

## Cockenzie & Port Seton Amateur Radio Club

Since last September the club's activities have included regular club nights held in the Thorntree Inn on the first Friday of each month. From October onwards we held events in the Port Seton Centre which included a DVD evening showing a video on digital radio, radio related construction evenings, a talk on the “Borders Search & Rescue Unit” and a “Radio Check Night”. We also took part in a 48 hour radio contest from Barns Ness Lighthouse. This contest is the biggest in the world and offers an extreme challenge in radio operating and skills.

From September to April the radio club runs training courses covering the 3 amateur radio licences: Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced. 12 Candidates have sat the Foundation Licence – all passed – and 7 have sat and passed the first Intermediate Course. The next course started in March. 14 people have sat the Advanced exam and are eagerly awaiting their results. *However, a big congratulations to Robbie, who at 11 years old, is one of our youngest newly qualified amateurs!* Full details on the club can be found at [www.cpsarc.com](http://www.cpsarc.com) or by contacting Bob Glasgow on 811 723.

## 3 Harbours Arts Festival – Art in Unusual Places

29 May –6 June 2010 Prestonpans, Cockenzie, Port Seton Website: [www.3harbours.co.uk](http://www.3harbours.co.uk)

Box Office: Artists Workshop Gallery, High St, Prestonpans, Tel: 07748 013 042, 22 May- 6 June 12.00-18.00

This year, we celebrate five years of the festival. What began as a small idea to highlight the artistic talent and history in the area has become the largest and most diverse arts festival in East Lothian. This year there will be 100 artists exhibiting in 129 venues and 75 music, drama, workshop, photography, film, dance and literature events.

We start off the festival with the launch of a giant paper boat and a paper cupcake from Cockenzie Harbour on Friday 28 May at 5pm. At 7pm, The Islanders Ceilidh Band will play at the Birthday Party and Ceilidh Opening Night at the Seafood Festival marquee, Greenbelt, Cockenzie Power Station. Tickets £3, children go free.

In keeping with the party theme, discover paper cupcake sculptures throughout the 3 Harbours area beautifully decorated by Prestonpans cluster primary schools. Find the cupcake template on the festival website and bring your creation along to our opening party for the chance to win a prize!

The Seafood Festival is back this year celebrating the rich fishing community, industry, culture and heritage. Enjoy seafood, music, arts and crafts and much more over the first weekend.

Regular features such as the fantastic exhibition space at Cockenzie Power Station, art and model boat window trails, Open Houses, the libraries, Prestongrange Museum and the Gothenburg/Pottery Workshops complex are bursting at the seams with art and art activities. Imagine a 103 metre Battle of Prestonpans tapestry – work in progress can be seen at Art School Cockenzie, Cockenzie Business Centre. Plus, join a digital evangelist and his friends on a photowalk.

The 3 Harbours Arts Festival is a great experience made possible due to the support of many people within the 3 Harbours community. Join us in this celebration of our collective achievement. Festival brochures available from the Box Office, library, community centre and various premises in the 3 Harbours area from 1 April.

## Cockenzie And Port Seton Children's Gala

Gala Day will be on Sat 12 June when primary school pupil, Jodie Valentine, will be crowned 62nd Seton Queen.

Once more the Gala Committee are desperately appealing for helpers to assist in the weeks leading to the Gala – and particularly on Gala Day. We will be looking for help to decorate lorries the evening before Gala Day and then stewards are required at the Harbours, in King George V Park and to assist with the Parade of lorries around the village on the day.

As well as seeking helpers, we need to do quite a bit of fund raising for this year's event. Several children's discos are planned (23rd April and 21st May) all at the Community Centre and Gala Races will be held on Thursday 10th June. The Gala Ball will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 19th June.

Stephanie May School of Dance is holding a dance show on 28th May, with funds being donated to the Gala Day. If anyone in the community can help, raise some funds or has any further ideas for events, please contact a member of the Gala Committee and let us know.

