



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year's annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the Village War Memorial on Sunday 9th November, commencing at 1050 a.m. The Salvation Army Band will play for us and it is hoped that tea and coffee will be available at the Albert Hotel after the service.

This is very much a whole community

event, which has been well supported in the past and it is hoped that this year will be no exception. Should anyone wish to play an individual role at the ceremony, perhaps to read the Eulogy to the Fallen or to play a lament, please contact Brian Armstrong on 417429. He can also acquire Remembrance Crosses, should anyone wish to place one as a personal tribute to an individual or an association.

www.ferrynews.org.uk – The Ferry News Website

In the early days of the Ferry News, the internet was nothing like it is now, so when our website launched, well over a decade ago, it was reasonably sophisticated and up to date. In particular, it offered an online presence to village groups who otherwise wouldn't have had one. However, it hasn't moved with the times and is now looking distinctly tired. And many of those groups now have sites of their own.

The Ferry News is the publication of the North Queensferry Community Centre so in a sense the website is the Community Centre's site. We have pages for the Centre itself, the Toddler Group, back issues of the

Ferry News and an email alerts system that's allowed us to build up a list of close to a hundred email addresses who receive notification of things going on in the village, from social events to road closures.

There are pages too of village photos and the like but these haven't moved in a long time. The only really active bit of the site is the What's On that's taken largely from the printed newsletter plus whatever we get sent in between.

So, we're wondering whether it's worth keeping it going and we'd like to know your thoughts. Do you use it? Did you even know it was there? Could you contribute copy? Would you like to take over running it?

Feedback please to
dave@ferrynews.org.uk.

Dear all,

After 20 years living in "The Ferry" at Fourteen Falls, we have moved to a pastures new in Wales. Moving was a hard decision to make as we have so many fond memories of the village and made so many fine friends and neighbours. We'll especially miss the dog walks along the Coastal Path and the

views of the Bridges.

We weren't able to say goodbye to all those we hoped to, so we take this opportunity to say farewell and a big thank you for the wonderful friendship and support. We hope the Ferry community goes from strength to strength.

Malcolm & Lindsay Evans

The Forth Churches Group Advent Services will be held in :-

- North Queensferry Church on Sunday 30th November at 6:30pm
- St Fillan's Church Aberdour on Sunday 7th December at 6:30pm
- Dalgety Bay Parish Church on Sunday 14th December at 6:30pm

The North Queensferry Church Christmas Services will be as follows:

- Family Christmas Service on Sunday 21st December at 10:00am
- Annual Carol Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm

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Ferry Birds – May to Sept 14

It is that time of year again when the summer visitors to Scotland have mainly left for Africa and the birds that breed even further north are returning to our shores to spend the winter here. The summer visitors such as **swallows**, **swifts** and the various **warblers** come here to take advantage of the long days and abundant insect life to raise their young. **Swallows** are one of our long distance migrants. Evidence from individuals which have been ringed (that is a light metal numbered ring placed on one of their legs), shows that **swallows** from the UK winter in the south of South Africa. This is about 6000 miles in a straight line and the birds must actually fly much further as they chase insects to sustain them and avoid mountainous country. This is an amazing feat for a bird which weighs less than 1 ounce. I saw **swallows** in the village during the summer; often feeding near Garthhill in the shelter of the trees by Ferryhills road and also near the Railway Pier. **Swifts** are notable for the fact that the only time they come to earth is at the nest. It is believed that they mate and roost on the wing. I see them occasionally in North Queensferry, but Dunfermline is the best local place to see and hear them as they perform high speed manoeuvres round the buildings in the town centre. The **warblers** have now nearly all departed, but I have recently heard **chiffchaffs** singing their song in the bushes by the coastal path and near Jamestown pond. **Chiffchaffs** are unusual because they do sing at this time of year. It is never the persistent chiff-chaff of the spring and early summer, but they do seem to keep in practice as autumn approaches. I also saw a **garden warbler** and a **blackcap** while walking the coastal path on the 11th of September. Other breeding birds of local interest include **common terns**, **shelducks** and **eider ducks**. The **terns** appeared to be settling down on the Guvy pier in June. I saw about 100 there on the 16th of June. The noise was as usual almost deafening. Later on though all went quiet and apart from a few circling round, the pier was deserted. Nesting on Long Craig however appeared to be successful and I think there were more nests on the old pier in Inverkeithing Inner Bay. I saw **shelducks** with young in the same Bay and there were several broods of **eider** ducklings in West Bay in June. The main local nesting area for **fulmars** is on Inchgarvie although a few pairs also nested on the Deep Sea World quarry face

with the last young disappearing from there at the beginning of September.

