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## PORTOBELLO - ON STREET PARKING

CITY of Edinburgh Council (CEC) has undertaken a survey to change parking in Portobello. As part of a wider engagement across the city, CEC seeks to address parking pressures from non-residential vehicles.

The affected boundary stretches from King's Road to St Mary's Place, and between Sir Harry Lauder Road and the Promenade. With a mix of permit holder parking zones for residents, pay-and-display zones and shared-use parking (which can be used by both permit holders and pay-and-display users), every street within the area will see changes. A zone for charging electric vehicles has been suggested on King's Road.

Charges for Portobello residents' permits have not yet been decided, but CEC calculates current permits in other parts of the city on a car's engine size. The larger the engine the more expensive the permit.



Regent Street has parking on both sides of the road and spills onto the pavement making it very narrow for prams or wheelchairs.

Photo: Andrew Mylne



Photo courtesy of Marii Fortuna

ART Walk Projects are hosting a book launch event for *The Decorators of Portobello*, a new publication that explores the social histories of a group of women who worked as decorators in Portobello's Buchan pottery from the early 1950s to 1972, painting artwork on the various ceramics produced at the time. The book makes visible previously unrecorded social histories for these women, using oral recordings and archival photography. The book launch event with project artist, Nicky Bird and Margaret Munro (Portobello Heritage Trust) takes place on Friday, 8th October from 7-8pm at Portobello Bookshop.

## BOOK FEST'S LINE-UP

OPTIMISTIC that by October the worst of the pandemic would be over, the organising committee of the Portobello Book Festival has spent the last months planning the programme for this October's event. The response from authors was enthusiastic and so another diverse and stimulating programme has been created.

The great outdoors is explored by Patrick Baker, author of *The Unremembered Places*, and by photographer Anna Deacon and author Vicky Allan who explore the wellbeing benefits of wild swimming and being outdoors.

Crime writing is represented by Christopher

Brookmyre and Marisa Haetzman, discussing their Ambrose Parry series, the Caledonia Crime Collective on everything Tartan Noir, and Lesley Kelly on *The Health of Strangers*.

Other topics include poetry, historical fiction, politics and living with a brain injury.

The programme will kick off with the launch of the festival's latest publication, *Pandemic Portobello*, a collection of writing by local contributors.

All being well, the festival will be held at Portobello Library from 1st to 3rd October. Tickets available from the library.

## TOWN HALL UPDATE

PORTOBELLO'S town hall could be open to the public by summer 2022, if plans to upgrade the building run to schedule. Portobello Central, the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation formed to take a lease for the building from the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC), is confident that they will.

Buoyed by an award of £350,000 from the Place Based Investment Programme, Portobello Central intends to make

essential repairs to the fabric of the building, which was built in 1914. CEC is helping coordinate the repairs and is working with Portobello Central's architects, local firm Munro Allison.

"The ideas for using this building just keep coming," said Jennifer Elliot, a trustee at Portobello Central. "From weddings and live concerts to bingo and cinema clubs, there is a huge appetite for this space and our community

is eager to make it work," she continued.

Further funding has come from the National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All (£10,000), and an additional £6,500 has been awarded by the Architectural Heritage Fund. Portobello Central intends to use this money to contract a part-time development manager. If you want to get involved, visit [www.portobellocentral.org](http://www.portobellocentral.org)



## PORTY PROFILE No. 78

## LYNDSEY LAVENDER

When Lindsey first visited Portobello and saw the beach her immediate reaction was “Wow”, as she hadn’t known there was a beach here. She was moving to Edinburgh for her post-graduate course, after studying architecture in Birmingham, and rented a room in Pittville Street. She never left Portobello.



Photo: Jon Davey

She was born in Salisbury and grew up in Yorkshire before moving to Scotland. Lindsey worked as an architect until she left to have children, then realised she had stopped enjoying her work as it was now mainly computer-based instead of using hand drawings. She started painting again, as she had as a teenager, which led to her return to part-time studies at Edinburgh College of Art, where her tutor encouraged her to exhibit her work. Her architectural background had given her a passion for the built environment and although Lindsey was determined not to paint buildings, elements of structure started to move back into her work and now, along with infrastructures, for example staircases and doorways, this is the main focus of her work. She says: “There are no measurements involved, I just keep drawing them until they look right.” Lindsey is very interested in the way light interacts with the mundane and the effect of sunlight and shade on something ordinary.

