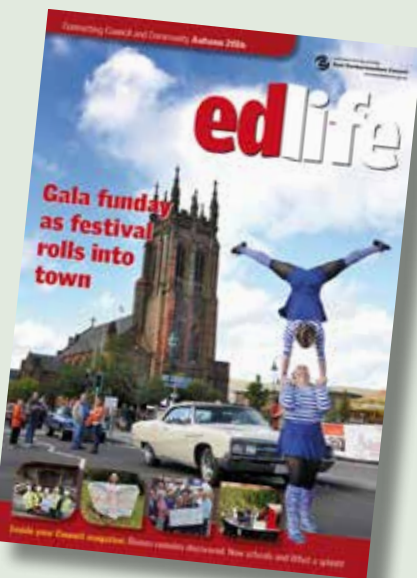


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Welcome to the autumn edition of **edlife** - East Dunbartonshire Council's magazine for local communities, residents and businesses.

It's a packed issue again with a range of features and articles focusing on East Dunbartonshire.

There's a photo special from the 2016 Kirkintilloch Canal Festival, which sizzled despite the drizzle - pages 6-8.

Exciting news about new schools is on pages 10 and 11 and there's more good news about exam results on page 16.

Turn to page 12 to read about an exciting new partnership between Rangers FC and Boclair Academy.

Olympic success for homegrown heroes Katherine Grainger and Katie Archibald lights up page 17.

And for all the latest What's On highlights turn to page 20.

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A prestigious Emmy award which was bestowed on a little-known Scottish inventor 130 years after his death - for his pioneering work in image transmission - is now on public display in Kirkintilloch.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) decided to posthumously honour Alexander Bain (1810-1877), who died and is buried in Kirkintilloch, for his outstanding achievement in technical or engineering development.

Bain's Technology and Engineering Emmy, which was announced at the 67th Annual Technology & Engineering Emmy Awards in Las Vegas earlier this year, recognised his invention of the concept of scanning for image transmission - said to be one of the fundamental principles of television.

The Council, which maintains Bain's gravestone in Kirkintilloch's Old Aisle Cemetery, was chosen as custodian of the award. The Emmy has now been given pride of place in a new display at Kirkintilloch's Auld Kirk Museum. Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries played a vital role in ensuring the Emmy was awarded to Bain and President Ivan Ruddock helped to officially unveil it.

Dr Ruddock said, "Prior to the award of the Emmy, Alexander Bain was a virtually forgotten pioneer of the electric telegraph, the electric clock and the fax machine. He is now recognised for inventing the fundamental principles of image transmission and ultimately television that we still utilise and rely on today."

Roman remains discovered at town hall

A treasure trove of historical artefacts have been discovered at the Kirkintilloch Town Hall site as work continues on the iconic building.

Archaeologists were stunned to find what are believed to be Roman remains next to the B-listed town hall.

The Council's contractor was working in the car park area when it made five finds - including a Roman nail and a piece of pre-glaze Roman Samian ware - possibly from a bowl - both potentially dating back to around 160AD or earlier.

Kevin Mooney, Project Officer at GUARD Archaeology Limited, said, "A number of artefacts were recovered during the excavations.

"The area of the town hall had undergone significant regeneration so chance finds do not always survive in these urban locations."

Work is forging ahead to transform Kirkintilloch Town Hall into a centre for heritage, arts, culture and community use.

The new town hall will be functional, flexible and fit for the 21st century. It is due to open in summer 2017.

The Council has been working with development partner hub West Scotland, Central Building Contractors (CBC) and East Dunbartonshire Leisure and

Culture (EDLC) Trust to develop the design since the start of 2015.

Support has been secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund and other external funders.

Plans include:

- * New entrance, reception and vestibule
- * Ground-floor event space
- * First-floor heritage display, reflecting Kirkintilloch's rich history (in association with EDLC)
- * New office and community space
- * Kitchen, store room, toilets and locker room.

The aim is that the new facility is flexible enough to cater for a range of uses - such as performances, events, weddings, heritage displays, receptions and meetings.

To complement this mix of uses, there will also be an adjoining extension. The restored building will have a potential seating capacity up to 300.

The overall project will cost approximately £5.5m - including £666,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Lucy Casot, Head of HLF Scotland, said, "We are looking forward to seeing the restoration of this historic building. Residents will be able to take part in a host of community activities in a wonderful historic setting."



Pictured are: John Callander, business development manager at CBC; Angeline Robertson, Partnerships Director at hub West Scotland; Christine Miller, Area Operations Manager for the Trust; Gerry Cornes, Chief Executive of the Council; and Ruari Gardiner, Michael Laird Architects.

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Check out the changes in Kirkintilloch and have a say on other town centres

Barleybank

A new era is taking shape in Kirkintilloch - blending past, present and future.

Exciting improvements are being delivered in the town centre for shoppers, traders, residents and visitors.

The aim is simple - to make Kirkintilloch an even greater place to live, work and visit.

At the heart of the project is Cowgate - the town centre's main thoroughfare - where a variety of innovative works are underway.

These include lowering vehicle speeds, removing street clutter, narrowing roads and widening footways.

A 20mph speed limit has been introduced, along with new controlled crossings and traffic lights.

