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COUNCIL CONSULT ON 5-A-SIDE SITE SELL OFF

THE City of Edinburgh Council is to sell the 5-a-side site at Westbank Street for development, along with the Tumbles carpark and, potentially, Tumbles itself. Tumbles would then be relocated elsewhere on site. The council's share of the proceeds will go toward the redevelopment of Meadowbank Sports Centre.

Under the new Community Empowerment Act, Portobello Community Council and Portobello Amenity Society requested community consultation on development of the site before it is sold. This is the first such request received by the council.

The council is conducting an online consultation, open until 18th September at bit.ly/pitzsurvey. Focus groups are also being held, with randomly-selected local people and representatives of community groups.

A report on the findings will be given to bidders, to allow them to revise their bids to reflect these. The council will select the preferred bidder in December.

A Place Standard exercise involving community consultation will also be carried out. Such exercises aim to identify the physical and social aspects of a place that need to be targeted to improve health, wellbeing and quality of life. They can be applied to established areas as well as developments.

THE PROMENADE IS A 'SHARED SPACE'

IN June this year the Evening News reported that a child had been knocked over by a cyclist who failed to stop. Eyewitnesses have since said the cyclist came off his bike, then waited around to see if the child was okay. This was the first recorded accident of this nature on the promenade.

Portobello promenade has been a 'shared space' for six years now, with cyclists and pedestrians having the right to use the core path. Cyclists have been allowed to use the promenade since 2011, when City of Edinburgh Council complied with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and altered the route's use from 'pedestrian only' to 'shared use'.



The 'shared use' system encourages all users to be considerate and to be mindful of other users. Everyone has a 'right of responsible access'. Cyclists should control their

speed when people are around and at pinch points (where the promenade is narrower), dogs should be under control and parents should look out for their children.



Portobello High School Ensemble adding musical panache to the tenth Porty Village Show on Sunday 3rd September, 2017 in Rosefield Park.

BOOK FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR NINTH YEAR

YET another bumper Portobello Book Festival is heading your way, running from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October, with 23 fantastic events lined up. The book festival, established in 2008, is a bit different, as all involved give their time free. The organisers are grateful to contributors and Portobello Library for supporting this successful annual community event.

The Opening Event in the library at 12pm on Friday 6th will be the launch of *Footprints in the Sand - local history from The Portobello Reporter* (see page 6).

On Friday evening a celebration of words and music will take place in the library, featuring a host of musicians and writers, some local and others from further afield.

Saturday's programme will cover football, historical fact and fiction, experiences of families and ethnic minorities, the Women's Institute, science fiction with acclaimed writer Ken Macleod, Mona Siddiqui OBE on a Muslim woman's journey, and much more.

Sunday offers another choice of interesting sessions, including Scotland and slavery, sexual identity and fake news.

The main venues are Portobello Library and the Baptist Church Hall, and the full programme is available from the library and other places in Portobello. Tickets are free from the library, although donations at events are gratefully accepted. Put the dates in your diary - it will be a great weekend for all.

Christine Hoy

ACTION PORTY NOW OWNS BELLFIELD

THE church buildings on Bellfield Street that were transferred to Action Porty on 6th September will in future be known as Bellfield, following a poll of the community.

Since the announcement of the successful Community Right to Buy bid, the group has appointed two Development Managers, Emma Griffiths and Angela Thomas, who will be working towards bringing Bellfield back into community use. This will involve fund-raising to improve the fabric of the building, and planning and setting up a management system.

Action Porty has launched a crowdfunding campaign

and are asking for donations to help pay for the shortfall for the purchase of the property and to fund essential building works. "Any donation big or small will help us open this amazing building to the public", says Shauna Macdonald of Action Porty. The group hopes to have the building ready for community use in January 2018.

You can donate at www.bellfield.scot/crowdfunder until the end of September, and if you can offer help or expertise to get the building up and running contact friendsofbellfield@gmail.com

PORTY PROFILE No. 66

RICHARD YEMM

WHEN I arrive at Richard Yemm's house, he offers me a coffee, and then proceeds to demonstrate a new coffee-making device which, he says, he wishes he'd invented himself. His enthusiasm for functional design and problem-solving comes across before we've even started the interview.