As a full-time artist and an elected Professional Member of both Visual Arts Scotland and the Society of Scottish Artists, Lindsey has won various awards including the Society of Scottish Artists Annual Exhibition, Meffan Gallery Open Exhibition and the Anne Redpath Painting Prize at Visual Arts Scotland Annual Exhibition. Exhibiting both locally and UK wide, her work can be found in both public and private art collections. She was an invited artist for Artwalk Porty in 2018 and is currently preparing for a solo exhibition in Dollar.

After moving to a house with a studio and garden, Lindsey and her husband no longer need the allotment they had at Telferton. She says her two children are “Porty through and through”. She loves the seafront and says: “There can be a certain wildness there. I love living in such a great community”.

Margaret Munro

## WHERE AM I?



Photos Andrew Mylne

Try to identify each of these places. Answers on page eight.

## NEW FIREWORKS RULES

AT the end of June, new legislation governing the use of fireworks came into effect. As a result, fireworks can only normally be used by members of the public until 11 pm, the only exceptions being Hogmanay, Diwali and Chinese New Year (when they may also be used up to 1 am) and on 5th November (when they may be used up to midnight). There are also tighter restrictions on the quantities that can be sold and when they may be sold. It remains illegal for members of the public to set off fireworks in any public place - including the beach.

Some Portobello residents complained about last year’s Bonfire Night, describing fireworks “shaking windows, terrifying children and causing untold distress to animals”. Anyone with concerns about these effects, or about the illegal use of fireworks, should contact the police on 101.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**STREET** lights will be upgraded in October and November in Portobello, Brunstane, Duddingston and Joppa. The City of Edinburgh Council say the new whiter lights will use 60 per cent less energy than the current ones and last up to five times longer. They will also light streets more evenly. For further details see [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetlighting](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetlighting) or call 0131 529 3523.

**BIKE HIRE:** The City of Edinburgh Council announced in August that the ‘Just Eat’ bike-hire scheme it has provided since 2018 will end on 17th September. The operator, Serco, says that, despite the scheme’s popularity, theft and vandalism have made it unviable. However, nextbike, which runs a similar scheme in Glasgow, has offered to step in, and the Council is exploring options to keep the service operating.

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THE provision of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) in Portobello has expanded with the addition of a new device available round the clock, situated on the fence of the Portobello Sailing and Kayaking Club (PSKC) on the Prom. Other PAD devices can be found at locations including Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, St John the Evangelist RC Church, Scotmid and Portobello Golf Club. Business hours Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can be found at locations including Portobello High School, Portobello Surgery at 265 Portobello High Street, mydentist at 216 Portobello High Street, Tumbles and the Portobello



Swim Centre.

When someone has a cardiac arrest, every second counts, so when waiting for the ambulance, it is important to start CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and use a defibrillator. The 999-call handler will provide the location of the nearest

defibrillator so that it can be retrieved while someone carries on doing CPR. No prior training is required to use a defibrillator as once turned on it will give verbal instructions and will only give an electric shock if needed. The Scottish Ambulance Service is encouraging businesses to register their AEDs with them so that no time is lost in locating a defibrillator in an emergency.

Chair of the PSKC Dave Crawley says: "Naturally we would hope there is never a situation where the AED has to be used, however knowing that there is one very close to the beach is reassuring for the Portobello community and visitors".

WE have really enjoyed being open over the summer and are looking forward to a busy autumn. We are delighted that changes in Scottish Government guidance for libraries now mean that you don't have to book a session to come in to visit us. You can now reserve books from other branches for collection at Portobello again, either through asking us or by going to <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/using-library/reservations/1>

Congratulations to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. With Covid restrictions in place it was so much harder to complete the challenge this year, so a big well done to you all! We hope you are enjoying the return of our children's activities as much as we are.

We are delighted to once again be hosting the Portobello Book Festival, which is live from the library again in the first weekend of October. A full programme of events are available from the library. Tickets for the events are also available from the library.

