



CARNOCK AND GOWKHALL

GAZETTE December 2010

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*A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our readers.*



Murin Moyes lights the biggest bonfire seen in the village for some time!



Bonfire night goes off with a bang! A big thank you to everybody that helped make bonfire night such a success. Over £700 went up in smoke and a huge fire was still alight 24 hours later!

Photo courtesy of Ellen Shaw



We will remember - the community gathers to pay its respects to those that have given their lives for their country. Organisers were really pleased with the turn-out, which just a few years ago had dwindled to single figures. The parade met at the bridge and then proceeded to the old churchyard where, after observing the two minutes silence, wreaths of remembrance were laid at the memorial.

116th FIFE SCOUT GROUP

The Scout Group is now entering one of its busiest periods for fundraising. This year, as usual, along with a number of other Groups in Dunfermline we are offering a Christmas Post for 22p per card. Please see our poster or widely distributed flyers for further details.

Again the Scout Section, with help from the Cub Section, will be taking part with other Groups doing bag packing at the Halbeath ASDA Store. In early December the Cub Pack will be holding an Award Presentation Evening where three Cubs, Connor Allan, Connor and Keirian Twaddle will be presented with their Chief Scout's Silver Award.

In November the Beaver Colony held its first Sleeper at Carnock and the Event was enjoyed by all who took part.

In October the Scout Troop took part in an expedition to Fordell Firs, the National Scout Campsite, using part of the Fife Coastal Path as their route.

As part of their Community Challenge the Explorer Unit have been helping with the hotdog stall at Saline Bonfire Night, distributing flyers for the Scout Post and will help with the delivery of cards.

Peter Philip (Group Scout Leader)

116th Fife Scout Group

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Cairneyhill Football Team 2003

These photos were taken on Sunday 17th October to mark our first match since starting up as a team in the Summer of 2010. The team is made up of boys from Cairneyhill, Carnock, Saline, Rosyth, Dunfermline, Oakley and Townhill. Our first match was played at the Community Centre in Carnock and was well attended by both players and spectators. It was a friendly amongst ourselves. Despite the cold conditions all the boys played tremendously well and enjoyed themselves. Everyone played with plenty of passion and enthusiasm and it was a great success. A huge well done to everyone who took part - the players, the referee (John Shaw), the coaches and of course the spectators for their encouragement and support. Finally a big thank you to the boys from the 2002 team who came along to make up the numbers.



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Carnock District Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

We have had a busy few months celebrating the end of our Centenary Year. Many of us joined other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from all over Fife, in Glenrothes, at 20:10 on 20/10/10 to celebrate. Some of Carnock Brownies spent a weekend at Netherard, our Scottish Guiding Centre, in September and Carnock Guides are going away for a Festive weekend in December. They have also had a day trip to Alton Towers with Guides from all over the country. We have an active Senior Section of girls aged 14 and upwards who are working on Leadership Qualifications and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. We are looking forward to new challenges and adventures in 2011 and taking Guiding into its next Centenary. If anyone is interested in joining any of our sections, or indeed, volunteering, please call 0800 1 69 59 01 or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk



Policing

Fife Constabulary is committed to allowing residents to directly influence local policing. We can have our say on local priorities by going to the newly instigated Community Engagement Meetings in our area - see details below. A member of CG&CC will attend, nevertheless all residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings at Oakley Community Centre. Next meeting 12th January 2011. For further information go to:

Southwestfifecommunityteam@fife.pnn.police.uk

If you believe that there are issues to be raised you are encouraged to attend or speak to a member of the C&GCC.

Just a quick note to say be aware of ATM (cash machines) skimming devices. The thieves put a device over the entrance to the card slot which reads the card. A small camera is also hidden above the machine to read the PIN number. The perpetrators are nearby in a car watching. ALWAYS hide your PIN with your hand when keying in and be aware if the machine looks different.

A Right Grumble.....

On 30 Oct in the afternoon, a dog got onto the West Camps Farm property. The dog worried the livestock. It severely injured my daughter's pet chicken, 'Jessica', who required expensive veterinary treatment. My daughter, son and two of their friends were with me when we discovered the injuries to her pet and the other very distressed animals. This caused huge upset for them all. If you are the dog owner you owe these children an apology. Why was your dog not under control? You must have realised your dog was up to something. Perhaps we all should look at the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (<http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com>) to remind us all of our responsibilities.

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Carnock Primary School

The school got inspected for the green flag on Tuesday the 2nd of November and without a doubt it passed. The school is very pleased about the green flag and we will try and keep up the good work so that we can get our second green flag in two years time.

At Carnock Primary School each class has an eco action plan. Primary 1/2's action plan is to monitor the litter. They have been collecting litter for the last couple of weeks and using traffic lights to monitor if it has improved. Harrison and Scarlett said, "I think the green flag is cool!"

Primary 2/3/4 played a big part in getting the green flag because they made sure all the computers; smart boards and light were off! The eco committee in the 2/3/4 class would like more people to turn lights and computers off properly. Adam said "The Green flag is amazing,"

Primary 4/5/6's action plan was saving the school water. Tatjana said, "I like how the school hasn't got much litter everywhere". Hope said, "I like the eco board, it is cool."