The first improvements have already been delivered and are being successfully used by people travelling on foot, cycles, public transport and in private vehicles.

Cowgate's junctions with Catherine Street and Kerr Street now have a fresh new look, as does the stretch of road to Townhead Bridge - linking in with Barleybank Square.

Instead of being held up by phased traffic lights, vehicles are now able to move freely through the junctions - giving way as appropriate and being mindful of pedestrians crossing.

Views

People are being asked to give their views and help guide the future of Bearsden, Bishopbriggs and Milngavie town centres.

East Dunbartonshire Council is preparing strategies for each of the town centres and wants to hear from businesses and residents on key issues, as well as opportunities for improvement.

People are being invited to

have their say via an online survey - www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MMBCKCF

Thomas Glen, Depute Chief Executive - Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets, said, "The aim is to set out a positive, long-term vision for each town centre and specific future actions."

"I would urge everyone with an interest in Bearsden, Bishopbriggs and Milngavie town centres to complete the online survey, which aims to gain feedback on their strengths, weaknesses and key requirements."

INFORMATION

For more information on the Masterplan visit www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/Masterplan



An artist's impression of the new look Cowgate



Kerr Street and Catherine Street junction



Cowgate looking towards Townhead

Tea time with the Provost for community inspirations

Local heroes from across East Dunbartonshire have been recognised for the positive impact they have made in their communities.

The 2016 Tea with the Provost event was held in Lairdsland Primary School, where residents enjoyed afternoon tea with Provost Una Walker and a number of local councillors.

East Dunbartonshire councillors were asked to nominate people who had gone the extra mile, whether through their exceptional voluntary work, charity efforts or an outstanding career. In total, 24 people were recognised, with each receiving a certificate for their achievements.

Provost Una Walker said, "This event is one of the highlights of my year, when the spotlight is well and truly on the people in our communities who are quietly going about their business, giving freely of their time to improve our local area, help run our local groups and organisations, and raising money for charity."



Good causes among the winners at awards

Good causes at the heart of local communities were among the winners at the 2016 East Dunbartonshire Business Awards.

An amazing £8,000 was raised on the night of the final thanks to generosity of businesses, entrepreneurs, organisations and enterprises who contributed to the raffles and auction.

Proceeds have now been split evenly - £800 each - between a variety of good causes:

- The Park Centre
 - East Dunbartonshire Women's Aid
 - The David Philips Crooks Fund
 - The Calum Sinclair Macleod Forever Fund
 - The Emma Cameron Foundation
 - Contact Point in East Dunbartonshire
 - Strathkelvin Talking Newspaper Association
 - Carers Link East Dunbartonshire
 - Generations Working Together (EDVA)
 - Milngavie in Bloom
- The final of the 2016 East Dunbartonshire Business Awards



"We are fortunate that these people made the choice to find the time to get involved in the things that they care deeply about. We are all living increasingly busy lives so finding the time to do something that benefits others is something that should be applauded."

Lenzie Academy pupils Emmajane Brown (12) and her friend Jemma Campbell received awards for their contributions to charity.

Jemma (13) said, "We were delighted when we found out we had been nominated by Provost Walker and we had a lovely afternoon."

"We both love dogs and had wanted to do something together for charity. We decided to hold a book sale in July and managed to raise £165 for the Dogs Trust. It was a nice surprise to find out people had taken notice of what we had done."

Provost Walker added, "We have a lot of wonderful young people in East Dunbartonshire who are making a positive contribution to their communities. Emmajane and Jemma did a fantastic job raising money for charity and were worthy recipients of an award."

was held on 20 May at The Eagle Lodge, Bishopbriggs, and a key part of the evening was the raising of funds for a variety of charities and organisations. Thanks have been given to everyone who supported the raffles and auction.

The Calum Sinclair Macleod Forever Fund was set up in memory of the inspirational Bishopbriggs Academy pupil who tragically lost his life to meningitis in 2007 - aged just 12. Remarkably, the fund has now raised over £65,000.

Mum Kim said the £800 donation would be used by Meningitis Now to raise awareness, carry out research, run campaigns and more.

She said, "We're very grateful for the support. Meningitis Now doesn't receive any funding - it's all by donations. Many thanks to the awards organisers and everyone who contributed."

You can find out more and donate by visiting www.calum-sinclair-macleod.muchloved.com

Meanwhile, Generations Working Together is a project run between East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA) and local

As unbelievable as it may seem, Christmas is already on the horizon - why not get your festive shopping started in style at the Provost's Ladies Lunch?

East Dunbartonshire Provost Una Walker will be hosting a Christmas shopping event - in aid of local charities - on Sunday 6 November at the Eagle Lodge in Bishopbriggs from 12.30pm, with a two-course lunch being served at 1.30pm.

Guests can browse a range of stalls selling luxury gifts including handbags, jewellery, homeware, crafts, cards and books - including a host of unusual items that can't be found in the shops. There is also a raffle with some great prizes up for grabs.

Tickets costs £25 each and can be bought individually or you can group together with friends to book a table of 10. This year all proceeds from the Ladies Lunch will be donated to Marie Curie.

