

THE
**BEATH
BULLETIN**



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**SEASONS
GREETINGS**

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COMMEMORATION



A Message from the Chairman of Cowdenbeath Community Council



Well 2018 has been some year

Cowdenbeath Civic Week Committee celebrated 40years of civic week events and boy did they celebrate it in style. A big thank you to the Committee, they do a fantastic job for our town.

Cowdenbeath won the Silver Gilt award in the Beautiful Fife Campaign....a step up from last year. Well done to the Environment Group and their volunteers.

The High Street development is underway which involves upgrading the Green Square, Brunton Square and getting some new street furniture. The North End Park development is also underway with the buildings at the north end already having been demolished. Added to that, more funding has been secured to continue with the shutter art project. And not forgetting, the skatepark has opened. WOW

But finally, something that is very close to my heart - the commemoration of 100years since the end of WW1. A concert has been organised at Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline on 4th November and I really hope you will be able to join us, listen to Kingdom Brass Band, Lochgelly High School Pipe Band and sing along to songs of the war.

We will remember them

A. Haddow, Chairman

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Check out our website: www.cowdenbeathcc.org.uk***

TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

BRUNTON SQUARE

A few years ago, the Community Council applied for funding from Fife Environmental Trust with the aim of creating a Heritage Garden at Brunton Square.. Working along with Fife Council, local artist Kerry Wilson and canvassing the opinion of residents, the first stage of the project was completed with the creation of the giant mural on the gable end of the 'police' building. Next up, expect to see some plinths installed with some stories about Cowdenbeath's coal history, some mining memorabilia 'etched' into the railings and a garden where you can sit and reflect on times gone by.



GREEN SITE

At long last, work is underway to develop the green site in the High Street. The aim is to provide an area that is flexible in its use and can provide a safe environment for people at all times of the day. The hope would be to hold regular markets on the space, to encourage enterprise and bring people into the town. In addition, it would be good if young people could be encouraged to use it and help businesses to survive in a changing technological environment.





JANE KIRK

**164 HIGH STREET,
COWDENBEATH, KY4 9NH
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CONTACT FOR MORE DETAILS**

also featuring
Hair by
Colin

SKATEPARK OPENING

JUNE 2018



Cowdenbeath Skatepark opened in the summer and from the kids there during the summer months, its being well used. The Skatepark is located just along from the Leisure Centre and is set to be one of the best in Fife. The park is funded by Cowdenbeath Area Committee's local community planning budget and Section 75 funding from the development at Leuchatsbeath.

COWDENBEATH HORTICULTURAL SHOW

A massive WELL DONE to all those involved with the Horticultural Show
Lots of great exhibits



BEAUTIFUL FIFE 2018

Congratulations to Cowdenbeath Environmental Group, their volunteers and staff at Fife Council for their hard work and efforts to get our Town the Silver Gilt Award in the Beautiful Fife Campaign 2018

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the clean team
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CIVIC WEEK

These are the details at the time of going to print. For up to date details on the programme of events - check out the Cowdenbeath Civic Week Facebook page.

Well we hope you enjoyed our 40th birthday celebrations in June . We all had a great time putting the summer programme together and seeing it all come to fruition. Even the rain could not put a damper on our celebrations. Our committee have taken a well earned rest and now we are back organising the Christmas Programme of Events. We have our ever popular Scottish Night, followed by the Christmas Lights Switch On (where Santa will be in attendance) then the Kids Christmas Party (also with Santa) & Christmas Fair and finishing with our Christmas Concert featuring Cowdenbeath's Community Choir. We hope you manage to attend some (or even all of the events) but more to the point we hope you ENJOY



*Scottish Dancing, great live music
Traditional Scottish food and a
cheeky wee refreshment*

Broad Street Bowling Club
1900 - 2300
Tickets £5.00



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH ON
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

SANTA WILL BE THERE

The usual Music, Entertainment
and Stalls will be at the 'green
site' in advance of the lights
being switched on.

See you there

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY CHRISTMAS FAIR

At Beath High School

At Beath High School

Cowdenbeath Civic Weeks' childrens xmas party will be on from approx 2-4pm (times to be confirmed) at BHS and entry will be by **TICKET ONLY.**

Ticket sale dates and locations will be announced through Face book and Central FifeTimes.

There will be lots of stalls at the fair so if you don't get a ticket for the Childrens Christmas Party, you could have a wee browse through what's on offer and pick up some unique Xmas gifts from local businesses and stall holders.

Entry to the fair is **FREE**
All welcome



SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER



In their FOURTH year, the Community Choir have begun their rehearsals and will be performing at Beath and Cowdenbeath North Church on Sunday, 16th December. They are looking forward to performing at Christmas under the watchful eye of Calum Paterson. Make sure you get a ticket & get along to support the choir & have a great night out. Ticket sale dates & locations will be announced through Facebook and Fife Times.