The usual reappearance of **redshanks** happened on the 8th of July when I spotted one in West Bay. Numbers slowly built up and there are now up to 50 in the Bay scattered around on the mud busily feeding when the tides is right. There are perhaps 10 **oystercatchers** and a few **curlews** there as well. A **dunlin** was also spotted on the 19th of July and a **turnstone** on the 22nd. Other interesting sightings in West Bay have included at least 1 **heron** fishing patiently at the edge of the water, and small groups of **goosanders** which I have noted in West Bay and also Inverkeithing Inner Bay.

Other sightings or reports I have received have been of a **sparrowhawk** feeding young near Ferryhills road and a female **sparrowhawk** soaring over the station on the 20th of August. There were 2 **common sandpipers** in Inverkeithing Inner Bay on the 14th of July and one also flew across Port Laing and landed on the Guvy pier on the 4th of August. There was a flock of about 80 **teals** offshore from Port Laing on the 3rd of October and groups of immature **gannets** with one or two adults were circling between Carlingnose Point and Cruickness Point on the same day. The **field gentians** on the Carlingnose Point reserve did not flower this year. The **lesser meadow-rue** was abundant around the rocky knoll on the Carlingnose reserve, but the **dropwort** didn't show very well either. On the other hand the **dropwort** on Ferryhills produced an excellent display. The annual cutting of the grassland at Carlingnose will be done in the next few weeks. This is done to ensure that the **gorse** does not take over and the optimum conditions for these rare plants are maintained.

The ivy around the village is now in flower and on one of the warm days at the end of September the ivy near my door was alive with **hover flies**, **wasps** and **houseflies**. These insects will not make it through the winter, but provide our common garden birds with food as they build up their reserves to give themselves a better chance of survival. Any wilder corners of your garden will also help by sheltering slugs and snails for the **blackbirds** and **thrushes** to feast on so please leave some places in your garden untidy to give these denizens of damp dark places a place to live.

John Done

Community Council

What an end to such a wonderful summer! The celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Forth Road Bridge truly were superb with the fireworks finale lighting up our skies. On behalf of the members of the Community Council I would like to thank Pam Bell for stepping in to represent North Queensferry during the torch-light procession. Pam joined the Provost of Fife, Cllr Jim Leishman, and greeted the official party from the "South" on the bridge at the point where the bridge was finally joined during its construction. Pam reported back to the Community Council to say the evening went extremely well and "ran like clock-work, thanks to the Bridge Master and his team".

During the week of the bridge celebrations, a public consultation was held in the Community Centre on 10 September. The purpose of the meeting was to inform residents of the application for UNESCO World Heritage status for the Forth Bridge (the Rail bridge) and the proposed visitor centre by Network Rail. The consultation was attended by a large number of residents and it was clear that those attending had concerns over the likely increase in visitors and resulting problems with traffic management within the Village. Unfortunately the

interested parties, the World Heritage Steering Group, Network Rail and Fife Council were at only an early stage in carrying out their investigations and surveys and, accordingly, there was little that could be given to the residents by way of firm assurances. However, the work on gathering that information is now well under way.

The Community Council has representation on the World Heritage Steering Group which reports to the Forth Bridges Forum and we see this as an extremely important time for the residents and for the village as a whole. We have been assured that the outcomes from the surveys and investigations will be reported on early in the new year at which time another and hopefully more informative public meeting will be held.

The Community Council will be continuing to press for this work to be done and for full and meaningful information to be given at the projected meeting in January. The Community Council intends to carry out a survey of opinion in the village once things become clearer after the meeting.

Iain Mitchell
Chairman



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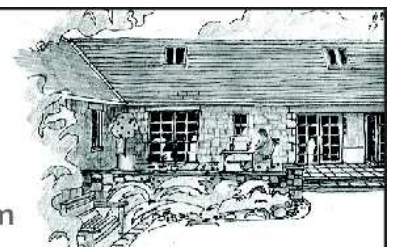


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Hands Off North Queensferry

'Hands Off North Queensferry' - HONQ, is a single issue campaign group. HONQ was formed because of concerns in the Village about the impact of very large numbers of visitors to North Queensferry as a result of Network Rail's plans for a visitor centre. The visitor centre will be sited at the base of the Forth Railway Bridge and will incorporate a lift or lifts to a viewing platform on top.