For regular updates on what is going on in the library, check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PortobelloLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PortobelloLibrary) or our Twitter @PortyLibrary

Paul Hudson



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	- Mat Pilates (The Original)	- 20:00 - 21:00hrs
<b>Thursdays</b>	- Post-Natal Mother & Baby	- 14:00 - 14:55hrs
<b>Fridays</b>	- Pre-Natal	- 11:15 - 12:15hrs

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## GROWING ORGANIC



with Susan Burns



**THE** colours of autumn are worth investing in. An acer planted in a shady corner, for example, gives a red boost and, though it doesn't last long, is stunning while it does.

Save some seed for future crops. A few pea pods left to dry on the plant, then kept in an airtight container in a cool place, can provide pea shoots throughout winter when planted in compost, even on a windowsill.

If you're serious about harvesting, get together with a few friends and get a dehydrator to save freezer space. Dried apples and pears will keep in airtight jars for a few years, for a great snack or for adding to your porridge. I've also dried tomatoes, plums and mushrooms.

Looking after your soil looks after your plants and your environment. Collect leaves, put them in a bag, pierce with a few holes and dampen if dry. When rotted, put them around plants or use to bulk up peat-free potting compost.

Now is the time to plant hyacinths in bowls for Christmas. Keep them somewhere cool and dark, then when they've sprouted to about 4cm, usually around the end of November, bring them out into a cool room.

**SHOULD** anyone have any doubts about the climate emergency, the recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change starkly puts how we are affecting the climate. The melting of the ice caps is maybe too remote to be meaningful to many, but unbearable temperatures and the destruction of our Mediterranean holiday spots by fires and flash floods are bringing the effects closer to home.

There is now nowhere to hide and across governments the greenwash of 'net zero' targets has to change, with immediate action by them to avoid ever-worsening impacts. Yes, we have all made our small incremental changes, reduced, reused and recycled, turned the heating down and now only shower twice a week, but bigger things need to happen.

Transport, from the use of private cars to international air travel, is one area to tackle by reducing the frequency of travel and how we do so – especially locally. Technology alone will not get us out of this mess and at a local level, the Council recognises this with the proposal for reduced, controlled parking in Portobello aimed at nudging us away from car dependency. It is one small step, but a greater one would be to get behind a low traffic neighbourhood for the whole of Portobello and Joppa. How about it?

Stephen Hawkins

PEDAL - Portobello Transition Town

## SUSTAINABLE PORTY

## HEALTH MATTERS

### General Practice: Two Questions

A question that we have heard a lot recently is "Why isn't the GP surgery open?" Of course, it is open, and has been throughout the pandemic, and we have received many kind comments and support from our community. Thank you all. The second question is "Why are GPs still working differently?" One answer is that the pandemic is not over, but this is not the entire answer.

My ancestor was a GP in the 1870s and promoted the smallpox vaccine, and my grandfather, also a GP, was against the introduction of the NHS, which is hard to believe when I know why he became a doctor. Nowadays, we live far longer than we did, but often with many health issues. We have countless modern drugs available to us, but should avoid using too many, and look after our health. General practice is busy supporting people with long-term health conditions to live as independently and actively as they can.

Change is inevitable and a good thing. We must find our way into the future, holding onto what matters: high quality and kind care for everyone. I have been lucky enough to work beside wonderfully skilled practice nurses, and welcome the contribution of the growing team of professionals working with us. Many training doctors come through the practice, committed to provide intelligent, kind care. They will be developing our NHS and our General Practice. When my need comes, I know I will be safe in their hands.

Dr Portia Bella

## HEART TALK PORTY

**ACTION** Porty is inviting local people, groups, organisations and venues to host discussions or put up a noticeboard on 9th October, inviting people to consider the future they want to see. Inspired by Art Walk Porty, we hope this 'Heart Walk Porty' can be the start of a large scale, community-led conversation.

