

THE

BEATH BULLETIN



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November 2015



**IN THIS ISSUE
WE'VE BEEN
A BURGH FOR**

125 YRS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN COWDENBEATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Firstly, can I just say a BIG thank you to Fife Charities Trust. They accepted our request for funding which has allowed us to be able to publish and print enough bulletins for all households in Cowdenbeath - their funding and support has been much appreciated.

To commemorate Cowdenbeath celebrating their 125th anniversary since becoming a Police Burgh (on 24th November 2015), we have included some photos of 'times gone by' (most photos obtained are courtesy of the Local Library, Fife Council and individuals) as well as a few snippets of information (courtesy of local 'historian' David Allan. If you want to know more about Cowdenbeath - David has just published 2 books on the history of Cowdenbeath. Copies of his books can be ordered from him directly. Email address is daallan6754@aol.com.

I know there are a lot of kind hearted folks in Cowdenbeath and the following are some matters which require your support:

Your local library - There is currently a consultation underway regarding Libraries in Fife. Please show your support to your local library by making use of their services and the following groups could do with support whether it be an hour or so, or a longer committment - if you're interested, then get in touch with them. They are: 46th Scout Group, Street Pastors, Foodbank and Environmental Groups .

Alex Haddow, Chairman

Like and share our Cowdenbeath Community Council Facebook page

COWDENBEATH civic week committee presents A...

winter WONDERLAND

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

SCOTTISH NIGHT
WITH LIVE SCOTTISH MUSIC
AND HIGHLAND DANCING
Broad Street Bowling Club
Tickets £5

SATURDAY

Cowdenbeath Central Park
Starting at 12noon till 8pm

INCLUDES:
SANTA COMES TO TOWN
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON 4.30PM/5PM
FUN FAIR/OPEN AIR SKATING RINK
LIVE MUSIC: MAGAZINE BEND/5.30-8PM
FIRE ACT (CLANSMEN)
PLUS VARIOUS
CRAFT STALLS

SUNDAY

Cowdenbeath Central Park
12noon-6pm
LIVE MUSIC
WITH 'DRUMS 'N' ROSES,
OPEN AIR SKATING,
STALLS AND FUN FAIR



FOR MORE DETAILS SEE THE COWDENBEATH CIVIC WEEK FACEBOOK PAGE

A message from the Civic Week Committee

The committee would like to thank EVERYONE who have helped and supported them with their programme of events throughout 2015. It is very much appreciated because without it there would be no events. So from the committee we say.....

**THANK YOU!!!
THANK YOU!!!
THANK YOU!!!**

STALLS AT THE WINTER WONDERLAND

We are very lucky to have a variety of stalls taking part in the Weekend.

They include:

Sweets, jute personalised hand bags, curry spice mixes, face painting, cards, decorations, herbal teas, cakes, hampers, scentsy products, candles, hair accessories, soaps, jewellery, flowers, photo taking, hand made crafts and many other Christmassy gifts.

BEAUTIFUL FIFE 2015 AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS to Fife Council staff and all the volunteers who helped Cowdenbeath win the Silver Gilt Award in the Beautiful Fife Campaign. This award recognises not just the floral displays but also activities which

improve the environment as well as the community participation. Special mention was given in the judges report to: The Rosebank Allotment site which has seen considerable improvements, The Recycling Centre which was referred to as a real local asset, The Horticultural Society for promoting horticulture in the town culminating in their annual flower show and Cowdenbeath FC who have a strong community involvement with a wide range of activities centred around Football.



BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!!



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**OPEN TUES - SAT 11AM - 5PM
CHAIRS FOR RENT
CONTACT FOR MORE DETAILS**

NORTH ROAD GARAGE



**MOT TESTING CLASSES 4 & 7
SUNDAYS BY APPOINTMENT
SERVICING AND REPAIRS TO
ALL MAKES
WELDING TO PROVEN MOT
STANDARDS**

**NEW TYRES SUPPLIED AND FITTED,
WHEELS BALANCED, PUNCTURE REPAIRS,
BRAKES, SHOCK ABSORBERS, STARTERS,
ALTERNATORS, ETC**



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3/6MONTH AND 12 MONTH WARRANTIES
AVAILABLE, USED CAR AND VAN SALES
WITH FULL WARRANTIES, FINANCE UP TO
60 MONTHS, CARS AND VANS BOUGHT
FOR CASH (HP CLEARED)**



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ASSOCIATION**

**RECOVERY SERVICE
COURTESY CARS AVAILABLE**

**CALOR GAS STOCKISTS
DELIVERY TO KELTY AREA**

**GREAT NORTH ROAD, KELTY,
FIFE, KY4 0HW
01383 830404**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7AM TO 6PM
SATURDAY 8PM TO 5PM
SUNDAY 10AM TO 4PM**