The venue holds a maximum of 200 people and tickets are available by contacting Margaret Small in East Dunbartonshire Council's Member Support - call 0141 578 8016 or e-mail margaret.small@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

schools. Gordon Thomson, Chair of EDVA, said, "We're absolutely delighted with the donation. This project brings together different parts of the community who wouldn't normally get the chance to meet. It's a great opportunity."

The project encourages people of different ages and experiences to share and exchange skills - from operating iPads and social media to knitting and crafts.

One of the pupils involved said, "It's a really good experience - you learn so much from people in all walks of life."

Festival is a splash hit with people of all ages

Thousands of people rocked, rolled, sailed and cycled their way to the 2016 Kirkintilloch Canal Festival.

A week of boat trips culminated in Get Active Saturday and Gala Sunday on 20-21 August 2016.

The annual celebration of everything nautical and nice was another great success - entertaining thousands, as well as delivering a boost for the economy of Kirkintilloch and East Dunbartonshire.

Fun for all the family included roller discos, live music, fireworks, canoeing, archery, climbing, food court, stone carving, arts and crafts, cycle rides and Nerf Adventures.

Other highlights included a classic car display, market stalls, street theatre, funfair and carousel, Coppers on the Canal, mini golf and more.

Gala Sunday fun took place around the Marina, Barleybank, the grassed area at Sainsbury's and New College Lanarkshire - Kirkintilloch Campus. Kirkintilloch Baptist Church and the Auld Kirk Museum also hosted events.

Praising the event on the Council's Facebook page, local resident Isabelle King said, "Another roaring success. My family really look forward to this event every year. Well done all involved in the planning."

Both Stephanie Hamilton and Jane Fraser said it was "great", while Maureen Welsh added, "I love the canal festival."

Alan Duncan, Kirkintilloch & District Classic Vehicle Club, said, "The dancers on the Sunday and groups on the Saturday night were great. I loved the rock group in particular - hope we get them again next year."

"We are looking forward

to next year and hope we can increase the number of cars a bit."

Kirkintilloch Canal Festival is organised by East Dunbartonshire Council and partners such as the Leisure and Culture (EDLC) Trust, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Kirkintilloch Baptist Church, the Regent Centre, New College Lanarkshire - Kirkintilloch, Seagull Trust, Scottish Canals, the Forth and Clyde Canal Society and Kirkintilloch & District Classic Vehicle Club (KDCVC).

The Council worked with East Dunbartonshire Tobacco Alliance to promote the canal festival as a Clean Air Event this year - with tobacco-free areas.

Thomas Glen, Depute Chief Executive - Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets, said, "The weather was most certainly mixed, but that did not dampen any of the enthusiasm - particularly among the children and young at heart who got into the swing of things at the many different events."

"The festival remains an annual highlight for local residents and visitors from far and wide - attracting thousands of people to East Dunbartonshire and helping to deliver a massive boost to the local economy."

"I look forward to another great event in 2017."



Check out this range of photos (here and on p8) taken during the weekend - pics by KDCVC, Roberto Cavieres and Paul Allardes.



...a splash hit



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Lenzie Meadow is a first-class success

Different class - that's the verdict on East Dunbartonshire's newest school from pupils, parents and teachers.

Lenzie Meadow Primary - the second to be delivered by the Council as part of its Primary School Improvement Programme - opened its doors at the start of the August term.

Excited pupils who had previously attended Lenzie Moss and Lenzie Primary joined the new Primary 1s to become the first children to be taught at the state-of-the-art school.

Built on the site of the old Lenzie Moss Primary it has a school roll of 568 pupils, with 58 pre-school children in its new nursery.

On the day Lenzie Meadow Primary opened its doors **edlife** spoke to two happy pupils as they got to know the layout of their new school.

P5 pupil Lucy, who formerly attended Lenzie Primary, said, "The new school is really good, it's really big and great fun. There is lots of space and I have enjoyed meeting all my new classmates."

Her classmate Ross, a former pupil of Lenzie Moss Primary, said, "The school has a lot of space - it is so big it's still a bit confusing,

but I'm sure I'll get used to it. The teachers are all really nice too."

The school has been delivered in partnership with hub West Scotland and was built by main contractor Lendlease.

It is bright and colourful, and the layout makes use of open areas and outdoor spaces for project work or break-out sessions.

The school is fitted with up-to-date technology and has LCD touchscreens, as well as Wi-Fi throughout the building.

Headteacher Greg Bremner told **edlife**, "Everyone at Lenzie Meadow Primary School is really enthusiastic about this new building - the fantastic layout, the outdoor spaces and all the modern additions - it is a great environment for delivering the Curriculum for Excellence.

"We are all settling in well and the two communities of Lenzie and Lenzie Moss Primary Schools have come together seamlessly.

"It is early days, but there is already a welcoming, community atmosphere here at Lenzie Meadow Primary School and I'm looking forward to seeing the pupils and colleagues continue to flourish in the years ahead."



A look inside Lenzie Meadow - Headteacher Greg Bremner is pictured top right with pupils and Deputies



Primary school programme is forging ahead

The brand new £11.5m Lenzie Meadow Primary - which threw open its doors to pupils in August - is part of the Council's ongoing Primary School Improvement Programme.