Born in Bristol, Richard moved to Fife at an early age, and attended school in Wormit and then St Andrews. His first passion was sailing, but living under the Leuchars flight-path sparked an interest in flying too. This led to a Royal Air Force pilot scholarship to study engineering at Edinburgh University. Initially, studying took second place to flying, but by his final year he'd become really interested in research on sailing boats, and had also lost the passion to become a fighter pilot.

The turning point came when a fellow student persuaded him to visit a wave tank at the university, invented by wave-energy pioneer Stephen Salter, where realistic ocean conditions could be simulated. This led to a final-year project, and then to a PhD, on the factors affecting a sailing boat in motion – something Richard describes as probably “the most complex dynamic system on the planet”.

After a long spell working in wind energy, Richard set up his own business in 1998 in order to develop and commercialise a new wave-energy machine he had invented (named Pelamis, after a type of sea-snake). After years of refinement and testing, by which time Pelamis had become “genuinely world-leading”, the funding finally ran out and the company was forced to close in 2014. However, Richard has managed to retain what he calls “the intellectual beating heart” of Pelamis in a new energy and engineering consultancy, Quocean. He remains strongly, even passionately, committed to the future of renewables and wave energy in particular. One of his main drives is to provide some of the same inspiration to younger engineers that Salter and others offered to him.

After many years playing rugby, Richard has become a keen golfer, finding the combination of psychological and technical challenges “very humbling”. He also enjoys playing acoustic guitar and has recorded a couple of CDs.

Although he'd visited Portobello as a student, it wasn't until he and partner Sue were expecting their first child that they thought of moving to the area. Twelve years later, he says he can't imagine living anywhere else.

Andrew Mylne



Photo by Andrew Mylne

ON THE BEAT

THE summer months, when we saw a packed beach on a few occasions, are behind us. I'd like to ask everyone who continues to use the beach and the promenade to do so with respect for other people. We had a number of complaints about cyclists speeding along the promenade, a few near misses and a child knocked down. With a large number of people using the area speeding is really not acceptable. Please cycle responsibly and consider other people.

Pedestrians please remember that the Promenade is on a National Cycle Network, so expect bicycles and be aware, especially if you have children. Also, when coming to the beach by car, please park responsibly. Police strive to do patrols on days when the beach is busy to monitor the situation.

Anyone is welcome to get in touch with PC Matt McPherson and me to get their bike marked with UV pens, as we still have problems with bicycles being stolen. Use good locks (D locks) as well, and I'd recommend keeping bicycles indoors if at all possible.

If you see anything of a suspicious nature please call us on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

We are still holding our Police surgery on the last Friday of each month at 1pm in Portobello Library and look forward to seeing you there.

PC David Love



Photo by Peter E. Ross

ART WALK PORTY: From 1st to 10th September, many artists are showing new work around Portobello, celebrating local creativity and the unique public spaces. Pictured above is from *Meadows Morphosis* at Meadows Yard, Fillyside, by Emma Macleod and Abi Lewis. Now in its third year, the event received funding from Awards for All Scotland towards this year's programme. For details see www.artwalkporty.co.uk

AWARD FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

THE Two Sisters shop in Portobello High Street, formerly The Front Room, has been awarded Best Gift Shop in Edinburgh and Lothians 2017 by Edinburgh Business Awards. The business was nominated for the award unknown to the owners Kirsty

Whittle and Ailie Shaikh. “Mystery shoppers visited the shop and made online enquiries about various items for sale”, says Kirstie. “This meant the award was service dependent and it gives us great pleasure to know that our personal service is much appreciated.”

NEWS
IN BRIEF

THE TOOL LIBRARY: Portobello residents can now join the Edinburgh Tool Library and collect and return tools at Portobello Library every Monday from 4.30 to 7pm. For £20 a year, members can borrow from over 4,000 tools, including power tools, hand tools, gardening gear and decorating kit. Just drop in to join. For details contact anna@edinburghtoolibrary.org.uk Library staff say it is already very popular.