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A CODE FOR LIVING FOR COWDENBEATH CITIZENS

In Feb 1954, Provost W Ewing and Baillie GB Sinclair put forward a notice of motion to Cowdenbeath Town Council proposing that the town adopt 'A Code for the Citizen'. The motion read - 'That this Town Council, having regard to the interests of common citizenship, to the benefits which every citizen derives from the community life and to the debt which each citizen owes to the community, and being of the opinion that there is a need to affirm the obligations of all citizens with the burgh, resolve that, with a view to achieving this purpose, there be prepared, in consultation with ministers of religion and made public, a code for the citizen'. The motion was carried and after much behind the scenes work a Code of Living for Cowdenbeath folk was drafted by local ministers (Protestant and Roman Catholic) and representatives of industry and the schools. It was approved by the Town Council in June 1954.

WE THEREFORE AFFIRM THE OBLIGATIONS OF ALL CITIZENS

IN THE HOME - To live temperately, to spend wisely; to accept the responsibility of assuming that community life is improved by our example; to ensure by precept and example that children will become loyal, reverent and well-mannered members of the community

IN THE COMMUNITY - To take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the town and nation so that wise counsels and just laws may prevail; to realise that every right has a corresponding duty; to respect public and private property; to respect the dignity of the town

AT WORK - To use our talents and concentrate in our work, whether as employee or employer; to be conscious of our obligations; to be sincere in our relationships one with another

IN SPIRITUAL MATTERS - To be completely sincere and tolerant in our religious convictions and practices.

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WHATS IN A NAME

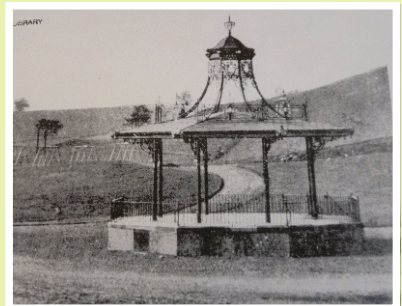
Here is a summary of how Cowdenbeath got its name: At the time when the coal trade started its boom, Cowdenbeath was divided into a few districts named after the various farms. There was Cowdenbeath, White Threshes, Foulford, Kirkford and Moss-side. As a result of the steady increase in the population, it was felt by the inhabitants that the time had come where the various districts should come under one name. A public meeting was called and the choice was narrowed down to two - Cowdenbeath and White Threshes with Cowdenbeath being the preferred choice. In 1890, the question of the name arose again with the proposed formation of the village into a burgh. Two names were mentioned this time - Cowdenbeath and Foulford with Cowdenbeath again being the preferred choice.



The Fountain, The Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Memorial Fountain to give it its full name, was donated to the burgh in 1897 by Henry Mungall who was elected the first provost at the meeting of the new town council in Jan 1891.

Do you remember the bandstand in the Public Park? Years ago the bandstand was

the venue for many Sunday afternoon concerts. Although benches and chairs surrounded the bandstand - apparently folks were more comfortable sitting on the grass and listening to the concerts. In 1926, the bandstand was put to another use when there was a rally of approx 20,000. It was put to the same use in 1984 when one of the largest strike rallies in Scotland was addressed by Mick McGahey



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ALWAYS REMEMBERED

In recent years, the main part of Cowdenbeath Community Council's Remembrance Day Ceremony has taken place at the relatively new Cowdenbeath World War 2 Memorial outside the Town House. The names of the fallen from the 1939 - 1945 conflict and those from Cowdenbeath who have died on active service since then up to and including in Iraq and Afghanistan, are now commemorated on panels on this red standstone monument. However, the original World War 1 memorial is still very much part of the remembrance ceremonies and the huge death toll of the 'Great War' is exemplified by the sheer number of names inscribed thereon. The original Cowdenbeath war memorial is a grey granite obelisk set on a tapering pedestal with cornice which in turn rests on two low steps. The commemoration and a downturned sword with wreath is carved on the face of the obelisk. It of course is positioned on the North End Hill and was unveiled in 1928 after a two year delay. The original unveiling ceremony was cancelled in 1926 due to the General Strike. The monument ended up covered in sugar bags for the next two years. It was sculpted by Mr Murdoch of Kirkcaldy and its erection cost £1000. At the unveiling, the bands played lament, buglers sounded the Last Post, wreaths were laid and the assembled company sang 'O God our Help in Ages Past.



