



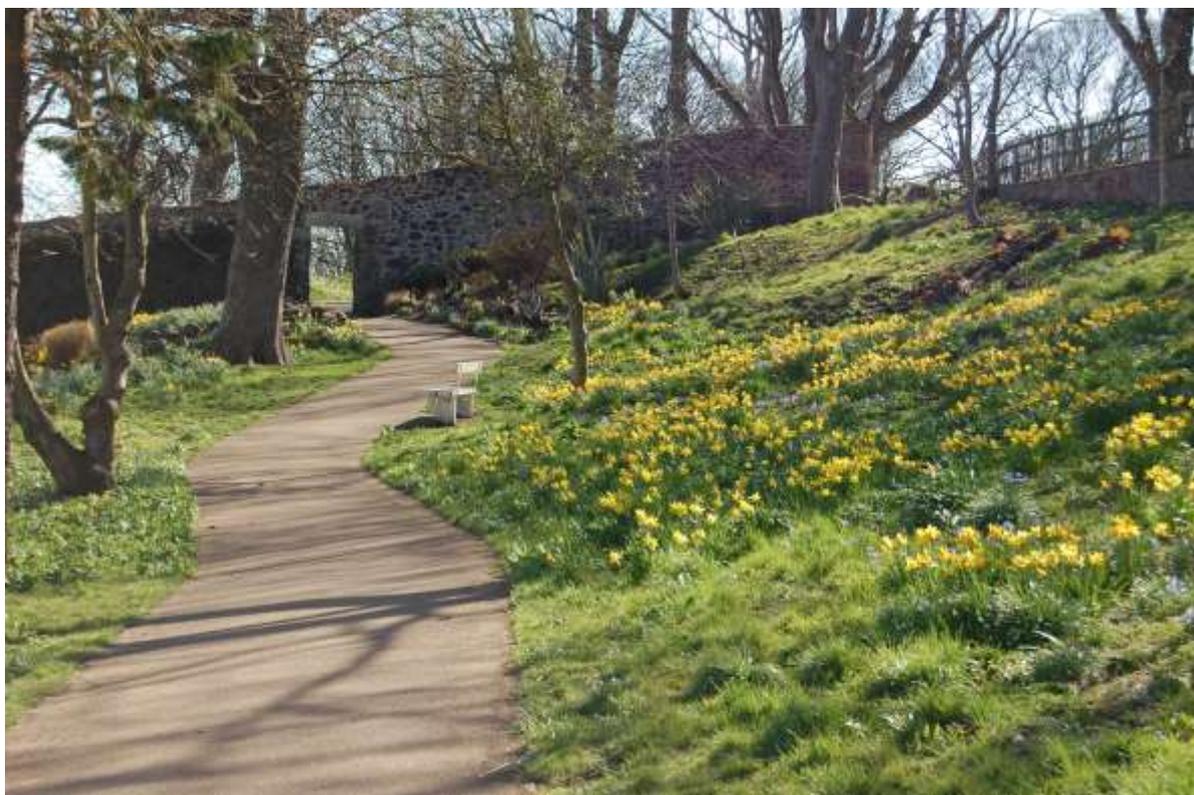
NORTH BERWICK NEWS

NORTH BERWICK IN BLOOM REPRESENTS SCOTLAND IN BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2015.

The In Bloom volunteers are delighted to be, once again, representing Scotland in the prestigious Britain in Bloom competition. They will be competing against Whitby, Dartmouth, St Pierre du Bois, St Brelade and Lytham in the Coastal category, up to 12k population. They were awarded Gold on three previous occasions and with the help of the local community will work hard to ensure that the Judges see the town at its vibrant and colourful best when they visit in August.

Over one million Spring bulbs, mainly daffodils and crocuses, are creating wonderful displays in grassy areas. This year, Rotary have been busy planting 10,000 crocuses in the St Baldred's Road area while In Bloom volunteers, in cooperation with ELC, have planted 5000 wallflowers, 1500 pansies and violas, 600 polyanthus and 400 daisies. New additions for 2015 are 1000 snakeshead fritillaries which can be seen in a wildflower area within the Lodge Grounds. To celebrate our Tulip Festival, 3000 tulips of 15 varieties have been added to over 100 planters – look out for our free Tulip trail leaflet and join us in Abbey Church for a celebratory Afternoon Tea on April 18th.

The In Bloom team is already planning for its entry to the pallet garden in Gardening Scotland in May and need items associated with cycling: helmets, gloves, water containers, baskets, jackets etc. Please contact Rosie Oberlander, In Bloom Chair, on 01620 895046, if you think you can help.