BRIGHTON PLACE SETTS: THE Transport and Environment Committee of the city council is now expected to consider the council report of 2016 on setted streets at its December meeting. The report recommends that all setted streets within Edinburgh's World Heritage Site and conservation areas (the latter including Brighton Place) be protected. No work on the road surface is therefore likely until well into 2018.

CARE AND REPAIR provide a range of practical services and advice to help elderly and disabled people to live in their own homes in more comfort and security, and with greater independence. For details see bit.ly/CPedin or call 0131 337 1111.

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S Sandcastle Competition during the Big Beach Busk on 26th August had 55 entries – adults, families and children – raising over £200 for Portobello Toddlers Hut. Judging them was local MP Tommy Sheppard.

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WELLDONE to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge at the library. The Animal Agents theme, complete with characters drawn by *Horrid Henry* illustrator Tony Ross, proved very popular and it was great to see everyone keeping up with their summer reading.



If you are looking for a fun after-school activity for children aged 5-10, our Friday afternoon crafts sessions from 2-3pm are proving very popular. We will also be looking into adding some additional craft activities during the October week. Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page for further details.

We are delighted to once again be the main venue for events organised by the Portobello Book Festival. This will be the ninth year of the festival, which will run over the first full weekend of October. All tickets are available only from the library, and we also have full programmes of events.

The Edinburgh Tool Library now operates from Portobello Library every Monday from 4.30-6pm in our Gallery Area. It lends its members tools from its collection, promoting sharing and reducing environmental impact. We just love the idea that people can borrow even more things from the library. If you are interested, come along and have a chat with Tool Library staff.

Do you have dementia, or do you know or care for someone who does? Would you like to know more about it and the support available for people and their carers in Edinburgh? If so, drop in to Portobello Library on Tuesday 19th September between 10am and 4pm. You can have a cuppa and a chat with someone who can help you find the information you need.

The Portobello Book Group meets on the first Monday of every month, when we will be discussing the following:

- 2nd October: *Freedom* by Johnathan Franzen
- 6th November: *Skios* by Michael Frayn
- 4th December: *A Tale of two Cities* by Charles Dickens

All books will be available from the library. If you are interested ask staff for details.

For up-to-date information on what is happening in the library, check our [Facebook](#) page.

Paul Hudson

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS ARE HERE!

WITH the help of Beach Wheelchairs in North Berwick there are now wheelchairs that can be used on the beach at Portobello.



There are two chairs, one designed for children and young adults and another for adults. They are available for loan, free of charge, from temporary container in the car park at Tumbles.

The service is run by volunteers and who are keen to hear from anyone who can help make this a success in Porty. There is still a lot of work to be done to get the service fully operational, but for hires please contact via [Facebook](#) or by email at info@portobellobeachwheelchairs.co.uk and look out for posters advertising the booking line.

POPP CLUB VOLUNTEERS

PORTOBELLO Older People's Project (POPP) is looking for two volunteers to join their team on Tuesdays from 9.30am-3pm. POPP is a small club where older people can enjoy a meal and socialise. Volunteers welcome and chat to them, help to set up and serve lunch, and help run activities. They may also help on the bus which takes people to the club and home again. POPP meets in the Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street. If you are interested please call 0131 657 4264 on a Tuesday.

CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

CAMPAIGNING group Our Forth Portobello has changed its name to Our Forth Against Unconventional Gas, to reflect its city wide membership. The group, which has campaigned for the ban on unconventional gas extraction, has more recently been supporting campaigns as far afield as Norway and Dakota in the USA. It hosts events throughout the year and meets regularly on the second Thursday of the month. For more information see www.ourforth.org

ARCHITECT'S AWARD

A449 LTD won a Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) Award for their design of the Edinburgh Road, Musselburgh building. Matthew Johnson, who founded the Portobello practice in 2010, says: "We very much appreciate the positive local response and the recognition from RIAS for a special building in such a unique location. We particularly enjoyed working with such enthusiastic and engaging clients."