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Casserole Dishes,
Cutlery, Dishes

At **BEATH BARGAIN STORE**, our aisles are packed with an assortment of products. We have a wide range of **DIY** equipment, a variety of **Household** and **Electrical** goods and all kinds of **KITCHENWARE**.

We also have **PARTY SUPPLIES** and **GIFTS** for all occasions (eg: cards, banners, balloons). And we have gifts and outfits for **NEWBORN** babies. There's **SO MUCH** to browse through, why not **POP IN** - we'd be **HAPPY** to see you



The store is in **LOCATED** at 175-179 High Street. There's a bus stop outside and on street parking round the corner in Union Street.

LEST WE FORGET

The Great War (1914-1918) claimed the lives of over 16 million people, involved over 100 countries from Africa, America, Asia, Australasia and Europe and had an impact on the lives of everyone in every town and village in the country.

One hundred years later, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history or because of the way it changed the history of our communities.

WW1 MEMORIAL

In Cowdenbeath, the main part of Remembrance Day ceremonies takes place at the WW2 memorial at the Town House, but the WW1 memorial at the 'top of the hill' is still very much a part of the ceremonies. The huge death toll of the Great War is exemplified by the sheer number of names inscribed thereon. The original Cowdenbeath 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 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 laments, buglers sounded the Last Post, wreaths were laid and the assembled company sang 'O God Our Help in Ages Past'



Many thanks to David Allan - Local historian - for the information.

The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying THANK YOU to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed and changed our world. There were 1.1million servicemen and women who gave their lives in WW1.

**John Adams
William Adamson
David Adie
William Aitken
Frank Anderson
Henry Anderson
John Anderson
Joseph Anderson
Robert Anderson
William Anderson
Andrew Archibald
David Archibald
Andrew Armit
Andrew Armit
Archibald Arnott
Robert Balloch
H Baptie
Ivan C Barclay
W K Barclay
Donald Beaton
John Bell
Robert Bell
William B Binning
William Bird
William Black
Rolland Blair
David Bowman
Robert Bowman
William Bowman
James Brand
John Brand
Alexander F Bremner
George Brown
Alexander Bett**

**James Brown
Thomas Brown
James Bruce
George Buchanan
Thomas P Burrell
William Caithness
Lewis P Cameron
George H Campbell
William Campbell
John Chalmers
Thomas Cooper
George Cowan
Thomas H Cowan
Robert Craig
George Crichton
George Crichton
R H Cumming
M Cunningham
Samuel Deas
James Derrick
Harry Dick
Thomas Donaldson
S Drummond
Ebenezer Duffy
John Duncan
William Duncan
Alexander Easton
George Erskine
David Ewan
Alexander Ewing
Henry Fairley
John Falconer
Gilbert Ferguson
Robert Davidson**

**John Ferguson
Donald Findlay
James Finlayson
James Fortune
James I Fortune
John Fortune
William Frame
Alexander Fraser
William Fraser
George Frew
James Frew
William Frew
Elias Fyffe
John W Galbraith

William Galloway
James Gardner
John T Gardner
Andrew H Garrie
R Gibb
Christopher Gill
William Gilliard
John Glass
Robert Gordon
Archibald C Graham
George K Graham
Thomas Grandison
David Greig
William Greig
Campbell Guthrie
John Guthrie
Robert Guthrie
William T Hall
Alexander Harold**

THANK YOU

These three pages are our way of remembering and saying thank you to those service men and women from Cowdenbeath who fell during Ww1. These are the names of the fallen on the WW1 memorial in Cowdenbeath

Andrew Harvey
Robert Haxton
David Hay
Andrew Henderson
James Henderson
Robert Horsburgh
R B Hosie
John Howard
Thomas Hughes
William Hughes
Adam Hunter
Adam Hunter
Andrew Hunter
George Hunter
John Hunter
Simpson Hunter
Thomas Hunter
John Jamieson
William Jamieson
John W Johnson
John Johnston
William Johnstone
John Keating
J Kelly
Frank Kennedy
William Kerr
William Kirk
A Laing
J Laing
W Lamb
David Law
Walter Law
David Lister

David Lockhart
Charles Low
Andrew Lunn
Patrick Lynch
Alexander MacGregor
Owen McBride
John McCallum
Thomas McCormack
John McDonald
Andrew McEwan
James McGaw
George McGlashan
James McInally
David McKenzie
Robert McKenzie
William McLean
John McLeod
Patrick McMahan
Edward McManus
Martin McMinn
Peter McNaughton
Alexander McQuire
Thomas C McVicar
Edward Marshall
William B Martin
John Mather
John Meldrum
John Mercer
James Michie
Thomas Michie
Archibald Millar
William Millar
Gordon Miller
George S Marshall