Work continues to forge ahead, buoyed by the success of Lenzie Meadow and the award-winning Lairdsland Primary in Kirkintilloch.

Progress is being made across the area:

- The new school in Bishopbriggs has been named Thomas Muir Primary. It is part of a development to replace Auchinairn and Woodhill Primaries, and Cleddens Learning & Childcare Centre.
- Likewise the new school in Kirkintilloch has been named Holy Trinity Primary. The school will replace St Agatha's and St Flannan's Primaries.
- Further consultation will take place with pupils, staff, parents and the wider community to look at the design of the new school to be built on the site of St Andrew's PS in Bearsden - to replace it and St Joseph's in Milngavie.



Jacqui MacDonald, the Council's Chief Education Officer, said, "Our programme is forging ahead and before long hundreds of families in Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch will be able to enjoy the benefits of being educated in modern, well-equipped and attractive new schools."

Check out the Schools & Learning section of our website (www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk) for a more detailed round-up.



Ready for learning - Rangers at Bocclair

Net result for young Rangers players at Bocclair Academy

A new crop of Rangers stars are being educated at Bocclair Academy in Bearsden thanks to a new partnership agreement between Rangers Football Club and East Dunbartonshire Council.

At the start of the 2016/17 term in August, 24 players from the Rangers Youth Academy joined S1-S3 classes at the school, combining their academic and football studies throughout the school day.

Bocclair Academy's reputation as one of Scotland's top performing schools, and its proximity to the club's Murray Park training facility in nearby Milngavie, made it the perfect choice.

Since starting at the school, the youth academy pupils have received a significant increase in football contact time, taking part in around 16 hours a week of football-related activity.

Daytime sessions are more beneficial for development as the players are fresh and more focused than in the evening.

The football element of their education is being delivered at the school by Alan Boyd, one of the club's highly-rated coaches, supported by a team of experts, sports scientists and analysts.

Rangers' Head of Academy, Craig Mulholland, told **edlife**, "Getting this project off the ground has involved a lot of hard work by a team of talented staff and it will help us produce a much higher quality and different type of player for Rangers.

"No longer should talented footballers need to make a choice between education and football. We are extremely grateful for the backing of the Rangers Board to allow us to move the Academy

forward and we are excited about working with Headteacher Douglas Brown and his team at Bocclair Academy as we deliver something special."

Headteacher Douglas Brown welcomed the partnership, saying, "This is such an exciting development for the school and it has been great to see the arrival of the players this term.

"Bocclair Academy has always been a busy, thriving hub of activity and the addition of these young men is bringing a new energy. They are polite, engaged and enthusiastic - and are a credit to themselves, their families and Rangers Football Club."

Similar successful partnerships between clubs and schools exist across Scotland and Europe, with local communities and schools at their heart.

East Dunbartonshire Council also has a partnership agreement with Celtic Football Club which sees their Youth Academy players attend St Ninian's High School in Kirkintilloch.

It has produced the recent Young Player of the Year, Kieran Tierney, and the club's youngest ever scorer, Jack Aitchison.



Courting success with new badminton club



People of all ages in East Dunbartonshire are being invited to a raise a racket.

BADMINTONScotland has teamed up with East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture (EDLC) Trust to launch a Community Participation Club (CPC).

The first CPC initiative will be based at Allander Leisure Centre in Bearsden - aiming to promote badminton to everyone, regardless of age or ability.

Anne Smillie, Chief Executive of BADMINTONScotland, said: "This is a really exciting time for badminton in Scotland with only a year to go until the World Championships, but just as important as the event itself is the legacy it will leave.

"We hope to use the World Championships as a vehicle to inspire as many people as possible across Scotland to join a local badminton club and I'm delighted to be able to launch the first of our Community Participation Clubs at Allander Leisure Centre.

"East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture have been very receptive to the initiative and we appreciate the support they have provided in aiming to grow and develop badminton within the community."

John Farr, from EDLC Trust, said, "This is great news and a terrific sporting chance for everyone to pick up a racket and get involved in badminton.

"This will be the first Community Participation Club in East Dunbartonshire - aimed at encouraging people to play badminton regardless of age or ability.

"The Trust works closely with partners such as BADMINTONScotland to provide a wide variety of sporting, leisure and cultural opportunities in East Dunbartonshire."

Anyone interested in getting involved with the club at the Allander Leisure Centre should contact John Farr on 0141 578 8437 or e-mail John.Farr@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

The TOTAL BWF World Championships will take place at the Emirates Arena from August 21-27 next year.

"Count me in!"



...said Lorna as she bought tickets for a Dinner Dance on 29th October for Deafblind Scotland's "Field of Dreams"

Building began on the new Centre on 17th August when Michael Anderson, Deafblind director, dug the first turf.



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The association of deafblind and dual sensory impaired people

Help for rising sports stars in East Dunbartonshire

The next batch of rising sports stars have been selected for the Athlete Performance Programme offered by East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture (EDLC) Trust.

The scheme provides athletes from all sports with strength and conditioning coaching, support and guidance to help them compete at the highest level.

Volunteer coaches help participants through lifestyle management, programme detail, nutrition and specific competition preparation.

The programme supported 22 athletes out of 117 applications in its first year and 25 from 98 in the second.