NEW APP FOR RESCUE DOGS AND CATS

A **NEW** Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home app, available for both Apple and Android, contains the profiles of the rescue animals in their care that are available for rehoming, with information on age, sex, breed and size, and a description of their personalities and requirements. The app is the first of its kind in the UK, and is expected to improve the animals' chances of finding new homes, especially for those who have been waiting months or years for their perfect match.

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OLD SKOOL

IT'S that time of year, the exam results are out and our daughter will be off to university soon. As I am a fully matriculated student at the one she's applied to, I'm keeping a low profile, trying not to ruin the surprise of Moodle, Turnitin and the Boolean phrase. I try to set a good example by not submitting assignments two minutes before the inbox closes – but I always do. I have learnt to sit at the back of the class, not at the front. It's just too tempting to politely ask questions to break the awkward silence when 50 students remain steadfastly tight-lipped, and all you feel is empathy with the lecturer.

When a group of students followed me around for ages to find our classroom, we all walked into the wrong one, interrupting a professor in mid-flow. Finally, the penny dropped - I wasn't their lecturer and had no idea where I was going either. "It's OK, she's one of us", they said and I felt I belonged, until later when our lecturer took me apart in front of the group. I had to bite my tongue hard to avoid asking her if she had ever heard of 'customer service'. I could feel myself turning surly: "Jeez. Keep your hair on. Don't get bent out of shape. Sigh, sigh". Luckily it stayed in my head.

I've certainly learnt a lot from my three children over the last few years. Next time I'm taking chewing gum to remind me to keep my mouth firmly shut. Just in case!

WE are constantly amazed at the uses made of the Donkeyfield community orchard as a place to visit, walk the dog or just sit on the benches and



enjoy a bit of tranquillity. Families have picnics, jugglers practise with Indian clubs, John Muir Way hikers rest and there has even been the occasional tryst. Everyone is welcome at any time and if you take an apple when it is ripe please leave the rest for others to savour.

A very few would prefer to destroy, but what happened recently beggars belief. A passing resident noticed someone acting suspiciously at the recently-erected cordon fence. They took a photo and sent it to PEDAL - it showed the offender stealing six trees along with the supporting canes. Another newly-planted tree disappeared a few days later. This was a replacement for one that had been vandalised and that we had successfully grafted ourselves.

The police were informed and we posted photographs of the offender at the orchard. Without the vigilance of a neighbour we would have been none the wiser as to what had happened to the missing trees. We ask all who visit or pass by to help if you see something of concern, by phoning 101 to let the police know or contacting us at orchard@pedal-porty.org.uk

Stephen Hawkins, PEDAL

COMMUNITY IN ACTION



Hellbuck playing at the hugely popular Big Beach Busk on the promenade.

TLC FOR PORTY LIGHT BOX

IN preparation for Art Walk Porty some TLC has been given to the Porty Light Box. A lick of official bright red paint sees it gleaming in the sun and some new glass and a clean-up of the inside makes it as good as new.

Future installations include something for the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival and an Advent Calendar.

Porty Light Box is keen to recruit snappers to take new photos, that will fit the light box, of the plaques on buildings that celebrate historical figures or places. Interested photographers should contact steven_wheatley@hotmail.com



WITH not so much gardening to do, now is a good time to reflect on what has and hasn't worked. Make a note, so that when you order seeds or plants later you know what impression you'd like, perhaps more wildflower seed for bees and butterflies, or a new apple tree. Every year I plant a new winter-scented shrub which encourages me to work in the garden where there is a nice scent. I suggest azara microphylla with a cheap chocolate scent, or lonicera fragrantissima, with a whiff of old-fashioned Brylcream!

Autumn is bulb-planting time. If you have light sandy soil tulips will do well; I'm on cold, wet clay, however, so I plant them in large pots for a riotous display. I pile the pots up so they don't take up much space and cover the top one with chicken wire so the pesky squirrels don't get the bulbs. The pots need to be checked around March to ensure that the bulbs aren't getting squashed from the one on top. Once they start coming through, the squirrels are not interested in them.