Whatever you're keen on – from affordable housing to community-friendly transport or provision for youth or elders, etc – in a world that is facing multiplying crises, what is the single immediate or long-term change in Porty you want to see? We'll support you to host the conversation or gather the ideas, before seeing what folk can just get on with and what will require greater collaboration to achieve. Interested? Contact [HeartTalkPorty@gmail.com](mailto:HeartTalkPorty@gmail.com)

Justin Kenrick



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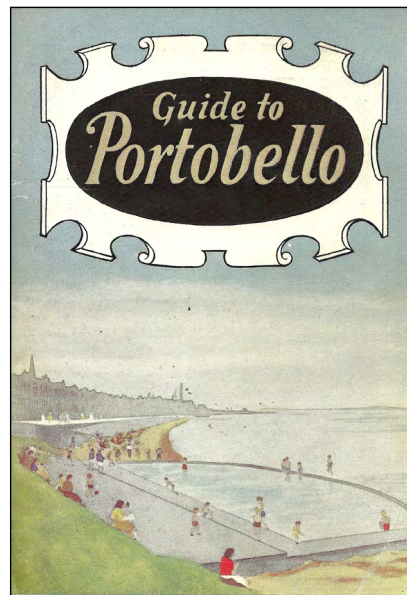
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WITH many new businesses establishing themselves in Portobello, I thought readers might be interested to see the above advertisements which are taken from a Guide to Portobello, published in the late 1950s/early 1960s. It was printed and published by Warwick and Sons Ltd., Portobello, for Portobello Traders' Association (PTA).

According to the Chair of the PTA, the aim was 'to

place before you modestly, the merits of Portobello as a Holiday Resort.' 'A Walk through the Town' states 'The Climate is good and bracing, rainfall being below average.' It details attractions no longer in existence, such as the open-air pool, the putting green in Rosefield Park and the paddling pool at Joppa, which is on the cover of the guide. In 'A Short History of Portobello'

details are given of an inn which '... was regarded as a nest of desperadoes' run by 'Portobello 'Keelies''. There are three pages giving details of hotels, board residences (Bed and Breakfast) and apartments to rent.

A variety of businesses had advertisements and those selected here help illustrate the diversity in Portobello, at a time when you could buy everything you needed

without travelling into Edinburgh. Portobello did experience difficult times as a holiday resort, particularly given the vagaries of the Scottish weather and the rise of package holidays which guaranteed better weather. It is, however, experiencing a renaissance and is once again a vibrant, popular place to visit and live.

Margaret Munro

## PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**P O R T O B E L L O** Community Council (PCC) recently carried out a survey to see how locals thought the toilet facilities at Pipe Street should be developed. The results were summarised at a meeting in May.

There were more than 160 responses to the online survey, and the vast majority was in favour of retaining the toilets and having them open for longer periods. Accessibility was high on the agenda, especially for wheelchair users. It was considered that the toilets should be free to use, and remain segregated. The proposal of shower facilities was welcomed, but some respondents felt that these could be extended to other points along the Promenade, not just at Pipe Street.

Opinions were split on the addition of a café to the toilet block, with many saying that there were enough catering outlets in Portobello, and another café was not needed. In fact, some went as far as calling for the removal of the fish and chip van in front of the toilets. Those who were in favour of a café felt that, if this was a way to keep the toilets open, then it should be seriously considered.

Members of the PCC will be meeting the City of Edinburgh Council to discuss the findings and what action should be taken. Visit [www.portobellocc.org](http://www.portobellocc.org) to find out more.

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Melissa McConnell  
<https://tribeporty.org>

## RECIPE COURGETTE FRITTERS

250gm courgettes, grated

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½ teasp. baking powder

1 medium egg, beaten

Ground spice, e.g. cumin/coriander, or chopped herbs

Salt and pepper

Squeeze the courgette to remove most of the water.

Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.

Heat 1 tablesp. of oil in a frying pan and drop in the mixture to make four fritters.

Fry on each side until lightly browned.

Serve with a mixed salad for a tasty light lunch.

## AMNESTY - LOCAL NEWS

**PORTOBELLO's** best known bicycle attracted more than double the hoped-for amount in last month's Crowdfunder campaign to secure its future. For decades the cycle was a familiar sight, pedalled blithely through traffic by local activist David Turner, who became known as the "peace pedaller" as his bike's distinctive green panniers sported messages of hope and justice, such as "Scrap Trident" or "Scotland In Europe Yes".

A Quaker, lifelong human rights champion and cornerstone of the local Amnesty International group for 26 years, David was still pedalling well into his nineties. Now 98, however, he and his wife Ida moved last year to Stirling to be nearer family. Unwilling at his age to start negotiating unfamiliar streets, David left the cycle with friends in Portobello, who, in recognition of his life of service, offered this unique item of local history to the highest bidder in a Crowdfunder campaign to raise funds for one of David's favourite causes, the Campaign Against the Arms Trade (<https://caat.org.uk/>).