P 6/7 helped clean the playground and they also helped to tidy the school. Right now they are trying to have art work displayed round the school and playground. They are also trying to improve the learning area in the playground.

This year we have continued to learn through Rich tasks. We learn a topic whilst trying to complete a challenge about it. Primary 1/2 are learning about shops and shopping. Scarlett said "I like Rich task." "I drew a shop that sold Lego." said Harrison.

Primary 2/3/4's topic is Andrew Carnegie and their topic last term was Mini Beasts. Lauren said, "I really enjoyed topic last term and this term's."

Primary P4/5/6's topic this term is Science and Chemical reactions. Last term it was Mary Queen of Scots and they had an interactive museum. Hope said that she really enjoyed the topic."

P6/7 are doing Scottish Settlements for their topic this term and last term they did Earth and Space. They created and presented to each class in the school and even the teachers! Mitch said, "Topic last term was fun."



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Kirk Korner

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join us on a Sunday morning for worship. Our services are at 10.00am in Oakley and 11.30am in Carnock. There are Sunday Schools running during both services.

The Church is delighted to announce that the search for a new Minister is over.

The congregation elected Mrs Maggie Roderick to become our Minister and she will be Ordained and Inducted on Thursday 9th December at Carnock Church at 7.00pm followed by a Social Event at Oakley Church.

There are a number of special events over the next few months and we would be delighted to welcome all in our Community to these events.

- November 27 Christmas Fayre (Oakley) at 2.00pm
- December 9 Ordination and Induction of new Minister at Carnock at 7.00pm
- December 19 Carol Service with Dunfermline Town Band at Carnock at 6.30pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service in Oakley at 7.30pm
- December 25 Christmas Morning Service at Carnock at 10.00am.
- December 26 Joint Morning Service at Oakley at 10.00am.
- January 2 Joint Morning Service at Carnock at 11.30am.

A collection will be taken on 19th and 24th in aid of 'Help for Heros'

We are also delighted to announce that during our special services in the run up to Christmas there will be an opportunity to support our chosen charity which this year is "Help for Heroes".

On behalf of your local Parish Church we hope you have a peaceful and special Christmas this year and may you know every blessing in the year that lies ahead.

Andrew Croxford
Session Clerk (01383 733614 (H))

Yoga With Anna

Carnock Community Centre

6.15 - 7.30pm - Ashtanga Based Yoga - £7

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7.30 - 8.30pm - Seasonal Yoga - £5

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Both classes are for men and women.

Payment options available

For further information contact Anna on 01383 851468 or annajohnsyoga@gmail.com or just come along. Please bring a mat and a blanket for relaxation.

Carnock
& District
Baby & Toddler Group

for more info call Michelle on 01383 850713

Play, Learn & Grow In A Safe Environment

Carnock Community Centre

Every Thursday
9.30am-11.30am

£2 per session/family which includes a snack and a cup of tea

Come and Play

All Welcome



Bogus Callers

Distraction theft is a crime which tends to target the elderly and vulnerable in our communities. These "bogus callers" will normally arrive at the door pretending they represent an agency and want to come in. This is quite often a public utility such as the water board. Once inside the house, they will distract the occupier long enough to rake through the rooms and steal cash. We would advise people to:

Use a door chain before answering to callers.

Use a door viewer or look out a window to check who is there.

Always check identification and if you are in any way suspicious - don't let them in and phone the police immediately.

If you suspect that there is a bogus caller at a neighbour's house, try and note details of any vehicles, in particular the registration. A description of any persons involved is also invaluable and then phone the police immediately.

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Fife council

Dear Resident

As you may know, Dunfermline SNP has adopted Cllr William (Bill) Walker as Parliamentary Candidate for the new constituency of Dunfermline, in the elections to be held next May.

Cllr Walker already represents over half of the area of the new constituency as the SNP Fife Councillor for West Fife and Coastal Villages.

Proposing Cllr Walker, Constituency Vice-Convener Mr Jim Norris said: "Bill has already proved himself as a highly energetic SNP councillor in West Fife. Among other things, he has supported various environmental and economic developments at Longannet Power Station and the proposed re-opening and upgrading of the West Fife Railway, to link Dunfermline and the West Fife Villages with Alloa, Stirling and the West. As a member of the Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA), Bill has championed the case for the new Forth Road Bridge.

Within Dunfermline he has supported all the steps being taken by the SNP-led Fife Council to regenerate and restore the town centre".

In accepting his adoption as Dunfermline Parliamentary candidate, Cllr Walker said, "I feel honoured to be selected to fight for Dunfermline. The whole of West Fife has suffered many knocks over the years. Fifiers can rely on me to fight for the constituency, especially as regards business development, environmental improvements and transport links. The pursuit and achievement of political Independence for Scotland will allow us to regenerate our economy, creating real jobs and helping the less fortunate in our society, free from the constraints of London governments with their unfair cuts and insistence on worldwide military adventures, costly in both money and lives".