Indoor hyacinths are worth planting and the perfume is lovely in the New Year. Plant them in pots, with their tops just showing and put somewhere cool and dark. Check regularly, and when the green cones of new leaves are about 4cm high, acclimatise them gradually to warmer temperatures.

Harvesting seeds on dry days into paper bags is worth trying. Poppies are easy - shake the seed pods and collect when you can see and hear the seeds rattle, then keep somewhere cool and dry; the bottom of the fridge is ideal. Or, perhaps collect a few dahlia seed pods, and you may get new colours and forms, as they cross easily. Saving peas and beans is worth the effort as they keep for a few years. Mark all the envelopes as, although you will remember how beautiful a runner bean is, you won't be able to distinguish the smaller seeds of poppies and rocket, for example.

We were pleased to see everyone who came to our Open Days in August, and were able to send £180 to Garden Organic and £120 to Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

NEEDS FIXED? TRY THE REPAIR CAFÉ

BRING something that needs fixing to Tribe Porty in Windsor Place on Saturday 30th September from 12 - 3pm and talented Portobello Timebank members will try to fix small electrical items, bicycles and jewellery; sharpen tools, repair/upcycle clothing and soft furnishings, and advise on photography, computer software or using social media. Refreshments will be on sale while you wait for your repair and there will be a supervised play area for children.

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SNAPSHOT FOR THE FUTURE

I have various photographs taken by Portobello photographers, as shown here, that I've purchased on eBay. Looking at them, I wondered why family photographs would be for sale: had they come from family albums that were sold because families had no idea who the people were and therefore considered them to be of no interest?

I remembered when my mother had decided to have a clear-out and I found a plastic bag full of family photographs ready to be thrown out as she thought "no-one would be interested in them". After a heated discussion, during which I assured her I would take them, we agreed to go through the photographs and write details of the various family members on the back of them. Many were of my grandparents, who had died before I was born, and of my mother and her sisters as children. We had a lovely afternoon reliving the past and the occasions shown in these photographs. I had never seen many of them before and was fascinated by the



Photo courtesy of Margaret Munro

family stories and period dress they represented.

This started me thinking about the future. Many photographs of family and friends are now taken on digital cameras or mobile phones. The photos are often stored digitally and never printed, resulting in fewer family albums or hard

copies to show others. Will these family memories be lost as time passes, with succeeding family members knowing nothing of these digital collections or being denied access because they don't know the passwords? If so, people will lose their connection with their ancestors, their family his-

tory and their own recent past.

I still print photographs and have them around the house, taking pleasure from looking at my grandchildren as they grow up and memories from family holidays. It is so much easier to do this with prints than to have to go online to access them.

I also have a crate full of photographs of family occasions taken on my film cameras. I always write the names of the people, the event and the date on the back of them. It saddens me to think that maybe one day these will end up being thrown out as no-one is interested in the stories they tell.

Margaret Munro

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CAR BOOT SALES: (Rotary Club of Portobello). Sun. 24th Sept, & 29th Oct. 9am-2pm, Newcraighall Station car park. Cars arrive 8am, double pitch £10 - all fees to charity. Enquiries to 07789220583.

PORTOBELLO MARKET: Sat. 7th Oct. & 4th Nov., 9.30am-1.30pm, Brighton Park. Organic fruit, veg, plants, meat, bakery, crafts, coffee, snacks etc. For details or to book a stall, contact portobello.market@live.co.uk

THE PORTOBELLO HERITAGE TRUST ANNUAL LECTURE: Wed. 18th Oct., 7.30pm in St Mark's Church. Dr John Dudeney OBE, Antarctic Scientist and Historian, will give a talk titled *William Speirs Bruce – the Forgotten Polar Explorer and Scientist*.

QUILT SHOW, by Portobello's Milton Quilters: 20th & 21st Oct., 10am-4pm, Fisherrow Community Centre, South Street, Musselburgh (near the Brunton Hall). Admission £5 incl. refreshments. Trade Stall, Raffle. Free parking and disabled access.