This year a further 25 will be offered strength and conditioning support after a two-day assessment involving a host of volunteer coaches. The programme now supports a total of 12 sports including ski racing, sailing and cycling.

An official induction event took place at St Ninian's High School on 17 August where the athletes were briefed on the programme and heard presentations from practitioners on topics such as strength and conditioning, nutrition and recovery strategies.

Mark Grant, General Manager of EDLC Trust, said, "East Dunbartonshire is home to some of the most promising sporting talents in Scotland and the programme has been designed to provide support at a crucial stage in their development.

"I would like to extend my thanks to everyone involved in the programme - many of whom selflessly volunteer their time to support the events - and wish good luck to all the athletes involved in this year's programme."

Walking Football is on at 1pm at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre on the following dates:

26 October,
9 November, 23 November,
7 December and 14 December.

For further information contact Ceartas Advocacy on 0141 775 0433.



Andrew's on the crest of a wave

One of the Athlete Performance Programme's success stories is windsurfer Andrew Brown, who was supported for two years before graduating to the Institute of Sport's national scheme.

The 17-year-old received four hours per week of strength and conditioning - including motor skills, technical development, strength, speed, flexibility, stability, and injury prevention and management.

Andrew, who is the British under-19 champion in the RS:X Olympic Windsurfing class, said the East Dunbartonshire Athlete Performance Programme was instrumental in his development.

He enthused, "It improved my overall fitness by over 30% and put me as the fittest sailor in the British Youth Sailing Team last October. It helped me to improve my nutrition and mindset through workshops.

"It also helped me develop a sound weightlifting technique and a robust body - putting me ahead of the game now in the youth/senior programme."

Andrew, who will represent Great Britain at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships in New Zealand in December and aims to compete in the 2024 Olympic Games, had some words of advice for the next crop of athletes to be inducted on to the Athlete Performance Programme.

He said, "If you are serious about your sport and goals then go for it. The Athlete Performance Programme will improve your all-round performance and will be a big advantage."

You can follow Andrew's progress on his Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/SurferoftheWind/>

People living with dementia are being offered the chance to keep fit while socialising as Walking Football sessions return to East Dunbartonshire.

Walking Football is a slow-paced version of the beautiful game - aimed at adults and designed to help people keep an active lifestyle in their older age.

East Dunbartonshire became one of the first places in Scotland to launch sessions of Walking Football specifically for people living with dementia when the WALK Project teamed up with Ceartas Advocacy and other key services in the East Dunbartonshire Dementia Network last year.

The eight-week block, funded by Paths for All, was so successful that the sessions continued fortnightly until the start of the summer. The new season kicked off

Walk a way to stay fit and have a ball



on Wednesday 24 August and is running fortnightly until 14 December.

Mark Grant, General Manager of East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust, said, "Walking football is designed to give you the chance to play the game you love, but reduce the chances of injury. It's a great way to keep fit,

learn skills, have fun and socialise at the same time.

"Even if you have never played football before, this is the perfect introduction to the game and organisers will help you practice at a level of activity that best suits your needs - making sure you are safe, comfortable and above all else, having fun."

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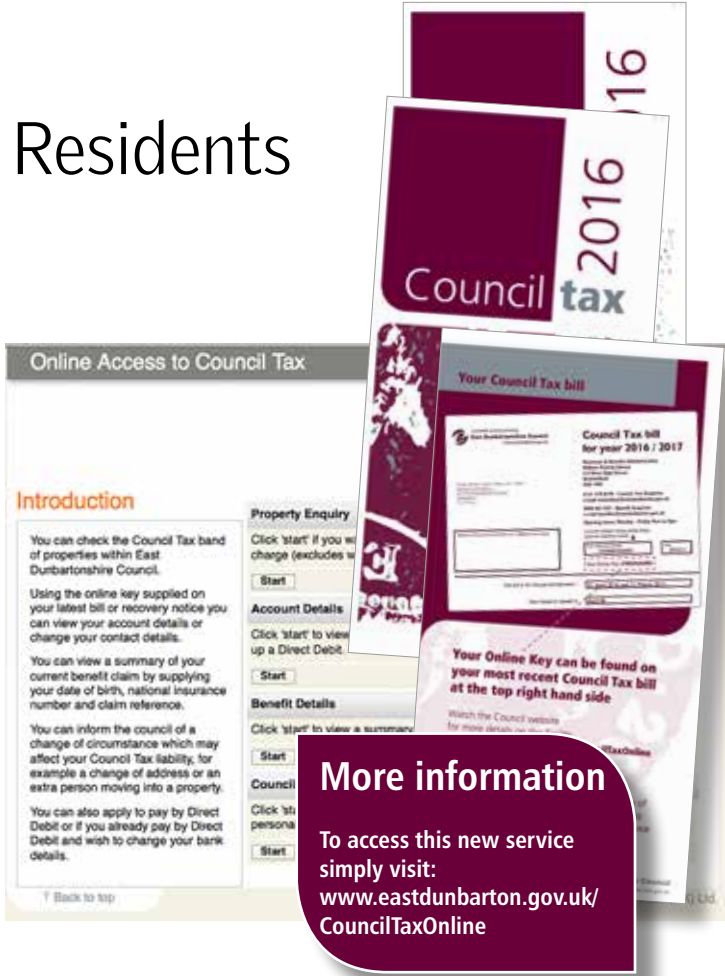
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Ann Davie, the Council's Depute Chief Executive responsible for Education, People & Business, is delighted that this service is now available and said, "When we launched our new website at the end of last year we said that we would be introducing more and more online services and Council Tax Online is the first of these.