Spring in the Lodge Grounds

Rosie Oberlander

The Friends of the Lodge Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Lodge on Good Friday 10.00 -11.00 (meet at pavilion) and the plant swap will take place in the forecourt 10.00 -11.30 on the 2nd May. The carpet bed will be planted to commemorate 40 years of Law Primary School.

North Berwick is a wonderful location at any time of year for those interested in Art but this Spring there are two additional treats with exhibitions being mounted in the Coastal Communities Museum and St Andrew Blackadder Church – see details below . To find out if you have hidden talents why not think about joining North Berwick Art Club? See details on page 4.

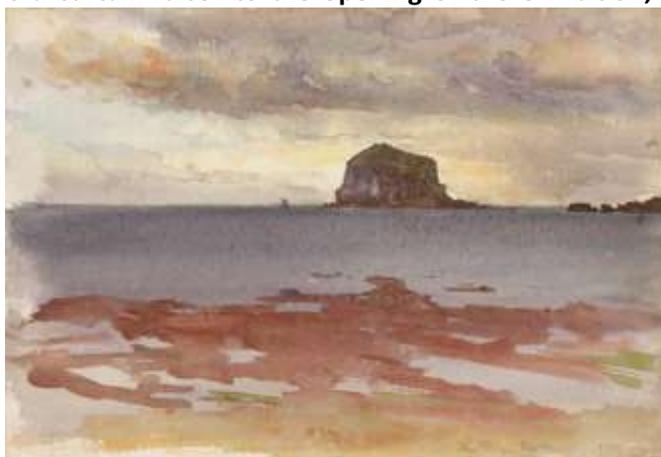
HENRY SCOTT TUKE, RA RWS - AN ARTIST IN NORTH BERWICK

North Berwick Coastal watercolours and portraits of the Hamilton-Dalrymple family painted by Henry Scott Tuke during a three month stay in North Berwick in the Autumn of 1891, will be the centrepiece of an Art Exhibition at the Coastal Communities Museum, North Berwick commencing on Good Friday, April 3, 2015.

Henry Scott Tuke (1858-1929) was a Founder member of the Newlyn School - a group of exceptional artists drawn to the Cornish coastal village whose scenery and quality of natural light attracted many British Artists. Whilst a member of the Newlyn School, he was not to be defined by it, breaking away to develop his own individual Impressionist style, also becoming a fine portrait artist - painting many leading figures of the day.

In 1891 Henry Scott Tuke who was Falmouth based came at the invitation of Sir Walter Hamilton-Dalrymple, to stay at The Lodge, North Berwick where he was commissioned to paint family portraits of Lady Hamilton-Dalrymple and their daughter Molly. The family portraits and North Berwick watercolours depicting coastal scenes, which he would have painted for his own pleasure, have been brought together for this unique exhibition in the town where they were created 120 years ago. The North Berwick watercolours and a selection of Henry Scott Tuke's other works - Cornish maritime pieces and Falmouth portraits - which reveal the range of his technique and use of light are on loan from The Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society Tuke Collection.

As a curtain-raiser to the opening of the exhibition, Catherine Wallace, Art Writer, Author and



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foremost authority on Henry Scott Tuke will give a lecture entitled 'The Sunshine Painter - the Art and Life of Henry Scott Tuke' at the Scottish Seabird Centre,- 7.00 for 7.30pm Friday 3 April Tickets £10.00 including refreshments.

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES - 11.00am - 4.00pm Good Friday, 3 April – Easter Monday 6 April, then every Wednesday-Sunday till 17 May, also Bank Holiday Monday May 4 - FREE ADMISSION.

Pat Burton, Coastal Communities Museum Trust 01620 894313

ST. ANDREW BLACKADDER, ART EXHIBITION 2015

The annual Easter art exhibition at St Andrew Blackadder Church featuring works by Jolomo as well as 40 other artists will take place on Good Friday April 3rd, Saturday 4th, Monday 6th, 10.00am - 5.00pm. On Easter Sunday the exhibition comprising over 350 pictures will be open from 1.00 - 5.00 pm. Entrance is free. Picture prices range from £60 to £3500. Refreshments are available. Proceeds from the exhibition are in aid of refurbishing stained glass windows in the Church. Contact Hugh Trevor Tel. 01620-894924. e.mail <htrev or@talktalk.net

CALLING ALL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Improvements to the centre of North Berwick have taken another step forward with the installation of two new wall mounted boards courtesy of a grant from ELC Civic Pride fund. One of the boards is intended for voluntary organisations to publicise the aims of their groups and show contact details for volunteers while the other board will be used to display general community information.