TABLE TOP SALE: Sat. 18th Nov., 10am-12 noon, Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, Brunstane Rd North. Organised by the Guild. Free admission. Stalls, refreshments on sale. Proceeds to charity. To book a table or for info. call Sandra on 07773 956997 or email sandrabinnie@yahoo.co.uk

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CHOIR: Weds., 7.15-9.30pm, Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High St. £6/£4 concess. All welcome. See www.portobellocommunitychoir.org

AFTERNOON DANCING: Ballroom, sequence, line dancing, Beach Lane Social Club. Wed./Fri. 1-3.30pm, Thurs 2-4pm. £3 incl. refreshments.

THE 18th North East Edinburgh Scouts are looking for a leader and assistant leader to run their new group which meets on Monday evenings at St John's Primary School. Any interested volunteers, please email Catherine at: parentcommittee18thdistrict@outlook.com

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AMNESTY - LOCAL NEWS

THE Group's street and pub collection in the summer raised £361. Added to earlier fundraising, this enabled us to send £1,000 to Amnesty UK for human rights work worldwide.

Brexit is seen to involve threats to the safeguarding of the Human Rights Act. We asked visitors to our stall at Portobello Market in June to express their concerns in a questionnaire, the results from which were sent to Tommy Sheppard MP. In response, he renewed his commitment to the retention of the Act, and to human rights being at the heart of UK foreign and business policies.

Recent Group appeals included letters on behalf of a Peruvian woman environmental activist under threat, and a Palestinian man held in detention despite the Israeli High Court ordering his release. A petition seeking the freeing of a Saudi Arabian human rights blogger from prison received 110 signatures at our market stall in July.

The Group exhibited 30 panels in Portobello Library in August, telling the stories of victims of the global world refugee crisis. They are available for showing at future events.

Group meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in Portobello and Joppa Parish Church vestry at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome, without commitment. For further information email theresa.mcmurtry@gmail.com or call Theresa on 0131 669 0295.

David Turner

OLYMPIC GOLDS FOR SARAH

SARAH Calder, who lives in Joppa and trains at Musselburgh Marlins and Lothian Racers swimming clubs, made a huge splash at the Special Olympics GB National Games in Sheffield in August, representing the Special Olympics Lothian Swimming Team. Sarah won gold medals in the 25 metres and 50 metres backstroke and 50 metres freestyle, all in lifetime personal best times, and a silver medal with the 4x50 metres freestyle relay team. Her father Jack says: "We have never seen Sarah so focused, determined and swimming so well, and all our family, her coaches and clubs are very proud of her achievement".

2,600 athletes took part over four days in this year's multi-sports event for athletes with intellectual disabilities.



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TRIBE PARTY has come a long way since our initial community survey in 2013. We have over 45 freelancers, 25 plus classes a week, have run hundreds of events and kept to the original survey priorities.

We are now looking to deepen our offerings and hope to further support our community through a series of conversations and even more activities. We would like to hear from you about what is most important to you and how you can help shape what we offer the community. With help from experienced facilitators, we would like to explore topics and our relationships with them: themes like parenting in split families, death, mental wellness, outdoor education, refugees and more. We aim to explore how we structure our common life, who we are to each other and what kind of world we want for our future. These sessions would be free.

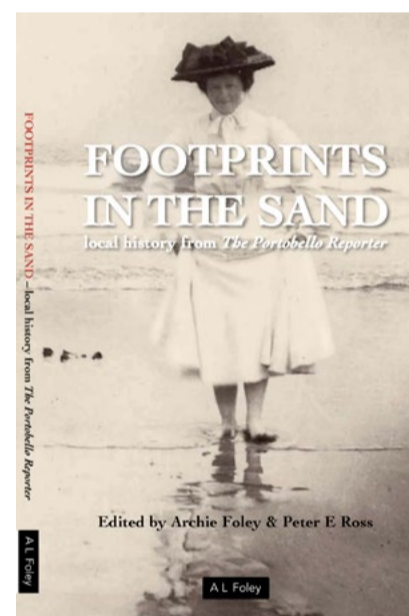
There will be an online legacy, audio recording and relative resources like books, podcasts and more, as we appreciate getting to events is not always easy.