"Using the service is straightforward and there are responses to frequently asked questions on the web page to help. By signing up, you will be able to access and update your Council tax information 24/7 at a time and place that suits you."



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Introduction

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Power cut ... who you gonna call? Call 105

Would you know who to phone to report a power cut or find out more about what's happening in your area during an outage?

Well, this is your chance to get on the ball and keep a handy note of the new number to ring.

On 6 September a new national number was launched by all electricity network operators –105.

Now, instead of trying to remember 0800 numbers you can simply call 105.

Here's what you need to know:

- When you dial 105 you will be put through to your local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity in your area
- Ringing 105 is completely free and everyone can use it, regardless of who you buy your electricity from

**POWER CUT?
CALL 105**

- Calling 105 is just one way to contact your electricity network operator. Check out their website for updates and most are on social media too.
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House about this - glowing report for Project 101

A housing information and advice service for young people in East Dunbartonshire has received a glowing report from the Care Inspectorate.

Project 101 provides specialist advice and assistance to people aged between 14 and 25 who are faced with homelessness, along with those who require housing advice and information on housing options. It focuses on this age group due to the vulnerabilities that many young people have.

The service, which also provides advice and support to new tenants, received a positive

report following an inspection in March.

Most recently, the Project 101 team's main focus has been around welfare reform, benefit issues, rent arrear queries, homelessness and housing enquiries.

The service, based in Kirkintilloch, was rated as Grade 5 (Very Good) - the second highest ranking - for its quality of care and support, quality of staffing, and quality of management and leadership.

Grant Mackintosh, Strategic Lead - Housing, said, "The feedback received from the

inspection was exceptionally positive and highlights the great work being done at Project 101.

"The caseworkers at Project 101 are very approachable to our young service users and are proactive with housing enquiries. They have a sense of pride in their work and in the positive outcomes which their service users achieve.

"The report also praises them for engaging well with young people and for their caring attitude, and it is pleasing to hear them get the recognition they deserve."

Thumbs-up for Council in tenant satisfaction survey

The majority of tenants in East Dunbartonshire are "very" or "fairly satisfied" with the Council as a landlord according to feedback from a recent tenant satisfaction survey.

The main aim of the study was to research tenant satisfaction in relation to a range of core services provided by the Council's Housing and Property Maintenance services.

A random sample of 1,300 tenants was drawn and 529 interviews were completed - representing 41 per cent of those asked to take part.

The survey focused on a range of service areas such as:

- Overall satisfaction
- Communication and participation
- Home repairs and maintenance
- Neighbourhood management
- Rent and value for money.

The annual survey, carried out by an independent research company, also revealed that the vast majority of tenants felt that the rent they pay for their accommodation and services the Council's Housing Service provides were very, or fairly, good value for money.

There was a significant increase in the percentage of people who were satisfied with the quality of their home and the repairs carried out by the Council.

Responses will enable the Council to prioritise areas for service improvement, help continuous improvement in future service delivery and inform future strategy development. An action plan will be produced to address the improvement areas identified.

Grant Mackintosh, Strategic Lead - Housing, said, "It was pleasing to see some positive feedback from the tenant satisfaction survey. It is important that tenants get the opportunity to have their say in the service provided and that we listen and improve in the areas that can be improved.

"I'd like to thank those who took the time to complete the survey - your contributions really help us to shape our plans for the future."



The new apprentices are pictured with Ann Davie, Depute Chief Executive - Education, People & Business, and Drummond Stewart, Manager- Skills for Learning, Life and Work.

Welcome aboard - new apprentices join the Council

For the fourth successive year, East Dunbartonshire Council has welcomed a new intake of local young people onto its successful Modern Apprentice Programme.

The arrival of eight new Modern Apprentices brings the total number of apprenticeships created by the Council to 35 since 2013.

The successful apprentices from Bearsden, Bishopbriggs, Kirkintilloch and Lennoxtown will now embark on two-year programmes in accountancy, business administration, early years, health & social care, ICT and procurement.

Former Boclair Academy pupil Rowan Miln is one of three apprentices starting in business administration and can't wait to get settled in her post.

She said, "I left school in 2014, but wasn't certain what I wanted to do. I'd been to college and got a job, but I saw this

apprenticeship as a fresh start - doing something I could see leading to the kind of career I'd like."

Ann Davie, Depute Chief Executive - Education, People and Business, was delighted to welcome the new-starts to the Council.

She said, "We work hard to offer our apprentices a first-rate programme, giving them the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and experience they'll need to make it in their chosen field."

"I know from speaking to our new recruits that they are keen to get stuck in and get their careers off to a flying start."

Local employers interested in finding out more about starting a Modern Apprenticeship Programme or other employability scheme can contact the Council's Skills for Learning, Life & Work Team on 0300 123 4510.

