



# T h e F e r r y N e w s

## The Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay continues its active programme, with weekly lunch time meetings in the Queensferry Hotel and regular informal Monday evening meetings, for those who can't attend at lunch time, in the ASDA store in Dalgety Bay. The club's Grand Prize Draw, in support of Maggie's Centre in Kirkcaldy and the local Cookie Jar Foundation, was made at the Burns Supper on 23 January. The club's next big fundraising event is its Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, Aberdour on Saturday 28 February where there will be a White Elephant stall, with quality household items, a raffle and a book stall, in addition to the usual coffee and home baking. Proceeds will again go largely to Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Doors open at 10 am.

Two high profile events then take place in Inverkeithing High School. The popular Primary Schools Quiz (Dalgety Bay Primary was a past national winner) is on 11 March and the annual concert, organised jointly with the High School's music department, is on Tuesday 31 March. This usually plays to a full house. Tickets from the school or members of the Rotary Club.

If you are involved with a local charitable organisation you may be interested in a new venture being run by the rotary club. We are holding a Quiz Night in March to which we are inviting teams from local charities. On the evening we will give an award of £250 for the winners. In addition we will launch our award scheme for 2015-2016 where we will award £250 each month to a local charity for a specific purpose. If your charity would like to be involved in the Quiz Night and be eligible for a grant from July 2015 please contact Cath Chorley on

[cath.chorley@gmail.com](mailto:cath.chorley@gmail.com)

as soon as possible as places are limited.

And, finally, the club's annual charity golf day is scheduled for Tuesday 19 May at Aberdour Golf Club. Teams of three compete in a stableford competition and enjoy dinner and entertainment in the club house afterwards. If you are interested in making up a team to take part speak to any member of the Rotary Club.

## Police Scotland

The Community Team in South West Fife is currently undergoing a restructure with some officers remaining at the station and others returning to response policing. As of the 12th January 2015 the area of Inverkeithing, Dalgety Bay, Hillend, Aberdour and North Queensferry, will have two dedicated uniformed community police officers whose role is to be highly visible and accessible in their community whilst providing a local policing service to the public. They will focus their activities on engagement, prevention and enforcement activity to keep people safe. They will enhance community engagement and public confidence through partnership working and addressing local community concerns.

The two dedicated officers are PC Kate Blackwell and PC Robert Drummond. Both Kate and Robert have been members of the community team at South West Fife prior to the restructuring so they are well aware of the area and all the challenges that it provides. Kate has been a police officer for just over seven years now and Robert will be approaching the fifth anniversary of his appointment. They will be supported by Sergeant Stevie Bell and Inspector Ian Flynn who will both work out of Dalgety Bay Police Office

## VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

You are warmly invited to meet in the **Church on alternate Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:00** for coffee/tea and chat.

All ages are welcome - call Christine on 413372 to arrange transport if required.

Dates for **2015** January to June are:

**February 19**

**March 4 18**

**April 1 15 29**

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**June 10 24**

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## *Ferry Birds – Oct 2014 to Jan 2015*

West Bay has been the usual focus for waterside birds in the autumn and winter. The mainstay are the **redshanks** which number over 40. They are joined by a good number of **oystercatchers**, 2 or 3 **curlews** and there have also been several **dunlin** and a few **turnstones** feeding amongst the seaweed in the bay. As last year the most obvious birds in the bay are, however, the **shelducks**. There have been at least 7 feeding in the bay and sitting on the floating mooring as the tide covers the mud. There are also **black-headed** and **herring gulls** as well as the occasional **great-black-backed gull**. These gulls breed in small numbers on the islands in the Forth Estuary and justify the great in their name. As an identification guide, the upper surface of their wings is a uniform black colour in contrast to the **lesser-black backed gulls** whose wings are a lighter colour with distinctly darker feathers towards the wing tips. There is often a **lesser-black backed gull** perched on the highest point of the roof of the school.