We would appreciate you completing our quick survey on bit.ly/TribeParty If you are unable to access a computer, please come in to Tribe Party and we can help you.

Dani Trudeau
Tribe Party

BOOK LAUNCH

Footprints in the Sand – local history from The Portobello Reporter (edited by Archie Foley and Peter E Ross) is being launched with readings and a signing as the opening event of the Portobello Book Festival on 6th October at Portobello Library. The book's well-chosen illustrated articles, taken from *The Reporter*, were written by Archie, Margaret Munro and other local people. It will be on sale at the library.



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TOWERBANK SCHOOL NEWS



PUPILS celebrated the end of the school year by joining together on the beach to be photographed by a drone. The P7 leavers organised everyone so that they spelled out the name of the school, as can be seen in the photograph. P7 also had their leavers' photo taken by the drone.

P5 PUPILS won the Edinburgh Schools' Film Competition for Best Original Narrative. Their film *Fortitude's Birthday* was chosen from over 200 entries from schools in Edinburgh and Lothians.

PCFA – THE SEASON AHEAD

GAMES are coming thick and fast and we are taking advantage of the last of the light nights with each 11-a-side team playing two games a week. The hectic schedule hasn't stopped our teams making a solid start to the season. All have progressed in their cup competitions with impressive victories, and strong performances in the league. The younger age groups are also showing real progress at 7 and 5-a-side level and the future is looking very exciting for Portobello CFA. Eleven-a-side games are usually played at Bingham Park or Portobello High School on Sundays with kick-offs at 11am and 2pm. PORTY supporters welcome. Keep up to date with fixtures and club news on [Facebook @PORTYCFA](#).



PORTOBELLO RUGBY CLUB is keen to recruit youngsters to join their pool of grass roots talent such as, from left to right, Rory Mackenzie, Donald Ross, Kerr Crichton and Max Rickis. The club had huge national success last year and wants to develop as a great community club up to senior level. Any child wanting to give rugby a try, contact Fraser McCowan on 07549 994584. Further details at portobellorugby.com

PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL



Left to right: Katriona Tweedie, Aimee Combe, Adam Dickson. Aimee is holding the trophy for her animated film, *Intersectional Feminism*.

AN animated film *Intersectional Feminism* by Aimee Combe won Best Documentary in the Edinburgh Schools' Film Competition, while Adam Dickson's film *Emily* about his sister was nominated in the same category. Katriona Tweedie's film *Synch or Swim* was nominated for its promotion of synchronised swimming and is currently being used to promote the participation of girls in sport. All films were shown at the Filmhouse during the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

THE school's charities committee helped raise donations of £637.35 for Save the Children's Syria Appeal. The money will help to provide vital support to Syrian children living in besieged areas, as well as those taking refuge in neighbouring countries

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

AS reported in the last issue, Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club has now made its home at Portobello. Two permanent courts have been installed and an introductory membership of £10 is available for the season (until the end of October). This will allow you access to

nets, enabling you to use the courts, along with discounts on events and training. Booking the courts is made online. If you are interested in getting involved please email edinburghbeachvc@gmail.com for more information on joining the club.

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ON THE FAIRWAY

PORTOBELLO Golf Club congratulates John Ralston, winner of the Sir Harry Lauder Trophy, who beat James Heatlie in the final at Portobello on 30th July. Congratulations also to the winner of the Brand Cup, Ashan Khan, who defeated John Williams in that final held on the same day.

It was unfortunate that

after last year's Trophy event was cancelled, the club was forced to hold this famous competition internally this year, as hosting an Open was not financially viable. The club is seeking local sponsorship and/or Edinburgh Leisure assistance to enable this event to be reinstated as an Open for 2018.