The Queen's Court:

Queen's Escort – Robbie Campbell; Champion – Robbie McGovern; Seton Queen 2009 – Roseanna Gaffney;

Maids – Mhairi Donaldson, Paige Baillie, Kaitlin Hunter, Chelsea Todd, Sarah Preston, Lucy Harkness;

Spring – Molly Anthony; Summer – Regan Horsburgh; Autumn – Madeline MacIntyre; Winter – Holly Johnstone;

Britannia – Alyson Harkes; Spirit of Goodwill – Karis McCallum; Spirit of the Land – Emma McDonald; Spirit of the Sea – Amy Sinclair; PRECIOUS GEMS: Miss Gold – Adele Johnstone, Miss Silver – Elyse Hanratty, Miss Bronze – Claire McGovern, Miss Ruby – Emily Karakaya, Miss Sapphire – Rebecca Kinross, Miss Emerald – Shelby Garrity, Miss Amethyst – Montse Molloy, Miss Turquoise – Janine Bellany; COUNTRIES: Miss Scotland – Morgan McKinlay, Miss England – Chloe Dickson, Miss Ireland – Ellie McConnachie, Miss Wales – Isla Nisbet, Miss France – Megan Donaldson, Miss Italy – Laurie Orr, Miss Greece – Rachel Thomson, Miss Spain – Jordanna Singh, Miss America – Erin Inverarity, Miss Australia – Blair Tickhill, Miss Japan – Emily Lynch, Miss Egypt – Georgia Wilson; Heralds – Connor Swan and Derek McMillan; Standard Bearers – Calum Hamilton and Andrew Brunton; Naval Officer – Finlay McNeill; Pirate Chief – Ronan Robertson;

Sailors – Daniel Kerr, Douglas Crawford, Keegan Thompson, Andrew Horne; Pirates – Jamie Ferrier, Lewis Quinn, Kieran Wight, Connor Toscani, Michael Ward; Attendants to Flowergirls – Lucy Stannage and Louise McCraw; Flowergirls – Sophie King, Olivia MacLean, Casey Bryson, Carla Elaine Thomson, Georgia Murray, Cherise-Lee Anderson; Pageboys – Callum King, Carl Murphy, Ben Gearty, Nathan Muir, Lennox Green; Fishergirls – Erin Reid, Charly Grant, Lara Dickson, Jenny Gibson, Rebecca Cairney, Charly Catchpole, Rachel Graham, Milli Fleming, Adele Innes, Morgan Mason.

We hope for sunshine and another really enjoyable Gala Day. If anyone would like to find out more about this event please contact Monica Archibald, Chairperson, 810278 or Suzanne Kinross, Secretary, 07979 417 166.