A for amazing - strong exam results once again

This year's SQA exam results highlight once again the hard work of East Dunbartonshire's students, teachers and school employees.

The results show an improving trend in overall achievement rates.

Across the area, 95.8% of S4 pupils achieved five or more National 4 passes while 67.5% obtained five or more passes at National 5.

More than 78% of S5 pupils obtained one or more Highers, with 58.5% achieving three or more. The number of S5 pupils achieving five or more Highers rose to 34.1%.

That is an annual rise of 1.7%, 2.9% and 1% respectively.

The stand-out results for S5 pupils came from Bishopbriggs Academy which recorded the area's best attainment rates at this level:

- 85% of pupils attained at least one Higher (up 8%)
- 71% attained 3+ Highers (up 16%)
- 42% attained 5+ Highers (up 11%)

Overall results in S6 remained strong with 35.3% gaining three or more Highers. Those achieving Advanced Higher rose by 3% to 33.9%

Chief Education Officer Jacqui MacDonald welcomed the news, saying, "There are positive stories coming from all our schools with so many people reaping the rewards of their hard work over the last year. Special mention must go to Bishopbriggs Academy whose results are outstanding."

"The high quality of learning and support offered to pupils and, of course, the great effort put in by the young people themselves is evident across East Dunbartonshire."

Gordon Mouldsdale, Headteacher at Bishopbriggs Academy, added, "As well as the excellent work that goes on in classrooms on a day-to-day basis, the extensive support programme we have in place - consisting of assertive mentoring, after-school study classes and our Easter Revision School - has been a major factor."



New Hillhead officer's a force to be reckoned with

Hillhead's new dedicated community police officer is hoping to make a big impact in the area.

PC Alison Lang has just completed her first four months of a role funded jointly by East Dunbartonshire Council and Police Scotland. She will spend her time not just dealing with issues of crime and anti-social behaviour, but also working with local residents to ensure Hillhead is a safe and pleasant place for all.

Previous dedicated officers in Hillhead have not only reduced levels of crime, but have worked directly with the Community Wardens, Hillhead Housing Association, local schools and community groups to carry out community clear-ups, hold surgeries, take part in community football games and visit vulnerable residents to offer advice and

reassurance.

PC Lang has been joined by the Community Wardens on regular joint patrols covering hotspot areas and there are plans to hold safety information days in the community centre, where local residents can pop in and talk to them about the issues which affect the local community.

PC Lang said, "There really is a true community spirit in the area and I have felt very welcomed in my role."

"I intend to continue the good work of my predecessors, but I'm also open to suggestions on how the community would like me to spend my time in the area."

You can contact Alison on 101 or via e-mail on Alison.Lang@scotland.pnn.police.uk. She will also be out and about in Hillhead on foot and on her bike.

Golden memories for Olympics stars

Homegrown heroes Katherine Grainger and Katie Archibald have been praised for flying the flag for East Dunbartonshire, Scotland and Team GB at the Rio Olympics.

Katherine, who grew up in Bearsden and attended Mosshead Primary and Bearsden Academy, competed in the double sculls final with Victoria Thornley.

The pair won Silver after being narrowly pipped to first place in a thrilling race.

Katherine won gold with Anna Watkins in the London Olympics in 2012 and is Britain's most decorated female Olympian - having now competed at five Games.

Meanwhile, Milngavie's magical cyclist Katie Archibald saddled up in the Velodrome and helped Team GB's women's pursuit team strike gold - shattering the world record in the process.

Katie is pictured with a special GB flag - featuring good

luck messages from all over Britain - including words of support from Provost Una Walker on behalf of East Dunbartonshire.

Katie has now won medals at the Olympics, World, European and Commonwealth Games.

She said, "We were convinced it was going to go down to the wire. I had a sneaky look at the end to see if we were there. We felt like superheroes."

Katherine - the first British woman to win medals at five successive games - has now retired from competing.

The rowing sensation said, "I'm very proud of the way Vicky and I handled the last 12 months."

"I think we both knew we were capable of one more outstanding performance and we could bring it in the Olympic final."

Coach Paul Thompson said, "What she's done here [Rio] and through her career is outstanding and full credit to her. She is a class act."



Universal Credit expansion in East Dunbartonshire

Universal Credit, a new benefit administered by the Department for Work and Pensions, is being expanded in East Dunbartonshire to include more groups of working-age people who live in specific postcode areas served by Kirkintilloch Jobcentre.

At the moment, Universal Credit can be claimed by anyone who lives in any area of East Dunbartonshire who is single and would have previously claimed Jobseeker's Allowance. This group of people will still be able to make claims, but Universal Credit is changing so that more people will be able to follow suit.

From November, Universal Credit will expand to become available to all people in or out of work, those on low incomes, families and those with disabilities provided that they live at an address with one of the following postcodes: G64 4, G66 1, G66 2, G66 3, G66 4, G66 5, G66 7 and G66 8.

This means that working-age people in those areas will now

claim Universal Credit instead of applying for income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, working and child tax credits, and Housing Benefit.

However, anyone who needs help to pay their Council Tax still needs to apply separately to the Council to get this help. It's important that the application is made as soon as possible - even if a decision hasn't yet been made on a Universal Credit claim.