Lyllal Scott

ROWPORTY TO ROW THE CLYDE



Photo by Mairdo Macleod

THERE have been 13 rowers interested in the great Clyde row or 'The Castle to Crane Race' to be held on Saturday 23rd September, which means the club could take both boats, *Jenny Skylark* and *Icebreaker*. This is set to be the biggest ever gathering of St Ayle's skiffs, as the two rowing boats in Portobello Sailing and Kayaking Club are known.

There is a feeling that it shouldn't be a race, as this would take away from one attraction of the event, which is to appreciate the scenery between Dumbarton and central Glasgow. On Sunday 24th September, however, there is a relaxed event on Loch Lomond for those who want to sightsee or just have a picnic.

Rowporty had a very successful trip to Lewis in June. *Jenny Skylark* joined four skiffs from the Outer Hebrides to row Loch Seaforth in Harris, and the following day the flotilla went from Scalpay to Drinishadder and Miabhaig. The next day it took people from Shawbost on taster trips on a freshwater loch, where it competed unsuccessfully for the Digby Chick Cup against local boat Yackydoola.

The trip was rounded off with a ceilidh.

Nick Finnis

IN THE SADDLE



Photo by Rod Atkinson

FOR local cycling club Portovelo, one of the highlights of the summer is the annual "weekender" away. This June, 13 of us based ourselves at Lochranza Youth Hostel and had two great days of cycling, one involving a loop round part of the Kintyre peninsula and one on Arran itself, both involving challenging climbs and stunning coastal scenery. As if that wasn't enough, some of the keener participants cycled from Edinburgh to Ardrossan on the Friday morning, and one cycled back on

Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed a hearty meal out in a local restaurant on Saturday evening, before strolling along to the local hotel bar for essential rehydration!

The club continues to offer a choice of two rides every Sunday morning, plus evening rides on Thursdays. We are also organising a beginners' ride on 27th August for anyone who is new to road cycling or would like an easy introduction to riding in a group. Details of all the club's activities can be found at porto-velo.com.

Andrew Mylne

JOPPA TENNIS IMPROVEMENTS

JOPPA Tennis has had another successful year. Membership numbers are good, which enabled us to continue with our Pay and Play during the summer holidays, maintaining our commitment to the community that anyone can come along and give tennis a try.

Our other commitment is to encourage children to take up the sport and we provide coaching by Lawn Tennis Association qualified coaches at various times of the year, particularly during school holidays. The summer camps have been very popular with children and parents. It would be great if Scotland could produce another Andy Murray, and here at Joppa we are doing our bit. We are very lucky to have such a motivated committee.

We are upgrading the clubhouse interior and one member is donating her oldish kitchen units while another is sanding and varnishing the old wooden floor. Others have chipped in to try to maintain this facility as a valuable asset to our community.

If you would like to give tennis a try, find out more on our website. You will be made very welcome. Membership forms are available outside the clubhouse.

Marjorie Thomas

Gemma's Gym

AS we approach autumn and the weather is ever changing, it can be a good idea to take your exercise indoors where you can take advantage of using the gym or the pool. The only hurdle is making the effort to get there, but the feeling afterwards will be well worth it.

One ideal type of exercise that is low impact on the body, but a great workout, is Aqua Aerobics. This class gives you the chance to use different pool equipment, from floats to foam dumbbells and even the pool edge, which can all give participants a challenging yet safe workout. The water can make even simple movements harder by providing resistance. It is a very popular class, with participants feeling safe in the water.

Water-based exercises are also great for recovery from injury or surgery and are recommended by many professionals. Having the support of the water makes moving easier, so that some things that are hard to do out the water can be made easier in the water.

I hope you have an active autumn.

Gemma Hopewell

RUNNERS RAISE £1,050

PORTOBELLO Running Club raised a fantastic £1,050 at their annual race in June for Richmond's Hope, the children's bereavement charity founded and based in Craigmillar.

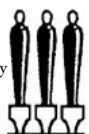
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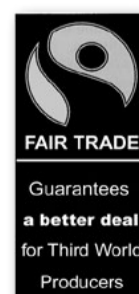
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