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The Moderator of the Church of Scotland (Rev Dr Angus Morrison) spent the day in Cowdenbeath on 31st October 2015. A visit from the Moderator only happens once every 15years and his visit this year coincided with Cowdenbeath celebrating 125years gaining Burgh Status.

Rev Dr Morrison spent the afternoon as a guest of Cowdenbeath FC at their game against Dunfermline Athletic. And in the evening, he attended a celebration event in the Trinity Church. Rev Gavin Boswell (Trinity) and Rev David Redmayne (Beath and Cowdenbeath North) took charge at the Saturday evening event which involved a Gaelic welcome by Dr Margaret Bennett, singing by Beath High School Senior Choir, poetry and readings by George Hunter (Crossgates) and Beath High English Students along with contributions from the Sangsters (local Scottish folk group). Also as part of the celebrations, a display of Cowdenbeath memorabilia which included

photographs, newspaper cuttings and documents dating back many decades. This display was on show in the church for a few days to allow members of the public to see and enjoy.

The photographs on these centre pages were taken at the Trinity Church event.



Left:
The Burgh of Cowdenbeath seal used to stamp on to official papers.



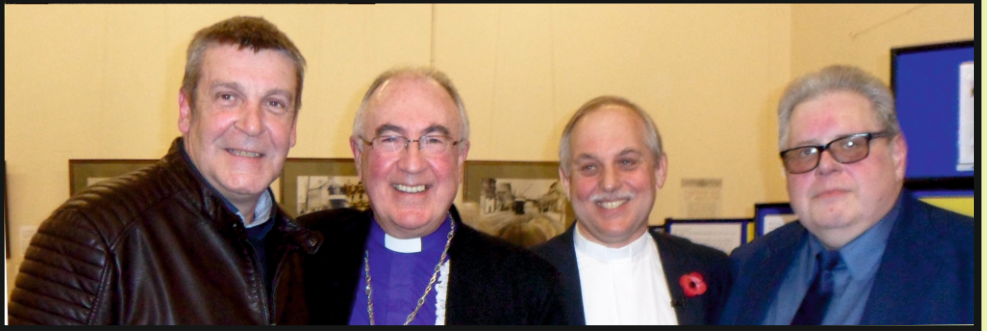
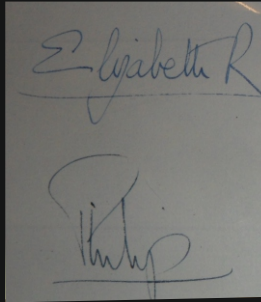
Right:
The monolith for the Donibristle disaster, is situated on the road towards the motorway.

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Pictured are some of the memorabilia which were on display at Trinity Church.

Going clockwise: The Queen and Prince Phillip's signature in the visitors book at the Town House, 1958. Police memorabilia, some of the attendees looking at the displays. Bottom: Alex Haddow, The Moderator, Rev. Gavin Boswell and Alan Stott and a glimpse of what life was like in the past.



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IT'S A KNOCKOUT

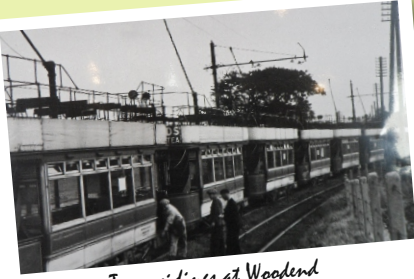
How many folks remember the It's a knockout competition between local firms held at Central Park in Summer 1970? Coal Kings (Cowdenbeath Workshops) Erskine Beveridge, Phillips, HMS Caledonia, Tranes and Elliots were among the participating teams. Missing though were the likes of Stuart Hall, Eddie Waring, Arthur Ellis, Guido Pancaldi and Gennaro Oliveri who had become household names with TV's Euro Version - Jeux Sans Frontieres. The Cowdenbeath event organisers included councillor Alex Maxwell and Graham Robertson from Torley's Hairdressers. TV glamour was supplied by Douglas Rae later to host Blue Peter rival Magpie. The Golden Lions parachute display team also entertained the 4,000 crowd. Events included 'Louping the Loop', the Bed Pan derby and the very popular piano smashing event. Local music lovers offered to donate no less than 38 pianos for this extravaganza!