## Cockenzie PTA

**Magic Show SAT 24 APRIL**  
(to be confirmed)

**Treasure Hunt THURS 10 JUNE**  
(to be confirmed)

# SPONSOR A LIGHT – Christmas 2009

## DEDICATIONS & SPONSORS

### John Francis

Loving Memories of a Husband & Dad ~ from Mary & James

### John Francis

In Loving Memory of a Dad & Granddad ~ from Sheila & Michael, Michael, Craig

### Husband David

still miss you ~ Ella Innes

### Sandy and Jeannie Innes

still sadly missed by Ella Innes

### Mum & Dad Agnes &

### Jim Eddington

sadly missed by Diane, Peter & Family

### David Peters

sadly missed by Diane, Peter & Family

### Royce Wharmby

miss you dad ~ from Pete & Diane

### James Robin Booth

dear friend we miss you ~ from Pete & Diane

### Dear Husband Thomas Taylor

respected pharmacist ~ Mrs Ena Taylor

### Dear Son Ronnie

from Mrs Ena Taylor

### Jim

miss you and love you ~ from Mary Storie & Family

### Patrick Gordon

From his wife Arline

### Loving memory of Husband

### Ackie Coull

Agnes Coull

### Loving memory of our Father

### Ackie Coull

Jacqueline, David, Pauline and Families

### John Bellany ~ Dad

from Kathleen & Derek Chappell ~ miss you loads x

### Vi Bellany ~ Mum

Kathleen and Derek Chappell ~ miss you loads x

### In Memory of Alex Kerr

dearly loved, sadly missed by Wife Betty, George, Lorna & Stuart

### In Memory of Alex Kerr

we will never forget you granddad ~ Stephen, Stephanie, Adam, Marc & Claire

### Dear Husband Thomas Dobie

from Marion Dobie

### Husband Gordon, Son Norman

### and Grandson Mark

from Ena Smith

### Dear Stewart

love and miss you always ~ from Issy x

### Allan

precious Son-in-law & Brother-in-law ~ from Mum & Amanda

### To the Memory of Sinclair

### Johnston

from Mary & Alex Scott

### To the Memory of Lizzie and

### Ernie Davis

from Mary & Alex Scott

### Mum & Dad Willie & Agnes

### Thomson

from Nan Marshall

### Barbara Kerr

Dedicated by Husband Robert

### Auntie Betty Paton

from Lorraine & Kenny

### In memory of my

### Husband Bobbie

from Ann Strachan

### In memory of Mum & Dad Annie

### & James Ross, Sister Jean &

### Brother John

from Ann Strachan

### In memory of Auntie Isa Ross

from John & Catherine Lyon, Sara & Connor

### Mum & Dad Mr & Mrs George

### McKinley (ex provost)

Dedicated by their Daughter Violet Marshall

### Ex Provost John Marshall

Dedicated by his wife Violet

### Brother George & Sister-in-law

### Agnes McKinlay

Dedicated by Violet Marshall

### For my Husband Dod

### Cunningham

by Margaret Cunningham

### Macy Logan Lawson,

### Dear Daughter & Sister

Forever in our Hearts ~ All our Love, Mummy, Daddy, Arron, Calvin & Liam x

### Macy Logan Lawson

Our Beautiful Little Granddaughter

~ Always in our Hearts and in our Thoughts, Granda & Gran Logan

### In Loving Memory of a Special

### Granddaughter

### Macy Logan Lawson

Forever in our Hearts, Grandma & Granddad xx xx

### Macy Logan Lawson

Forever in our Hearts Little Angel ~

Love From Wendy, Alan & Family

### Macy Logan Lawson

Our beautiful little Niece ~ will never forget you, will always miss you, Love Auntie Sarah & Uncle Stuart

### For my Loving Husband Sandy

think of you everyday, God Bless from Mrs Moodie

### In Loving Memory of my

### Husband Richard Lee

sadly missed by Sarah Griston-Lee

### Loving Memory of Cousin Anne

### Linehan on her birthday on

### Christmas Day

sadly missed by

Sarah Griston Lee & Family

### Loving Memories of a Husband

### & Dad Syd Dann

sadly missed by Sarah Griston Lee & The Family

### Mina Ross

Dedicated by Carol & Peter Ross

### Peter Ross

Dedicated by Carol & Peter Ross

### Husband George

Dedicated by Marie Brown

### Mother-in-law Betty

Dedicated by Marie Brown

## BOATIE BLEST – A Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Project

[www.scottishcoastalrowing.org](http://www.scottishcoastalrowing.org)

**BOATBUILDING** – The last boat to be built at Cockenzie and Port Seton was in 2002. It seemed unlikely that a boat would be built again – bringing to an end the boatbuilding tradition in this area. Until this year, that is, when due to the initiative of the Port Seton Harbour Commissioners, two new rowing boats are being built as part of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Project. The aim is to promote local community interest in boatbuilding and rowing. The boats arrived in kit form and are based on a traditional Fair Isle Skiff. One boat is being built by volunteers at the Boatie Blest shed at Port Seton Harbour and the other by staff and pupils at Preston Lodge High School. Everyone is welcome to come along and see the boatyard at the harbour. The volunteers are hard at work every morning during the week and on a Wednesday evening.

