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West Calder and Harburn

Community Development Trust

Burngrange 70 Together in Memory

A commemoration event was held in Union Square for the 1947 Burngrange Pit Disaster on Saturday 14th January. 500 people attended the event that, through music, speeches, poems and prayers, commemorated the lives of the 15 men killed.

As part of the event there was a pop-up exhibition in the former CIS building. The exhibition displayed work by local primary schools, information boards about the disaster, memorabilia and work artist Nicky Bird.

Dr Robin Chesters of Almond Valley gave a fascinating talk on February 2nd at the Community Centre on shale mining with local experts David Johnstone and Jimmy Whelan.

The legacy programme continued on 23rd March with a special free showing of the BBC documentary 'Scotland's First Oil Rush' with a rare chance to see 'Paraffin Young - Scotland's Oil Pioneer' from the BP vaults.

More history events are in the pipeline so please get in touch to find out more.



West Calder Spring Festival

We are hosting the inaugural West Calder Spring Festival on Saturday 22nd April.

There will be a range of classes, events and demonstrations throughout the day in Union Square, the Community Centre and on the Community Centre Sports Pitch.



Save the Date!

Easter Events

25/03/2017

Parkhead Primary and
Community Garden Easter
Fayres.

10-12 Parkhead Primary
2-4pm Community Garden

West Calder Spring Festival

22/04/2017

Get Active in West Calder.

Workshops, displays and activities for all
the family.

10-4pm - Keep an eye out for more info.

More information can be found on our
website

www.westcalder.org/springfestival/

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Cleuch Brae Improvements

Cleuch Brae is getting a major overhaul with tree thinning, enrichment planting and landscaping to improve the area.

WC&HCDT have sourced funding for the works and have enlisted MW Groundworks who will start opening out the area on Friday 23rd March.

The Woodland Trust are working with us to source suitable trees, bushes and shrubs to enrich the area. Planting will be completed with help from local schools and volunteers.

Harburn Right of Way

Work has started on re-opening the West Calder to Harburn Right of Way starting from Westmuir Road.

Volunteers spent time in January clearing vegetation back from the path, and improving drainage to increase accessibility.

We are working with local landowners who are giving up their time to improve sections of path on their land.

Further funding has just been approved to improve the path surface from West Calder all the way to Hermand Birchwood which is managed by the Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Five Sisters Skate Park

WC&HCDT are supporting an initiative to create a skate, scooter and bike park on a site near Parkhead Primary School and the new High School.

Parkhead Primary pupils gave an enthusiastic thumbs up at an assembly presentation by Angela and Madison Gray. St. Mary's pupils in Polbeth also got the chance to try out a mobile skate park.

Skateboarding is to become Olympic sport at the 2020 games, so who knows we may inspire a local Olympian.

A mobile skate park will take pride of place in Union Square at our Spring Festival on 22nd April.

Trust News

Rob Pooley, our founding Chair, has retired and Allan Maclaughlan, ex Chair of the Community Council, has taken over the position.

Agnes Cosgrove, our development worker, has also retired and Matt Pearce has stepped down as a director to fill the position in the short term.

We have just secured over £70 000 funding for local improvement projects & distributed over £15 000 to local organisations – with more to come.

We will soon be looking for your thoughts on the facilities that we already have and those we are missing in the village so that we can ensure West Calder's needs are met going forward.

Events

- 25/03 Parkhead Easter Fayre – 10-2
- 25/03 Community Garden Easter – 2-4
- 22/04 West Calder Spring Festival – 10-4
- 22/04 Harburn Litter Walk – 1pm
- 29/04 Limefield Church Coffee Morning
- 12/05 Music in the West Kirk – 7pm
- 19/05 Harburn Hall Quiz – 7pm
- 03/06 Parkhead Gala – 11:30 am
- 10/06 Harburn Festival – 11-4pm
- 19/08 Community Centre Fun Day
- 27/08 Community Garden Harvest – 2-4pm