In May this year, at a meeting of North Queensferry Community Council, Network Rail stated that this attraction would bring 300,000 extra visitors per year to North Queensferry. The Village is small and its access roads would be problematic for the arrival of so many visitors. For many residents this is a disconcerting prospect, to say the least.

This also concerns the state of readiness of the Forth Railway Bridge for World Heritage inscription. A final decision will be taken on this by UNESCO in May/June 2015. Before this, UNESCO sends evaluators to check on readiness. The ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) has been appointed by UNESCO to carry out a review. On October 4 ICOMOS met a team of North Queensferry residents who belong to HONQ.

A key feature of the problem for UNESCO is that Network Rail did not have firm plans at the time of the World Heritage application and therefore they were omitted from the formal Nomination Document and Management Plan submitted to UNESCO in January 2014. The lack of firm Network Rail plans continues today. It seems to be an endless process. There have been so many changes of direction in quick succession, leaving considerable uncertainty about what Network Rail is really proposing.

The essential problems for UNESCO in deciding on World Heritage status appear to be three-fold. It has to resolve these issues:

to decide on the importance, relevance and acceptability of Network Rail plans which include large inauthentic structures to be built on a bridge whose integrity and authenticity have been strongly asserted in the World Heritage nomination document. Would they leave the Bridge "largely intact, original and unchanged"?

to demonstrate the strength of its procedures, given that the Network Rail plans were omitted from the World Heritage application, but announced later, during the actual process of the Bridge being considered for World Heritage status, and

to ensure that what is permitted for the Forth Rail Bridge neither creates unfortunate precedents for future World Heritage applications, nor offends those who may have been blocked in the past, trying to do similar things.

HONQ supporters are involved in a struggle reminiscent of David and Goliath. But in this case, we are confronted by a coalition of Goliaths assembled by the Forth Bridges Forum. Because we are small, we are not necessarily wrong, and we do have a voice. We are convinced of three things:

- We do not need the current half-formed and problematic plans of Network Rail for North Queensferry, and what is more, nor does UNESCO.
- The Network Rail plans must either be finalised or abandoned before the World Heritage nomination process can proceed.
- The Rail Bridge richly deserves World Heritage status, and nothing should stand in the way of this being achieved.

Church Fete

North Queensferry Church are again planning an Arts and Crafts Section at their Fair on Saturday 15th November 2 - 4pm.

Anyone who would like to submit items for sale (£5.00 registration fee + 5% of sales) please contact Ann Bain on 07734 517 361.

We are looking at ways of stewarding that would not necessarily mean entrants being present. Tables also available for hire to craft sellers at a cost of £25.00 per table (no commission but attendance necessary).

Thank You

A big thank you to the organisers and supporters of the Wednesday coffee group for their kind donation of £50.50 towards the production cost of the Ferry News. The Ferry News publishes articles contributed from any community group and organisation working to keep you informed of what is happening. The Ferry News is a North Queensferry Community Centre publication.

The Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay

Thanks to all those who supported the Rotary Club's Annual Charity Walk on Saturday 20 September. The walk, from the Ballast Bank in Inverkeithing to the Silver Sands in Aberdeen, saw 150 walkers enjoy a great day out on the Fife Coastal Path. The cash raised this year will go mainly to Hearts and Minds, a charity that works with dementia sufferers at the Queen Margaret Hospital. In the last 10 years or so the annual walk has raised over £50,000 for local charities. It is hoped that local primary schools will support Rotary's Festive Shoe Box Appeal by filling shoe boxes with toys, games, books and clothes suitable for deserving children in Eastern Europe. And tickets for the club's annual Grand Draw will be on sale from November through to January with the winning tickets being drawn at the club's Burns Supper. The club continues to meet at the Queensferry Hotel at lunch times on a Wednesday. Anyone interested in becoming more involved with the local community or just in finding out more about Rotary is very welcome to join us. Lunches are served from 12.40 but we usually meet from around 12.15. Why not come along and meet us

Toddlers Group

The Toddlers Group meets most Thursdays at NQ Community Centre between 9.45 – 11.15am. We are always pleased to see new faces and those that are visiting us after a bit of a break! All families are welcome, with children from newborn to pre-school age. We provide a safe environment for your children to play, equally important is the adults corner where you can relax with a drink and have a chat. A £1.50 charge covers refreshments, including a snack for the children.

Hope to see you there!