The popular board at the foot of Law Road should still be used for advertising coffee mornings and other local events but this new board gives local organisations a chance to advertise for more volunteers. If you have difficulty accessing the board please contact Sheila Sinclair 01620 894666 Sheila.sinclair@btinternet.com

CO-WHEELS EAST LOTHIAN IS BRINGING CARS TO NORTH BERWICK RESIDENTS



Co-Wheels East Lothian car club is coming to North Berwick! In addition to 6 cars in Dunbar and Haddington, ranging from Mini One to 7-seater Toyota Prius, we plan to have two cars in North Berwick - one diesel (manual) and one electric (automatic). East Lothian Council plan to install a charging point at the Quality Street car park where an electric Renault Zoe (funded by CarPlus) will be stationed. Co-Wheels East Lothian is a local not-for-profit organisation, run solely by volunteers. The cars are available

for members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for as little as half-an-hour, or as long as you need. The cost is £5 /hour or £30 /day, plus 13 p/mile (no need to pay for fuel as the fuelcard is provided in the car to fill up as necessary). There will be no mileage fee for an electric car. You can book your car online anytime, or over the phone during office hours. Since Co-Wheels East Lothian is a member of a national Co-wheels club your membership will give you access to hundreds of cars from Aberdeen to Portsmouth. For more information see www.cowheels.org.uk/eastlothian

We are waiving the £25 joining fee for the first 20 new members residing in North Berwick. Kia Rio, a diesel manual car, parked in a central North Berwick location is available for member-use as soon as you join! If you would like to get a promotional code, learn more about the local car club or wish to help promote or run it, please contact us at cowheelseastlothian@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Are you resident in North Berwick? Do you find it difficult to travel to essential local services within North Berwick (eg. doctor, dentist, bank, shops) or to Haddington (eg. Roodlands) or to Belhaven Hospital Dunbar? Just call 894942 and ask for Colleen. We can provide transport for a return journey, door to door. There are no formalities, just call between 9am and 12pm Monday to Friday. The more notice you give the easier it is to arrange – our drivers are all local volunteers. The suggested donation for a return trip within North Berwick is £4.00 and for a return trip to Haddington or Dunbar is £10 00.

WHEELS ON THE BEACH

The idea of enabling people with mobility problems access to the beach came closer to reality last month when co – founders of the project Alison Brown and Jackie Tagg arranged an open day for suppliers to come to North Berwick and demonstrate their products to over 20 potential users.

”The afternoon could not have gone better “ said Jackie “ We can now take the project forward as we know that there is a demand and we have seen the pleasure that such a facility brings.

We aim to have a pilot scheme where people can hire a wheelchair up and running in North Berwick by this Summer and then we will be in a position to help other communities to do the same. Alison added ‘My son Ethan had a great afternoon and loved trying the paediatric beach wheelchair, and seeing his friends on the beach.’



Alison and Jackie paid tribute to local supporters of the group including Leila Aitken who provided an evocative picture of children on the beach, Anita Nutter who had written a moving poem capturing the essence of the day, Paul Brown who provided live music, North Berwick Community Centre and East Lothian Council. For details see Facebook Beach Wheelchairs

Kitty Walker (who came all the way from Fife) testing the brakes !

Photo Derek Braid

NORTH BERWICK ART GROUP

North Berwick Art Group is a well-established group, currently with about sixty members, which meets in the Hope Rooms on Friday mornings to draw and paint in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. Regular sessions run from 10am until noon, with a longer four-hour session on the last Friday of the month.

We also have a monthly programme of talks and demonstrations by visiting artists covering a wide range of subjects and artistic styles.

NB Art Group holds two exhibitions a year, in November and late July. This is a chance for members to display their year's work and for visitors to purchase local art. Entry is free but donations can be made – since 2006 we have raised over £4000 for local charities.

Anyone interested in painting or drawing who would like to join a friendly group is most welcome to come along to the Hope Rooms on a Friday morning for a “taster session”, or just a chat and a cup of coffee. Occasionally we even have cake!

<http://www.nbartgroup.co.uk>

DAY CENTRE BUS

Watch out for the new day centre bus with its illustrated panel of local scenes appearing any day now on a street near you.



NORTH BERWICK ROTARY CLUB

Christmas is an especially busy time for the Rotary Club with involvement in the Christmas lights switch on and collections at Tesco and "Santa down the Street". Proceeds totalling just over £2000 will be used for local and international projects, including the cost of the crocus bulbs and a donation of sweets to the East Lothian Food Bank.

The Club has nearly finished planting crocus bulbs in the grass verges at the side of St Baldred's Road. By adding another 10,000 bulbs in an 80 metre stretch, we are left with only 67 metres to go and expect to complete the job next year.