As usual Port Laing has been the site for the **red-breasted mergansers** which spend the winter months around the Forth Estuary. They come and go with the highest number I have seen being 50 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. There were 3 or 4 **little grebes** along the coast on the same day and 8 **great-crested grebes** as well. Later in the month the **mergansers** had disappeared but the **little grebes** were still around. There have also been a few **goldeneyes** between Port Laing and Cruickness and in Inverkeithing Inner Bay but they had gone later in January. One of the first signs of spring is often the **fulmars** which usually appear briefly on Inchgarvie in the first or second week of January. This year I first saw them on the 21<sup>st</sup> although I had seen some in Kinghorn Bay earlier in the month. I couldn't see any on Inchgarvie on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so they were doing their usual trick of checking out the island and having done so flown back to the North Sea. I expect they will be back in a few days.

I have had a fair number of sightings of the less common birds around the village. The **peregrine falcon** was perched on the quarry face north of the village on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and there was a **sparrowhawk** soaring above the station on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December. I also saw a **sparrowhawk** hunting

along the coastal path between Port Laing and Cruickness on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. This bird seemed to come over my shoulder and flew low along the path in front of me trying to surprise any small bird which was sheltering in the bushes. I also heard and saw a **raven** flying over the quarry at the end of November. An encouraging sighting was of about a dozen **greenfinches** in a tree this side of Jamestown on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. This bird is becoming less common for reasons unknown. I have also seen our various species of thrush around the village. I've seen a **redwing** on 2 occasions flying over the station, a **mistle thrush** again near the station on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and a **song thrush** was singing near The Brae at the beginning of December. Autumn is a good time to see a **goldcrest** in the village when our resident birds are joined by ones from the continent. Occasionally large numbers of these tiny birds appear along the east coast of the UK but this year I just got the impression there were a few more about than usual. The scrub by the coastal path is a good place to hear and see them. They always seem to be very busy feeding on small insects and other invertebrates. I suppose they have to be to survive our long winter nights.

Despite the strong wind on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 6 hardy souls turned up for the Nature walk. We inspected West Bay and noted the waders busily feeding on the mud and then escaped the wind by walking the coastal path towards Carlingnose and Port Laing. There were a few **eider ducks** and a **red-breasted merganser** scattered about the sea and some of our commoner resident birds were spotted.

The maintenance work on the Carlingnose Reserve was carried out last November with the help of volunteers organised by the Peoples Postcode Lottery. You may have noticed the squad at work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. There were well over 20 people and we were able to extend the area of grassland significantly and remove all the cuttings from the site.

As usual a plea to leave some areas in your garden wild so that our resident birds and winter visitors have good places where they can scavenge for food in relative safety.

*John Done*

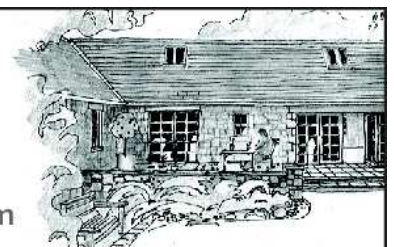


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## War Memorial

A group from North Queensferry Heritage Trust are trying to discover as much as possible about the people named on the village War Memorial. Does your family have any connection to any of the twenty-eight names from the First World War or the ten from the Second? Do you have any knowledge (or even rumour) about the histories of those named? We already know quite a lot about some of these men, one of whom was internationally famous, but others may prove difficult as we try to find the correct record amongst hundreds of similar names.

If you have ANY information, it may be the piece of the jigsaw that helps us identify someone and make the picture more complete.

From 1914-18, we have

Surgeon David R Bedell-Sivright, Midshipman Henry K Cuthbert, Ldg Seaman Robert Thomson, 2<sup>nd</sup> C' Stoker Fred Monk (all RN), Lt Wilfred Aikman, Corporals Andrew Anderson, James Gilmour, James T. Kirkhope, L' Corporals Robert Bald, J. Mitchell Dow, Spr Archibald F.J. Lockhart, Privates William F Anderson, John Campbell, David Carmichael, John Clark, Albert J. Coutts, William A. Cram, Thomas Donaldson, Robert Dowie, William Dowie, George McCulloch, William G. Mill, William Morris, John Rankine, James Richardson, Andrew Robertson, Robert Miller (all Army), Siglr. Herbert Pearce (RN). (Last two apparently added later.)