Toddlers Group Diary

- 30th October Halloween Party
- 6th November Toddlers AGM and next meeting
- 13th November Autumn messy play/craft session
- 11th December Christmas panto (Details TBC)
- 18th December Christmas Party
- 25th Dec/1st Jan Closed for Christmas break

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Gala 2014/2015

The 2014 Gala week was another resounding success and the feedback we have received has been very positive. To kick off the week we were fortunate(ish) with the weather for the Beach Party and once again the creativity of the sand sculptures was outstanding. The Raft Race had some fab Commonwealth themed rafts but we could really do with some more participants in both the junior and adult categories. We can't be accused of not giving folk enough notice so for 2015 please get your classmates, neighbours, friends and family to enter. Sadly the bicycle races had to be postponed until a later date due to health and safety issues (atrocious weather!) but the rest of the sporting events through the week went smoothly.

The Gala week culminated in a brilliant Gala day – albeit on the morning we had to deal with some technical difficulties, namely vehicles getting stuck on a soggy field but we were blessed with sunshine for most of the day.

And so we turn our attention to Gala week 2015 (Gala week is from Saturday 6 June and Gala day will be on Saturday 13 June). The Gala AGM had a disappointing turnout but we managed to get enough people (Chairperson, Vice Chair, Finance and Secretary) to form the numbers required by the constitution to remain in operation for at least one more year. The Gala has been a significant part of North Queensferry life for many years but perhaps it needs to change with the times whilst keeping its traditional values. It needs the support of the community in a multitude of ways. If you can't commit to being on the organising committee then perhaps you can help out at specific events or help with fundraising. We welcome all suggestions on how to make the Gala even better. Get in touch via email

northqueensferrygala@hotmail.com or via the Gala Facebook page.

Over the course of the year we try to hold a number of free and fundraising events. This year there won't be a Halloween party but we are hoping to have a Christmas Film afternoon (you can post your film wish onto the North Queensferry Gala Facebook page).

We return for our 4th fundraising Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6th November. The event will be held at the Queensferry Hotel from 6:30 - 9:00pm. This popular event doesn't need the hard sell from me, most of you have been before and already know how fantastic it is, an amazing night on the North Queensferry calendar. There is an incredible array of stalls with great Christmas gifts on offer. Stall holders are from the village and all over Scotland. I guarantee there's plenty of exciting goodies on offer to kick start your Christmas shopping. There's local crafts, jewelry, beauty products, something for the foodie in your life, something for the kids and of course plenty you will just want to buy for yourself! In fact why not grab that complimentary glass of fizz and treat yourself to a shellac manicure? Tickets are on sale now (see a committee member or fb). Priced at £5 they include entry, a glass of fizz, a warm mince pie (and new for 2014....a shortbread option!) plus the all important entry into the prize draw. All the wonderful traders also donate to an awesome raffle. Tickets are on sale on the night from 'Leanne in the Christmas jumper' or for those that can't make it along from committee members now. All proceeds go to the Gala. We hope to see you all there, bring a friend!

We are also hoping to have a very special event in January 2015 to blow away the January blues – we'll keep you posted as it's all a bit secret squirrel at the moment!

The Community Centre
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VILLAGE SHOW RESULTS 2013