The crocus was chosen by Rotary International as the symbol of their "End Polio Now" campaign, and it was appropriate that the World Health Organisation announced in the same week that two of the three strains of polio have been eradicated world wide.

Money collected by the Club goes towards support for local schools with the Primary Schools quiz in March, and the Dictionaries for Life scheme in which every child leaving local Primary schools is presented with a dictionary.

The annual quiz and the bridge drive will be over by the time you read this, but there will be a concert by the Edinburgh choir Cadenza at St Andrew Blackadder Church on Saturday 25 April and the ever popular Rotary Shop will take place in the last week in May.

Douglas Shiell North Berwick Rotary Club

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHANGES

This month sees the retirement of long serving Community Councillor Linda Hall who has devoted many hours to planning issues in her time as Councillor and is now stepping down for a well earned rest. We are very grateful to Linda for all her efforts and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Linda's place on the Council will be taken by keen golfer George Johnston who is currently employed at Seton Sands Holiday Village as a golf club supervisor. Interested in all sports and an owner of two labradors George is keen to help the Community Council to ensure that North Berwick continues to be a great place in which to live or visit.

Linda's role on planning matters will be taken by David Kellock.

NORTH BERWICK CINEMA CLUB

The Cinema Club is pleased to announce that two screenings of Paddington have been arranged in The Freemason's Hall on Saturday March 28th at 4pm and 8pm. Tickets £5 for adults £3 for children. The April film - Pride - will be shown at Freemason's Hall at 8pm on 18th April. Doors and the bar open at 7.30.

STELLA MOFFAT CHARITABLE TRUST

The deadline for receipt of applications to be considered in May is 21st April 2015.

Information and application forms can be obtained from the Trust's factor Barbara Clark, Littledean, Abbey Crescent, North Berwick, EH39 4BU Telephone 01620 893934 email barbaraclark12@hotmail.com. or downloaded at northberwickcommunitycouncil.org.uk

FRINGE BY THE SEA 2015

No details are available yet but watch this space and keep August 11th – 16th free.

DOOCOT CURLING CLUB NORTH BERWICK

Curling, the traditional Scottish game, has been played in North Berwick for some time. Records of curling at Balgone, the Law and beside Trainer's Brae exist but due to the less severe winters now experienced there has been no outdoor curling in recent times.

In 1998 a club in North Berwick was resurrected by friends interested in curling and named the Doocot Curling Club with reference to the location and building at Trainer's Brae. Initially they played at the small rink at Gogar, since taken over and closed by the Royal Bank of Scotland. The club now plays most of its games at Murrayfield Curling Rink Edinburgh.

The club season starts in October and finishes in March with nine games organised during that period mainly at Murrayfield but with the option of playing at Kinross and Kelso. All games are arranged for a Saturday and members play a selection of games depending on the numbers available throughout the season. The club has over the years stayed relatively static in numbers but it is felt by members that we now need to recruit new members to sustain a local club.

If you live in the North Berwick or surrounding area and are a curler, have curled or would like to take up curling we would be pleased to hear from you. Tuition at Murrayfield can be arranged with the Edinburgh Curling School or through the local East Lothian area committee.

To find out more please contact Ian Donald on 01620 890816 or Joan Todd on 01620 893040.

Ian Donald President

DIARY DATES

Film Club is showing Paddington at The Freemason Hall 28th March 4pm and 8pm

Easter Egg Hunt Lodge Grounds Friday 3rd April 10am

Easter Art Exhibition St Andrew Blackadder Church 3rd – 6th April

Coastal Communities Art Exhibition Friday 3rd April and various dates see page 2 for details

Art Group: A Demonstration in Watercolours by David Graham 7.30 Hope Rooms 13th April

North Berwick in Bloom Tulip Tea Abbey Church 2.00 – 4.00 18th April

Film Club is showing Pride at The Freemason Hall 8pm 18th April

North Berwick Pipe Band Charity Shop St Andrew Blackadder Church 25th April

Friends of the Lodge Plant Swap Lodge Grounds Saturday 10.00 – 11.30 2nd May

Coastal Command memorial service 3rd May time to be confirmed

Art Group AGM followed by Paint like Renoir by Damien Cullan 7.15 Hope Rooms 4th May

RNLI Coffee morning Hope Rooms 10.00- 12.00 9th May

Rotary Concert St Andrew Blackadder Church Cadenza Choir Sunday 26th May 7.30

Rotary Shop St Andrew Blackadder Church May 27th – 30th May

Fringe by the Sea August 11th – August 16th No details available

Please note times of events can change. Check the town diary which is kept in the library and the events notice board at the foot of Law Road.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS

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