William Miller
Andrew Mitchell
David Mitchell
James B Mitchell
John Mitchell
Thomas Mitchell
Hugh Moran
Thomas Muirhead
William Muir
David Murray
Alexander Nicholson
James Nicholson
Charles Nisbet
David O'Neil
Robert O'Neil
George R Patrick
John Patrick
Robert Patterson
Alexander Penman
James Pert
Adam H Petrie
James Petrie
James Philip
William Pryde
Frank Rae
Robert J Rattray
Richard T Reid
William Reilly
Adam Rennie
William Riddel
James C Ritchie
Robert Robertson
Robert Rowan
Charles Scott



THANK YOU

**W Scott
Alexander Sharp
William Sharp
William Shaw
James Sinclair
James Smith
John S Smith
Richard Smith
Thomas Smith
John Sneddon
Joseph Sneddon
Thomas Sneddon
Robert Somerville
James B Speed
Adam Spence
William Stark
David Stein
George Stein
Thomas S Stewart
William Stewart
William Stewart
John Stobie
Frederick Strachan
Daniel Sturrock
John Sutherland
William Sutherland
A Swan
J Swan
Edward Sweeney
David Syme
James Taylor
James Thayne**

**Robert Thompson
James Thomson
John C Thomson
William Thomson
William Thomson
William Thomson
Alexander Todd
James D Todd
Robert Todd
Thomas Todd
Andrew Toole
Thomas Torrance
W Tulloch
Samuel H Turnbull
W B Turnbull
William A Watkins
William Watson
John Watson
Andrew Watt
Peter Watt
Livingston Waugh
Alexander Welsh
Andrew Welsh
David Welsh
James Westwater
William Westwater
William Wilkie
David Wilson
David Wilson
John Wood
John S Wright
James Young**



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FORGET**

THANK YOU

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MEMORIAL CONCERT

A memorial concert has been organised for Sunday, 4th November. Kingdom Brass Band will be playing along with Lochgelly High School Pipe Band and a few other local singers. A night to remember and sing along to songs of the war. The concert is being held at Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline. Tickets are £10.00 and can be obtained from Carnegie Hall Box Office.



Thank you to D Johnstone for the photos 13

REMEMBER WHEN...

THE CHICAGO OF FIFE

When Cowdenbeath was expanding rapidly, our Town was 'dubbed' the Chicago of Fife'. Chicago of course was famed in the Twenties for the gangsters such as Al Capone. In Dec 1930, there was a newspaper report suggesting that 2 prominent members of the Chicago underworld who had been born in Glasgow and Cowdenbeath respectively and who had been expelled from the USA by the Chicago Police, had arrived in Berlin. The captain of the steamer took precautions so that the two men were put straight on the train to Cologne en-route for the UK. However, almost immediately they entered the train compartment the men started a violent quarrel which ended in blows. In the course of the fight windows and lamps in the carriage were smashed. The train officials were helpless and the police at the next station found two men lying on the floor covered with blood but still fighting, their clothes torn to ribbons. Both were seriously injured and taken to hospital, where one remained unconscious for hours. They were then under the supervision of the police who intended to ensure they were repatriated as soon as sufficiently recovered. The identity of the Cowdenbeath gangster was never disclosed.

*Information, courtesy of local man
- David Allan*



Cowdenbeath Development Club (now Partners Bar).

SOUP KITCHEN

1909 - Due to a dull trade in mining in and around the Town, a soup kitchen was organised in Cowdenbeath to relieve distress.

GENE VINCENT

A Police escort was required for pop singer - Gene Vincent -when he paid a visit to Cowdenbeath Pally in 1961



Gronbach's the Butchers.Champion Haggis Makers in the 1980s

46TH FIFE SCOUT GROUP

www.46thfifescoutgroup.org

The aim of Scouting is to develop young people to enable them to become a better citizen. The training programs are designed to allow a young person to develop to their full potential. Scouting offers many activities both in this country and abroad including the offer of attending camps and Jamborees. When it comes to employment, employers recognise the benefits of Scouting input as usually far more self confident than their peers. The 46th offers a wide range of activities for all ranges of young people. The program we offer is both balanced and progressive and is appropriate to the age range. The 46th have recently taken ownership of a 17 seater mini bus. This bus is also available to other community groups at reasonable rates. If interested and want to book the bus, contact Mark Wells on 07908112116/01383 269006

· YOU CAN FIND US AT WEMYSS STREET, COWDENBEATH

Section	Ages	Night	From	To
Beavers	6 - 8	Mondays	1745	1845
Cubs	8 – 10.5	Mondays	1900	2000
Scouts	10.5 – 14	Wednesday	1930	2100
Explorers	14 - 18	Wednesday	1930	2130

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FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to support young families in the following areas:-
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Lumphinnans and Kelty