VEGETABLES

	First	Second	Third	First	Second	Third
Mixed Vegetables.	N Q School	N Q School		L Watt	M & A Low	E Donaldson
Tomatoes	M & A Low	R Errington	M Clark	M Paterson	M Paterson	F George
Cherry Tomatoes	A Monteith	I Innes	E Donaldson	F McNaught		
Onions	E Donaldson	A Monteith	E Donaldson	J Burns	M & A Low	C Storie
Leeks	R Errington			J Burns		
Potatoes	E Donaldson	E Donaldson	M & A Low	J Burns	M & A Low	E Donaldson
Beetroot	R Errington	A Monteith	M & A Low	M & A Low	B Wilson	
Runner or French beans	A Monteith	E Donaldson	M & A Low	S Hood	E Greer	
Courgette	E Donaldson	N Q School	A Monteith	A Monteith		
Any other vegetable	E Donaldson					
Salad Selection	E Donaldson					
Plate of fruit	E Donaldson	Unknown	E Donaldson	P Bell	F McNaught	L Collis
Cucumber	R Errington	M & A Low	M Clark	F McNaught	J Burns	J Burns
Longest runner bean	A Monteith	Unknown	M & A Low	P Bell	P Bell	
Misshapen vegetable	P Bell			F McNaught	J Burns	S Hood
FLOWERS						
Sweet Peas	M Innes	E Donaldson	A Monteith	V Banks	F McNaught	E Donaldson
Hydrangea	A Monteith	E Donaldson	B Wilson	F McNaught	F McNaught	
Summer Annuals	M & A Low	M Innes	E Donaldson	J Anastasia	E Donaldson	
Flowering Bush or Climber	E Donaldson			E Donaldson	E Donaldson	
Herbaceous	J Brown	E Donaldson	M Clark			
POT PLANTS						
Foliage only	J Halcrow	M Paterson	E Donaldson	F McNaught	D Manekshaw	G Dyce
Flowering Plant	E Donaldson			F McNaught		
Pelargonium (Geranium)	E Donaldson			F McNaught		
Fuchsia: any variety in bloom	E Errington			F McNaught		
One Cactus or Group of Cacti	F George					
Ornamental Grass	P Bell					
EGGS						
Hens eggs	S Kerr					
PRESERVES						
Strawberry Jam	F George	M Paterson				
Raspberry Jam	E Donaldson					
Fruit Jam	E Donaldson	M Clark	B Wilson			
Marmalade	M & A Low	E Donaldson				
Jelly	M & A Low	E Donaldson				
Fruit Curd	M & A Low					
Chutney	F McNaught					
HOME BAKING						
Madeira cake	B Wilson					
Oven Scones	L Watt	M & A Low	F George	J Burns	D Skivens	D Skivens
Victoria Sponge						
Muffins						
Cup Cakes						
Pancakes or Drop Scones						
Loaf of bread						
Banana Loaf						
Shortbread						
Tablet or Fudge						
Flapjack						
FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS						
Bridge theme arrangement						
Miniature Arrangement						
Lunch Table Arrangement						
Tea tray						
Spray/ buttonhole						
SEWING						
Embroidery Item						
Soft Toy						
Patchwork Item						
Quilted Item						
KNITTING & CROCHET						
Any Knitted Item						
Crochet Item: cotton or rayon						
Crochet Item: wool						
CRAFTS						
Hobby Craft Item						
Model						
Greeting Card						
Painting						
Drawing						
Item from recycled material						
Hand made jewellery						
PHOTOGRAPHY						
Strange Object						
Transport						
Holiday Scene						
Animals						
Humour						
Close Up						
Sport						
Family						

Heritage Trust Events

On Friday 24th October, we are very pleased to announce Trevor Kyle who will be running an "Attic Treasure" event. You will be able to bring along items and get an expert view from Trevor on valuations and also the history of your items. Trevor Kyle is the Director of Edinburgh based Lyon & Turnbull. They are an auction and valuation firm for Fine Arts, antiques and jewellery. Trevor's speciality is watches and jewellery. For £5 you can bring up to 4 items along. Our AGM is on Tuesday 28th October. Then to finish off this year's events on Tuesday 25th November we have the infamous John Clemmens. John will be storytelling about his life in the oil industry taking us on a journey around Iran, Nigeria, Libya and The North Sea.

VILLAGE SHOW RESULTS (Children's Classes)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo: own choice (12 yrs & under) E Speed E Speed C Storie

ARTS & CRAFTS (all ages)

"Commonwealth Animal" age 5 N Somerville I Cameron J Anthoney

"Commonwealth Animal" age 6 Millie E Campbell R Miller

"Commonwealth Animal" age 7 P Chadwick E Matthews G Hay

"Commonwealth Animal" age 8 J Carter J Maclaurin L Machion

"Commonwealth Animal" age 9 J Anderson Z Evans M Temmins

"Commonwealth Animal" age 10 C Storie C Ramponi Samira

"Commonwealth Animal" age 11 E Speed J Salamon John

GENERAL (7 YRS & UNDER)

Lego house M Foreman

Crispy Cakes T Bell

Biscuits F Allen M Foreman

Marshmallow Top Hats M Foreman T Bell

Tallest sunflower A Hansen T Bell B McGregor

Wild Grasses arrangement T Bell

GENERAL (8 TO 12 YRS)

A Tray or Large Plate Garden H Taylor

Lego Bridge E Speed C Ramponi

Pancakes or Drop Scones C Ramponi

Tallest Sunflower E Bonas

Village Show Cup Winners

The Bob Cubin Cup	Eileen Donaldson
The Maureen Trotter Cup	Evelyn Greer
The Jubilee Cup	Eric Speed

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