Yours for Scotland,

Isabel Brown (Mrs)
Campaign Assistant



A Financial Success at Valleyfield Woodland Park!

I am pleased to report a financial success whereby Fife Council has successfully bid for funding of £135,000 towards the sympathetic restoration of Valleyfield Woodland Park in West Fife.

As the lead councillor on the Working Group which has just secured the funding from the Forestry Commission Scotland's

'Woodlands In and Around Towns' (WIAT) Challenge Fund, I just know how much local woodland volunteers and Council officers worked to get this money.

In view of all the cuts now coming down the track from Westminster, it is really rewarding to see this additional funding coming in from a different

source, a path that we shall have to follow over the next few years as, unfortunately, the cuts dig deep.

I do believe that the regeneration of this fantastic but somewhat ne-

glected local and historic Woodland Park is now well on track and locals and visitors alike can now look forward to significant improvements in the flora and fauna along the Bluther Burn which runs through the area.

Cllr William G Walker
SNP Councillor for West Fife and Coastal Villages.

Improving Carnock's recreation field

Many of our local school children and their parents, who have to wash their muddy, mucky gym kits, would like to see some improvement to the drainage in the recreation field alongside Carnock Community Centre. Those who use it for football fixtures and practices are keen on this too.

Maybe this is one of the community projects that could be helped by the *Blair House Surface Mine Environmental Trust* funding. This is just an idea at present: no promises. But this may give others some ideas for local improvements. Let the C&GCC members know.





Carnock and Gowkhall Community Council News

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Schedule of Meetings 2010-2011

Tuesday 14 December 2010

Tuesday 18 January 2011

Tuesday 15 February 2011

**Carnock & Gowkhall Community Centre
Camps Road Carnock**

Meetings start at 7pm and are typically 60 to 90 minutes long.

Please send agenda items for discussion
by one week prior to the next meeting to:

Correspondence Secretary

*C&GCC committee meetings are open to the public.
We invite local residents to attend and raise matters of
concern and bring local issues to the attention of their
Community Council. Residents may contribute to dis-
cussions of agenda items.*

*As well as local committee members and elected offi-
cers,
those present typically include representatives from
Fife Councillors and
Fife Council Administrative Services*

Community Council Officers 2010-11

Chairman **David A Lord** david.carnockccc@yahoo.com 851 934
Vice-Chairman
Les Johns 851468
Correspondence Secretary
Margaret Daniels - 853267
Treasurer - Vacant

Blair House Surface Mine Environmental Trust

Whilst the workings of the mine will have a significant impact on the residents of Oakley and Saline, and their neighbouring communities, this was not lost during early planning for the activity. Community councils in those two areas sit on an Environmental Trust which will derive an income (12.5p per ton) that will be spent on community project. The trustees of this trust include representatives from those two community councils, Scottish Coal, the site owners and operators; and Fife councillors. One of these is Councillor William G Walker who has a keen interest in this project.] The intent is that some of these community funds will be available to neighbouring communities, including Carnock & Gowkhall. It is too early in the life of the trust to give further details at present. However, we will have more information during the first half of 2011.

Meantime, residents might like to let their community council know what local projects they think might benefit from the Trust funds.

New Carnock & Gowkhall Community Council

October 2010 saw the elections for all Fife Community Councils for the 2010-13 period. For Carnock & Gowkhall, residents proposed nine members for the 10 available places. At their AGM on 26 October, C&GCC voted in a further member who had been a keen and active member in the previous session. David A Lord was re-elected Chairman. The officers for the year 2010-11 are:

Chairman: David A Lord david.carnockccc@yahoo.com
01383 851 934

Vice-Chairman: Les Johns lesjohnsincarnock@gmail.com
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Secretary: Margaret J Daniels
margaretjd.carnockccc@yahoo.co.uk 01383 853 267

Other members are: Douglas Baird; Margaret Campbell; Sheena Cunning; Gillian Docherty (Gowkhall); Clare Kerr; Catherine Mathieson; Donald Murray (co-opted).



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Scottish Power problems resolved?

Following maintenance work on some of the nearby power lines by Scottish Power, residents to the west of Carnock and near Craigluscar can look forward to a more reliable supply. In previous issues of **GAZETTE**, we commented on the transient interruptions to the mains supply experience by around 1,500 dwellings. This recent work should now have fixed things.

Blair House Surface mine at Oakley

How will it affect Carnock & Gowkhall? That is a question being asked by many residents now that they see the extent of the working there. And those ground works are only the preparatory stages.

Carnock & Gowkhall CC will be checking on the effects on our villages over the four and a half years of the workings. Once the actual extraction work on the low-sulphur coal and fire-clay begins, we can expect to see eight large articulated lorries accessing and exiting the site every hour during the working day. Those vehicles should all travel to and from the Kincardine direction. Additionally, workers and service suppliers will be travelling through our villages: there is no restriction on their movements.

Residents who have concerns about this activity should contact Fife Council. Please also inform C&GCC, who will be liaising with local councillors and Fife Council staff.