A COWDENBEATH WORLD RECORD

After failing to set a world record for Ferrero Rocher munching on Britain's Got Talent, James Boyd from Dunfermline eventually earned his place in the Guinness Book of World Records. He equalled the world record by eating 8 After Eight Mints in one minute without using his hands at Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre in January 2010

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Tram sidings at Woodend



Police Station at Gordon Street



Trams at the Fountain



A Royal Visit to the NCB workshops, 1948



The bus garage at Broad Street



The Queen and Prince Philip outside the Town House, 1958

FOODBANK

Since beginning in March, the foodbank has been blessed to have over 35 volunteers working on a rota basis, every Tues and Thurs from 4-6pm. The volunteers work in 3 sectors, some bag packing of food parcels, others offer hospitality to a client when they come into the Foodbank and those who spend time listening to and assessing the clients needs. Clients are referred to the Foodbank by one of the many agencies the Trustees have approved (eg: Social Services, Job Centre, GPs ...etc...Already the Foodbank has served over 200 adults and over 50 children who have come to the foodbank in need. The organisers are always happy to welcome new volunteers - so if you are interested in volunteering-get in touch with them at cowdenbeathfoodbank@gmail.com

46TH SCOUTS

It's been a busy time recently for the Group. The Scouts attended the summer camp at Lochgoilhead Scout Centre and took part in sailing, canoeing, rafting, mountain biking, archery and abseiling. The Cubs are just back from a camp at St Andrews walking the Fife Coast Trail and visting the Deer Centre.



The Beavers visited East Fortune Aviation museum. In the last 2 months, the children have earned 140 proficiency badges between them. With summer past they will be looking forward to their Halloween party and going to see Aladdin at the Theatre.

They will also be in attendance at this years' Remembrance Day (8th Nov) where they will be remembering their three Scouts killed during WW11 - L/Cpl Alexander Ferguson, Sgt Findlay Buchan and Sgt David McLean.

If you want to know more about the Scout Groups history, please check out their website. The group are also looking to recruit a treasurer and an adult to help run the Scout Section. If you could help - please get in touch with Graham Gilbert 07590118900.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Cowdenbeath Library is not just a place to 'borrow a book'. Our Library is a bright and spacious place to go which offers a wide range of activities from reading groups to Bookbug sessions for babies and toddlers. There are also Job Club meetings and ABE classes on a regular basis.



There's :

- > Free WiFi
 - > Free PC and internet access (please book in advance)
 - > Basic IT skills taster sessions
 - > Reading groups
 - > Children's bookbug, storytelling and craft sessions.
 - > Local History resources
 - > Photocopying, faxing, laminating and scanning
- AS WELL AS
- > Huge range of books including on CD and in large print
 - > High quality reference books and online information

	OPENING HOURS
Mon	0900-12.30, 13.30 - 1900
Tue	0900-12.30, 13.30 - 1700
Wed	0900-12.30, 13.30 - 1700
Thu	0900-12.30, 13.30 - 1700
Fri	09.00-12.30, 13.30 - 1900
Sat	09.00-12.30

GROOMING MARVELLOUS

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DOG GROOMER

07729617491 or 01383 831241

35 STATION ROAD, KELTY, FIFE

**ALL BREEDS
OF DOG
CATERED FOR**



WIND TURBINES (UPDATE)

Proposed Little Raith Wind Farm Extension - Planning permission refused. The reporter appointed by Scottish Ministers considered that the proposal would give rise to significant landscape and visual impacts including cumulative impacts and could pose a risk to aviation safety. The conclusion was that the proposed development was contrary to the terms of the Local Plan Policy used.

Proposed windfarm development at East Hilton Farm, Kelty/Lochore Meadows - AMEC Wind Developments (Developers) announced in July that they will not pursue their planning application for this development.

Proposed Wind Turbines opposite the Mossmorran Chemical Works -

Approved and construction has commenced. Air Volution (developers) has confirmed that construction has commenced to prepare the foundations for installation of 2 turbines at Mossmorran. The proposed timetable is:

Aug - Sep: Turbine Foundation construction

October: Turbine delivery and installation

Nov - Dec: First operations and testing. Substation and grid connection January 2016 Fully Operational

CCH VALETING

UNIT 1 BLOCK 4 WOODEND IND EST COWDENBEATH
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With winter just round the corner don't forget your local family run car wash and car care facility. Washes start from £3.50 per car or wash and Hoover £5 per car!!!

Also available are a range of valets starting from just £25 per car. Under seal to stop that harsh grit and salt corroding your pride and joy, starting from £60 per car.

With a fully equipped garage we carry out most repairs and can even supply and fit performance parts for your car.

So don't forget £3.50 wash, wheels and wax fully Autoglym trained and approved staff and all hand washes no brushes to scratch your paintwork!!!!