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In addition we have already discovered that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record an additional name from WW1, Charles Robert West, and three from WW2, David Valentine, John Hadden and George Gordon McGregor. None of these are on the Memorial although their connection to North Queensferry seems clear. As yet we have not worked out why they were not included.

Even if you cannot tell us about the names, have you any stories about the building of the Memorial in 1921 or the addition of the WW2 names in 1949, or the moving of the memorial in 1963 from outside the old Church to the other side of the Brae.

We hope eventually to publish the information as a booklet and/or on the internet.

If you can help, contact Colin Bain on 417734.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

## Heritage Trust

We started the year off with a nature walk with our local bird expert John Done. We had a good turnout which was impressive considering the wind.

We are delighted that our speaker events start with a talk about the local Wagon Way used to transport coal down to Inverkeithing from Halbeath. Speaker James Waugh is a retired teacher with a lot of enthusiasm for unknown local history. James's talk will be on Tuesday 10th February. On 24th March Geoff Bailey's talk is entitled "The Forth Front" and it follows the Falkirk district's maritime contribution to World War II. This talk is based on his book of the same title. In May Mary Welsh is talking on "The Miscellaneous Ramblings of an Abbey Custodian". Mary will be giving her talk on a mix of the history of Dunfermline Abbey and some of the funny things that have occurred over the years.

By the summer we will know the outcome of the World Heritage Site Nomination. Later in the year we plan a mystery tour, a nostalgia and memorabilia night and the annual Village Show. There will be new exhibitions in the Gallery at the Station, once the last round of works is complete and John will be taking seasonal walks throughout the year.

All our events will be on our website and the Facebook page - so please "like us" to follow our news.

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## NQPS Parent Council

North Queensferry Primary school has an active Parent Council who meet regularly to discuss issues relating to the school. Recently we have discussed concerns around healthy diet and free school meals, the proposals from Fife Council to reduce teaching hours and how we can make children's journeys to school active and safe. In the future we will be planning some fundraising events and reviewing our constitution. You can read recent meeting minutes in a Parent Council folder which is available at the school reception.

The first duty of the Parent Council is to represent the views of the parents at the school; we can do this more accurately if we have more people joining us. Please do come along to meetings and have your say, we welcome ideas and contributions from all and look forward to meeting you!

Bill Foreman - Chair

Anne Thynne - Secretary

Keren Van den Broek - Treasurer

## Toddler Group

NQ Parent and toddler group had a lovely Christmas Party, where we had a special visitor who delighted the children with gifts and Christmas cheer. We have been busy painting our Wendy House with chalk paint, so the children can decorate it with beautiful drawings.

Coming soon on the 26th Feb we have Recital for Riggers visiting the group with a very unique live performance of the Hare and the Tortoise. It's £3.50 per child, £1.50 for siblings.

Everyone with children 0 -5 is welcome to our small and lovely toddler group, if you have a new born baby and want to come and say hello please do!

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## Red Cinema

Last autumn, the Red Cinema returned to North Queensferry for a one off fundraising special. In honour of Robin Williams, we screened Dead Poets Society in the railway station waiting room, a beautiful film in a very unusual location. Bridge the Gap cafe opened before and after offering people the opportunity to buy delicious coffee and cake. Thank you to all who came along and helped make it such a memorable evening, we raised £356 for Action on Depression - a brilliant cause.



Christmas saw us put on a Gala screening of Polar Express. Thanks to funding from the Gala committee, this free screening brought together lots of NQ families for a memorable afternoon of festive film fun.

Lots of people have asked if we are going to do further screenings, we can only do this if there is enough interest to cover the cost of license and venue hire (approx £140 per screening). Our next screening will be the wonderful Brief Encounters on 28th March, 8pm, Railway Station waiting room. More details as we get them will be on [www.redcinema.org](http://www.redcinema.org). Hope to see you there for another unique cinema experience!

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