**ROWING** – Plans are already being made for encouraging a regular rowing club. A great way to keep fit! If you are a keen rower or would like to try it out then we are looking for rowing teams. There are no age or gender restrictions.

**REGATTA** – The inaugural St Ayles Skiff Regatta will be held at Anstruther on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 May. Community rowing teams from around Scotland, including Cockenzie and Port Seton, will compete against each other.

**THE BOATIE BLEST FESTIVAL** will take place on Saturday 5th June, 9.30am-4pm at Port Seton Harbour as part of the 3 Harbours Arts Festival. The official boat launcher will christen the boat built at the harbour at 10am. North Berwick and Portobello will join us and we need lots of enthusiastic supporters for our rowing teams.

**If you would like to be in this privileged position, all you have to do is take part in the raffle to stand a chance to win the title and swing the champagne bottle against the bows. Raffle tickets are available for £1 from the Boatie Blest shed or Auld Kirk Thrift Shop, Viewforth.**

**GET INVOLVED** – If you would like to contribute to this community project there are many ways in which you can help:

- Being a part of the building team – no experience necessary
- Joining the rowing teams
- Helping out at fundraising events
- Actively seeking funding for the project

We would like to appeal to local businesses for support – there may be opportunity for sponsorship.

For more details on how you can take part in this community initiative, please contact Archie Johnston on 811 740 or pop into the shed at the harbour (mornings) where you'll be welcomed.

Photo

## Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band

Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band had a triple reason to celebrate recently. Not only did the band take the title of Scottish Champion Band in section 2 at the Scottish Brass Band Championships on Saturday 13 March at Glenrothes, their conductor Jim Chamberlain lifted the title of Best Conductor and was presented with the coveted Best Conductor trophy. The 'hat trick' of celebrations came when Larry Blair, of Prestonpans, was presented with an engraved hip flask from his fellow band members to celebrate his 40 years of continuous service to the band. Heather Henderson, the Band Secretary, was presented with the winners trophy, prize money and each player received a commemorative medal. Jim Chamberlain, the band's conductor and Musical Director said "The piece certainly had its challenges, but the players really rose to the occasion".

Jim Henderson, Band President, outlined the work that had gone into the winning of the Championships. "The band started rehearsing "Kingdom of Dragons" in mid January and found it difficult not only because of the musical complexity, but because of the very bad weather some players just couldn't get to practice sessions. Also, the piece calls for a lot of percussion equipment and we had to move out of our bandrooms in Prestonpans for almost two months and take up temporary residence in Castlepark Bowling Club – we simply had no room in the bandroom to accommodate the equipment! The Bowling Club was very helpful and understanding during this time and thanks were passed to the Club and its committee."

The win puts the local band firmly into the top 20 bands in Scotland, entry into section 1 and an invitation to represent Scotland at the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain in Harrogate in September and an invitation to compete in the prestigious Scottish Challenge Shield contest in Perth in November.

Anyone interested in helping the band get to Harrogate and Perth, or wanting to join the senior or the training (youth) band should contact the Secretary on 813 142.

## Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom

Despite well-publicised cutbacks by ELC, it will be 'BUSINESS AS USUAL' for C&PS In Bloom. Although no hanging baskets will be provided by the Council, we will be planting up all the tubs and planters in the main road as well as the troughs and hanging baskets in the Memorial Garden to give the usual riot of colour throughout the summer months.

As you will have read in our recent Newsletter, the main focus of our attention throughout the winter months has been to raise money to replace our orange lorry, 'Bertha' who, unfortunately, has come to the end of her life. This year, we will get no help from the Council with the vital task of watering, so a replacement lorry is absolutely essential. Although used for a multitude of tasks, the lorry's main function is to transport the water bowser. Tubs and planters must be watered 2/3 times a week throughout the summer to keep them in tip-top condition. We welcome any help, either with fund-raising or with the actual watering. Also, anyone with a few hours to spare and who would like to lend a hand will be made very welcome in the Nursery Garden. As in previous years, we will have bedding plants, hanging baskets and planters as well as herbaceous perennials and vegetable plants available for sale from mid-May. All our plants are high quality and reasonably priced. We are taking orders now! Please use the order form in our Newsletter, or phone one of the contacts. The Nursery Garden will be open every weekday morning from 10.30am until 1pm and on the last 3 Saturdays in May for the sale of plants. Contacts: Marlene 811 788; Helen 810 191; Sheila 812 410; Liz 812 175