CCH VALETING

Message from Alex Rowley

Over the last few weeks I have carried out street surgeries in all parts of Cowdenbeath and the first thing that jumps out is that the town is continuing to grow with major housing developments to the north east of the town. There are local issues such as off street parking and grounds maintenance that need to be picked up with the Council and I am raising these. I am also continuing to focus on issues around NHS services which are under a lot of pressure. The condition of the town centre remains a challenge and it is good that local people are getting involved in a town centre group looking at what other towns have done to bring about regeneration of their town centres. Proposals have been worked up for improvements, and I am continuing to push for development to the north of the High Street including the area of the former hotel. I also welcome the new housing for rent being built in the town. We have a housing shortage and the new houses are helping address the growing need, and this remains a priority for me as local MSP. As we approach the Christmas season the groups in the town who organise the lights and many events such as carol singing and visits to sheltered housing are to be congratulated for all the work they do, and the time they give up to create such good community spirit. There are also many who give up their time to support the local Sport Clubs, the Scouts, the Environment Groups and the Street Pastors, all of which makes Cowdenbeath a great place to live in, to shop in and to work in. I would like to thank everyone who gives their time to help others and support the wider community of Cowdenbeath.



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Surgery: Last Saturday of the Month
Constituency Office, High Street, Cowdenbeath
10.00am-12.00noon (no surgery in December)

Message from Annabelle Ewing, MSP

I have been privileged to represent the Mid Scotland & Fife region in the Scottish Parliament since 2011 and for some years now my regional office in Cowdenbeath High Street has been serving as an advice hub where I have held regular surgeries and frequent meetings with local organisations. Working alongside local councillors, I know well many of the challenges facing local people and I will always do my best to help those who come to me. When Nicola Sturgeon became First Minister, I was delighted to be appointed to her first Scottish Government, as minister for Youth & Women's Employment. That role has given me a wonderful opportunity to see first hand in visits around the country what great work is being done to help young people get the skills they need to get a job. At the same time, I work every day on issues related to securing a better deal for women to access work such as flexible working and better pay with real Living Wage. There is a distinction between my role as a minister and my role as a regional MSP. Any enquiries relating to my ministerial portfolio should be directed to the Ministerial Correspondence Unit - email address is scottish.ministers@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. for advice and assistance on all other devolved matters I can be contacted at the details shown below.



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Surgeries: Friday 20th November, Friday 11th December

CLOCK: STREET PASTORS

The Street Pastors celebrated being 1yr old in October 2015. During their first year, they have helped a number of people in the community. In short, they listen to, care for and help anyone and everyone they meet in the street. The pastors are now a registered charity. Anyone interested in becoming a trained pastor or joining their management committee should contact Wilma Aitchison on 07802414418 or email cowdenbeathandlochgelly@streetpastors.org.uk

CAR BOOT SALE at Morrisons Car Park

Civic Week Committee would like to say many thanks to the local resident and organiser (Linda Calder) of the Sunday Car Boot. The £5 car fees are donated to Civic Week Funds. Thanks also go to Morrisons Supermarket for their ongoing support AND to all the buyers and sellers who come along on the day. And there's still 2 car boots to go - Sunday, **29TH NOVEMBER** and Sunday **20TH DECEMBER**.

We have been informed that after a wee break, the Car Boot will resume in **MARCH 2016** (last Sunday of the month)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE TO THIS NEWSLETTER

If you have any news (an article and/or a photograph) you would like to contribute - please do so.

Articles can be handwritten or typed and sent to the Editor at 1 Elgin Road, Cowdenbeath or you can choose to email the Editorial Team at: cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com

The community council reserve the right to edit all material submitted and the editor's decision is final on what will be included in the newsletter

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Christmas Opening Hours:
Sat. 19th Dec: 6am - 12 midnight
Sun. 20th Dec: 8am- 7pm
Mon. 21st - Wed.23rd Dec:
6am - 12 midnight
Thu. 24th Dec: 6am - 6pm
Closed Christmas Day
Sat. 26th Dec: 10am- 5pm

Sun. 27th Dec: 8am - 7pm
Mon. 28th - Wed. 30th Dec:
8am - 9pm
Hogmanay: 7am - 7pm
Fri.1st January: 10am - 5pm
Sat. 2nd January: 7am - 9pm



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COMPETITION



*Want to win £100 of vouchers for local Cowdenbeath Shops in time for Christmas? This could be the competition for YOU! Answer the 6 questions below and return by **12th December** to *The Library, High Street, Cowdenbeath**



1. What date did Cowdenbeath become a burgh? _____
2. What was the name of the first provost of Cowdenbeath? _____
3. Which business in Cowdenbeath has the address 164 High Street? _____
4. What date did the Moderator visit Trinity Church this year? _____
5. Which award did Cowdenbeath win in the Beautiful Fife 2015 competition? _____
6. What are the opening hours for Cowdenbeath Library on a Friday? _____

Name _____

Address. _____