The bike was displayed at August's Portobello market, attracting a flood of bids and messages of goodwill, and campaigners were astonished to find their £800 target more than doubled within a week. As this went to press, the highest bidder was a former neighbour of David's from Straiton Place who nevertheless was fervently hoping to be outbid.

As it was, the overall sum raised topped £2,000 – an astonishing recognition of David's lifetime commitment to raising awareness of the need for social justice and a kinder world.

Jim Gilchrist

**WE are delighted to announce the re-opening of The Wash House this autumn and look forward to welcoming groups back again. Our fantastic youth worker is meeting with groups of young people around Portobello, involving them in biking and other fun outdoor activities. The groups have told us about many positives for young people living in Portobello but also some negatives, such as the cost of cafés and shops and an ice cream cone! There are difficulties in accessing the Prom due to perceived issues with anti-social behaviour. Youth groups will start up indoors soon, with lots of creative projects ahead. [Facebook Porty Wash House](#).**

Gica Loening



## GOTHIC TREASURE FUND RAISING



Photo Peter E Ross

**THE** St John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Brighton Place is a striking A Listed building in the Neo-Gothic style. Completed in 1906, the Church's tower is now in need of substantial restoration. The congregation has made a start on raising the estimated £350,000 for the repair bill and work has begun, but they still need to raise a significant sum.

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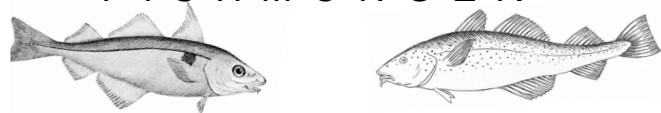
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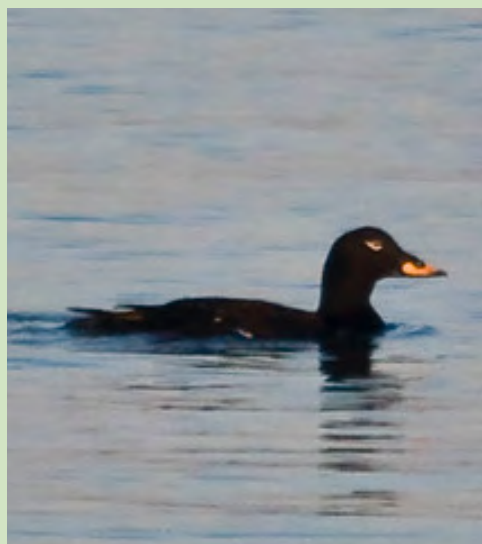
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# NATURE NOTES - QUACKERS FOR DUCKS



Photos: Anthony Robson

AS the year inevitably marches on and we start thinking about the seasons passing from autumn and into early winter, it's easy to think that our most interesting wildlife moves on. But with falling leaves comes more visibility; and with shorter days comes the nocturnal world encroaching on human hours.

However it's also a great time of year to cast your eyes out to sea, when some year-round species

are bolstered by winter visitors, and some visitors make themselves known for the first time. Here are three ducks to look out for off the shore at Porty, and especially looking out over the rocks at Joppa.

Wigeon: a year round species, they often gather at the mouth of the Esk in Musselburgh, but in winter the larger numbers can be seen spread along the coast, and even into inland waters such as the Figgate Pond.

The males have a stunning red head with a yellow stripe.

Velvet Scoter: If you want to spot this duck, which appears in huge rafts from August onwards, just think of Daffy Duck. Jet black males, with a white eye patch, and a bright yellow/orange bill. More common here than the Common Scoter, which is more plentiful on the north of the Forth (and in my opinion less attractive).

Long-tailed Duck: Often further out from shore than other species, but at high tide especially can be very visible from the Joppa rocks, and even off the beach. Bright white, with flashes of black, a permanent smile, and the unmistakable tail that gives it its name. I start looking for these from October, and they're always a joy to spot.

Anthony Robson

## JOPPA TENNIS

WHAT a great summer it's been for tennis at Joppa! Our amazing coaches, Calum and Finn, ran three week-long summer camps, involving more than 90 children of various abilities. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from parents and the children were inspired and excited by the experience. Who knows, we might have a future Wimbledon champ in our ranks!