## Community Council Achievement Awards 2010

Each year, the Community Council ask members of the community to nominate an adult/adult group and a young person/group who they think has achieved something for which that person or group should be recognised for.

Do you know of someone or a group you would like to nominate. Forms are available from reception at the Port Seton Centre and must be completed and returned by Monday 17 May 2010. Certificates will be presented at the Gala Crowning Ceremony.

## Community Council Noticeboards

If you have community notices (A4 landscape only) which you wish placed on the notice boards, please hand them in at centre reception. Notices are put up on or around the 2nd Tues and 3rd Tues of each month. Please ensure your notices are at the centre in plenty of time for your event/meeting date and, space permitting, they will be displayed.

## C&PS Community Council – Local Priority Account

Budget for 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010	
Funding	Amount
EL Council Funding	7450.00
Community Environmental Fund	3000.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£10,450.00</b>

Budget for 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010	
Activity	Amount
Newsletters	917.57
Dual Bins Project	3000.00
Firework Event	869.56
Christmas Lights	3261.50
Christmas Tree	354.00
Winter Wonderland Event	300.00
Senior Citizens' Party	500.00
Website	247.37
Donations*	1000.00
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£10,450.00</b>

**DONATIONS\*** C&PS Gala £200; PL Pupils' Equador Trip £150, EL Bowling for Youngsters £50; EL Guiding Centenary £50; C&PS Guiding Centenary £100; ISFW Badminton £50; Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace £50; East Coast Radio £50; PL Rugby Football Minis £50, Parent & Toddler Group £100; C&PS In Bloom £150

**Community Councillors** – Chair Gordon Campbell, Vice Chair: Robert Bryson, Secretary & Treasurer: Alexanderina Bell MBE, Isobel Black, Liz Clark, Geoff Cummiskey, Jim Melvin, William Wilson

Public Meetings in Port Seton Centre 7.30pm, first Tuesday of month excepting July and January.

**We welcome your feedback, comments and questions ...**

**Contact Us:** Write: The Secretary, C&PSCC, Port Seton Centre, South Seton Park, Port Seton, EH32 0BG; Tel: 815 815; Email: [cockenzieandportseton@hotmail.com](mailto:cockenzieandportseton@hotmail.com); Website: [www.ckenzieandportseton.com](http://www.ckenzieandportseton.com)

**Local Councillors** – see public notices in local press and at the Centre for contact details and surgeries

**East Lothian Council** – Tel: 01620 827 827, Website: [www.eastlothiancouncil.gov.uk](http://www.eastlothiancouncil.gov.uk)

**Community Wardens** – Tel: 01620 827 031

**East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel** – Tel: 0131 665 9304; Email: [tenantspanel@hotmail.com](mailto:tenantspanel@hotmail.com)

**Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre** – Tel: 0800 512 021

**ELC's Energy Officer** – Tel: 01620 827 827

**Contact Details for Police:** Prestonpans Police Station: 810 250; Police Call Centre: 0131 311 3131

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111; Antisocial Behaviour Team: 01620 829 919, 24 hour Helpline: 0845 601 8518,

Email: [asb@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:asb@eastlothian.gov.uk) Night Noise Team; 0131 311 3131 Always Dial 999 in an Emergency

*We hope you have found this newsletter interesting. It certainly highlights all the hard work being done by the many different groups within the community. We hope you are able to attend some of the many events taking place.*

*Let's hope the sun shines and everyone enjoys a lovely summer. **From C&PS Community Council***

**A huge thank-you, as always, to our delivery team.**

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