For more information contact your local Jobcentre.

Details regarding Universal Credit can be found on our website - www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk - and the Department for Work and Pensions website - www.gov.uk/universal-credit. There is also a helpline - 0345 600 0723.

INFORMATION

You can get independent advice and information on Welfare Reform from East Dunbartonshire Citizens' Advice Bureau on 0141 775 3220.

More strings to the bow for HSCP

East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is now responsible for looking after more integrated services. NHS Community Children's Services, Children's Social Work Services and Criminal Justice Social Work Services have been added to the strategic planning responsibilities of the HSCP following Ministerial approval on 5 July 2016.

These join the Partnership's responsibilities for Adult Health and Social Care, which have been in place since September 2015. Users will not see any change to how their current services are delivered.

Health and social care integration aims to put service users, patients and carers right at the heart of decision making - giving them more of a voice in how they receive services. It also provides people with a single point

of contact if they have complex care needs.

HSCP Interim Chief Officer, James Hobson, said "Bringing more services into the Partnership will enable health and social care practitioners to work jointly to provide improved care and better outcomes for service users across all ages in our communities.

"The formal integration of services under the recent Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act provides an even greater opportunity to build on the successful joint working arrangements that have already been in place for some of our health and social care teams in East Dunbartonshire."



Pictured: Fair Trade campaigner Donald Macleod; Kirsty Anderson, Policy Adviser at the Council; and Fair Trade campaigners Tracy Mitchell and Liz Ibbotson.



A strong local appetite for playing fair has seen Lenzie's Fairtrade Town Status renewed until July 2018.

Lenzie Fairtrade Group recently announced the good news and held a concert to celebrate.

Lenzie has been at the forefront of local efforts since East Dunbartonshire was designated a Fairtrade Zone in October 2007 - one of Scotland's first.

Liz Ibbotson, of Lenzie Fairtrade Group, said, "We're delighted that Lenzie's Fairtrade Town Status has been renewed until July 2018.

"It's a reflection of the strong appetite for Fairtrade locally, as

well as recognition of the fantastic work taking place.

"Once again Lenzie has shown how we punch above our weight in the Fairtrade community.

"Lenzie was recently chosen to be a case study for smaller towns to encourage them to aim for Fairtrade Town status."

The group recently received the runner-up award for the Most Creative Fairtrade Breakfast held during Fairtrade Fortnight.

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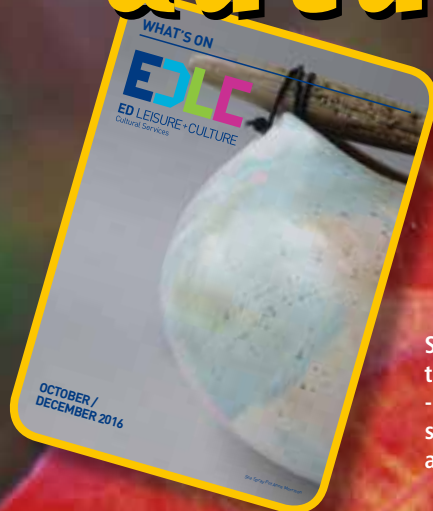
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What's on autumn 2016



Scary stories, super sport, rhyme times and comic book heroes - autumn is shaping up to be a special season for people of all ages.

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust and the Council have a wealth of events on offer. Highlights include:

- **Poetry Walk** from Bishopbriggs Library - 12 October - 6pm-7.45pm
- **Haunting Tales** - celebrate the season of mists and magic with a scary session of tales and poems in a darkened Auld Kirk Museum. Wine and nibbles - over-18s only. Takes place on 26 October - 6.30pm-7.45pm.
- **Book Week Scotland** (21-26 November) with talks by adventurer Mark Beaumont, crime writer Frank Muir and TV author Ann Cleeves.

New attractions include a hi-tech Comics Plus service - offering access to an online universe of comics and graphic novels - and a new dedicated app which makes borrowing and reading library eBooks even easier than ever.

Other attractions at local libraries include:

- A wide range of clubs and groups for young readers
- Learning opportunities
- Heritage events and courses.

The Auld Kirk Museum is hosting the East Dunbartonshire Photography Competition Exhibition until 27 October. The Christmas Art & Craft Exhibition is on from 5 November to 23 December.

The Lillie Art Gallery in Milngavie is presenting a Jakob Jakobson exhibition until 3 November, featuring atmospheric photos. You can also see the Glasgow Society of Women Artists Annual exhibition until 3 November - with a range of dynamic abstract works in a range of mediums.

The Big Draw 2016 has a theme of 'Science, Technology and Engineering', with events in the Auld Kirk Museum (22 October) and Lillie Art Gallery (15 October). If you want to get creative there are also courses in 3D Printing, ceramics, drawing and painting - for a range of ages and abilities.

On the sporting front, the October Holiday Activity Programme takes place from 17-23 October - featuring a smorgasbord of sport in venues across East Dunbartonshire.

Activities include swimming, football, rugby, gymnastics, badminton, tennis, netball and basketball. There are special offers and a host of fun fitness opportunities.

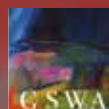
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