A further 20 members have joined since July, taking membership above 140 for the first time. Aware of our significant waiting list, the committee continues to monitor court use to assess if we can invite more to join. Such is the demand, we have reached an agreement to use the King's Manor Hotel's court. Joppa members have helped refresh the court by repainting the lines, and the hotel will be the official base once post-match hospitality is resumed.

All three teams had excellent seasons, with both Joppa 1 and Joppa Ladies finishing in second place, securing promotion. Joppa 2 finished a very creditable third.

Marjorie Shepherd

  
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## BEACH VOLLEYBALL HAS ONE OF ITS BUSIEST SUMMERS



Photo: Peter E Ross

**EDINBURGH** Beach Volleyball Club is delighted to have had one of its busiest summer seasons since it was founded in 2017. A revival of the coaching programme after a year of Covid-19 restrictions has seen people of all ages and abilities taking to the sand and having a great time.

An application to City of Edinburgh Council for funding to support the Scottish Government initiative 'Get into Summer' was successful, and the club has been able to offer free sessions for young people and families all summer.

The courts have been busy with bookings and tournaments, and supported Scottish Volleyball during the recent historic UK Beach Tour Grand Slam event, when teams from all over the UK competed at Portobello.

Lynne Beattie

**ANSWERS TO WHERE AM I?**  
1: Post office notice-board (on the High Street, just west of Town Hall). 2: Mosaic on promenade wall (in front of swimming pool). 3: Milkman mural (High Street end of Windsor Place). 4: Former town hall plaque (on Baptist Church, High Street).

## IN THE SADDLE

BY the time you read this, 28 Portovelo cyclists will have just returned from the 2021 "weekender", our annual trip away. The first weekender was in Stirling in June 2013, a year after the club was formed, and it became an annual event with locations including Aviemore, Oban and the Yorkshire Dales. For the 2020 edition, we made a booking at Pitlochry Youth Hostel, but that had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. However, we were able to carry the booking over, so we finally made it to Pitlochry 15 months later than originally planned.

More generally, the club has bounced back well from the year-long suspension of group rides. Within weeks of Sunday rides resuming in May, an influx of new riders made it necessary to expand the number of separate groups from three to four. This increased choice makes it easier for everyone to find a ride appropriate for their level of fitness, while also keeping numbers in each group more manageable. We also currently provide Wednesday morning rides; faster evening training rides on Thursdays will continue until the end of September. Monthly social evenings in local pubs have also now resumed. For details of all the club's activities, go to [www.porto-velo.com](http://www.porto-velo.com).

Andrew Mylne



Robert Mylne (15) and his dad rode from Land's End to John O'Groats in July, covering just over a thousand miles in 16 days.

## PORTOBELLO INVINCIBLES



**THE** Portobello Community Football Academy's 2006s age group made it a clean sweep of trophies for 2021 by winning the South East Region Cup, their tenth trophy in a row, making history at that level for Portobello. The team was unbeaten for the season, storming to the league title and all the other trophies on offer. The players and coaches have done Portobello proud and made them the number one team in Scotland at that age group. With such success, many players have now moved on to professional clubs.

Alfie Smith, Owen Hastie and Bailey McKenzie now don the green of Hibernian; Jamie Anderson signed with Hearts; Arran Bone and Lewis Moore went along the M8 to join Motherwell and Evan Bonar, Kieran Wilson and Robbie Peffers put pen to paper for Rangers. The success of the team is now inspiring the other Portobello CFA age-groups to continue this fantastic success and can now attract the best players in the area. Come on the PORTY!!

John Griffiths

## PARKRUN RE-STARTS

**AFTER** an absence of nearly 18 months, parkrun re-started in Figgate Park on Saturday 21st August. Parkrun is a free, timed 5 km run open to runners of all abilities, from beginners to elite athletes. All you need to do is register in advance with parkrun UK and print out a copy of your

barcode: you will need this to get your time recorded. (If you were registered pre-Covid, there is no need to re-register.) The event starts at 9.30 am every Saturday and consists of three laps of the park. For more information go to [parkrun.org.uk/portobello](http://parkrun.org.uk/portobello).

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