Home-Start Cowdenbeath Area Contact us on Tel : 01383510010

Email : admin@home-startcowdenbeath.org.uk

Facebook : Home-start Cowdenbeath Area



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Annabelle Ewing MSP Office,
Cowdenbeath

at
12:00-13:30
on

Monday 22nd October
Friday 9th November
Friday 14th December

ANNABELLE EWING MSP for
Cowdenbeath Constituency

Email: Annabelle.Ewing.msp@parliament.scot

Phone: 01383 611067

Address: 253-257 High Street, Cowdenbeath KY4 9QF

NORTH END DEVELOPMENT

The park at the North End (known locally as Steins Park) is due to be developed soon. LIDL and B&M are to open brand new stores there. It is part of their respective expansion plans which will create new jobs. The site has been overgrown for years



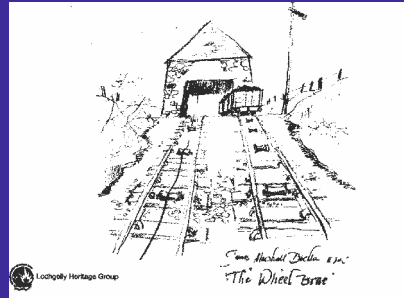
since Tesco abandoned their plans to develop on the site. The stores will represent an £8.5m investment. Media reports have indicated that Lidl will be installing an in-store bakery to compliment their industry leading value for money product range. In addition the supermarket will have customer toilets, baby changing facilities and



ample parking for both cars and bicycles. B&M's store will be selling a wide variety of branded products including toys, food & drink, pet range, health & beauty and homeware. The aim is that the doors will be open late spring or early summer next year.

HAPPYLAND HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

The whole of Mid Fife area has a rich industrial heritage with Lochgelly & the surrounding areas once being one of the most important mining areas in Scotland. The Happyland area within Lochgelly which is known world-wide & was the basis of the 2012 film "Happy Lands" depicting life in a Scottish mining community in the heart of Fife's coalfields during the 1926 general



strike. We would love to showcase, celebrate and protect our shared heritage for generations to come.....so Lochgelly Heritage Group want to set up a purpose built state of the art Happyland Heritage visitor centre right at the heart of what was the Happyland area of Lochgelly. The group would like to know if you would visit the Happyland Heritage Visitor Centre and what type of things you would like to see in the Centre. Complete the enclosed card and pop it into Fife Council's Brunton House reception desk



DECEMBER 7TH
6.30PM - 12.00AM
Drink on Arrival
3 Course Meal, Party Night and
Silent Disco
£25 PER PERSON
HILL OF BEATH CLUB

Do you fancy a wee night out?

Hazel, the owner of Lucie Sue gifts and Coffee Bar (opposite Brunton House) has very kindly agreed to organise an XMAS party night out with profits from the event going towards Cowdenbeath's Civic Week Committees programme of events for 2019.

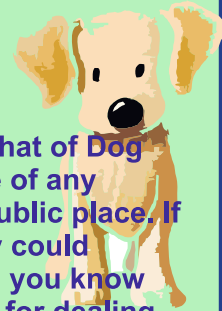
So if you haven't booked your XMAS night out and you fancy this one, then pop into Hazels shop and get your ticket(s).

HO HO HO



SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

DOG FOULING



One of the biggest complaints in our community is that of Dog Fouling. It is an offence not to appropriately dispose of any excrement immediately after a dog has fouled in a public place. If someone does not clean up after their dog then they could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice with a fine of £80. Did you know that the Safer Communities Officers are responsible for dealing with Dog Fouling Complaints. You can report someone for not cleaning up after their dog

**Contact Safer Communities
01592 583642**



SOCIAL EYES FIFE

Social Eyes Fife is a group welcome to anyone in Fife who has any kind of eye condition or visual impairment. The group meets in the Maxwell Community Centre, Stenhouse St, Cowdenbeath.

Come along and join us to socialise and support each other and feel free to bring along a friend, family members or carer.



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Book in advance/Turn up on the day
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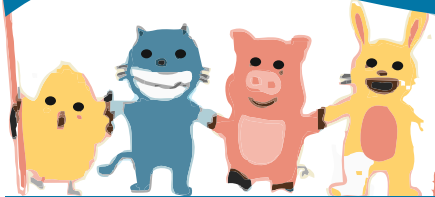
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Pop into your local Cowdenbeath Store today!

LEST WE FORGET

*They shall not grow old
as we that are left grow old*

*Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn,*

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning*

We will remember them

Extract of poem by Robert Laurence Binyon

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES



THIS YEARS
REMEMBRANCE DAY
PARADE WILL BE ON
SUNDAY,
11TH NOVEMBER

1.30PM AT WW1
MEMORIAL
AND 2.30PM AT
Ww2 MEMORIAL

