

# THE BOW-TOW

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## NEW SCHOOL, NEW VISION, NEW BEGINNINGS

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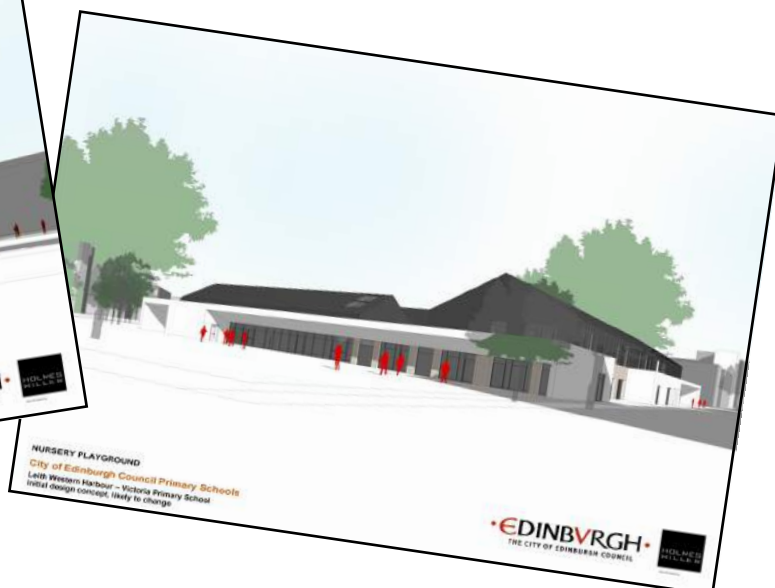
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# ALL SYSTEMS GO!

ON FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, the City of Edinburgh Council established a budget for the replacement Victoria Primary School. As a result, progress was made with the design of the new school with the intention of submitting a planning application in due course. Thanks to Councillor Gordon Munro, we are delighted to reveal the initial design concept which, although likely to be modified in some way, gives a clear indication of the location and structure of the new school for the children of Greater Newhaven.



(With the boundary changes that took place prior to the 2017 Council elections, Newhaven Heritage defines "Greater Newhaven" as encompassing Western Harbour as well as the original village of Newhaven which had boundaries commonly identified as 'between the two bridges of George Street and Trinity Road'.)

The map opposite shows the location of the new building at Windrush Drive and Platinum Point. We are delighted to see that provision has been made on the plans for a new parkland, Western Harbour Park, which will include play areas, "kickabout " areas, easy strolling paths and even a cafe. The social benefits of such an area are obvious and will help to provide a community focus to what otherwise could be anonymous canyons of high-rise flats and mixed dwellings. Together with the Heritage Centre and Community Hub that Newhaven Heritage hopes to establish in the former Victoria School, for the first time in many decades Newhaven will once more be seen as a clearly defined community. Our task in Newhaven Heritage is to help the community of Greater Newhaven become thriving, confident, resilient and self-supporting the way that Newhaven used to be.

The proposed school will be on two levels with classrooms for older children on the first floor and the nursery departments occupying the ground floor along with the Gym Hall, Dining Hall and office accommodation.

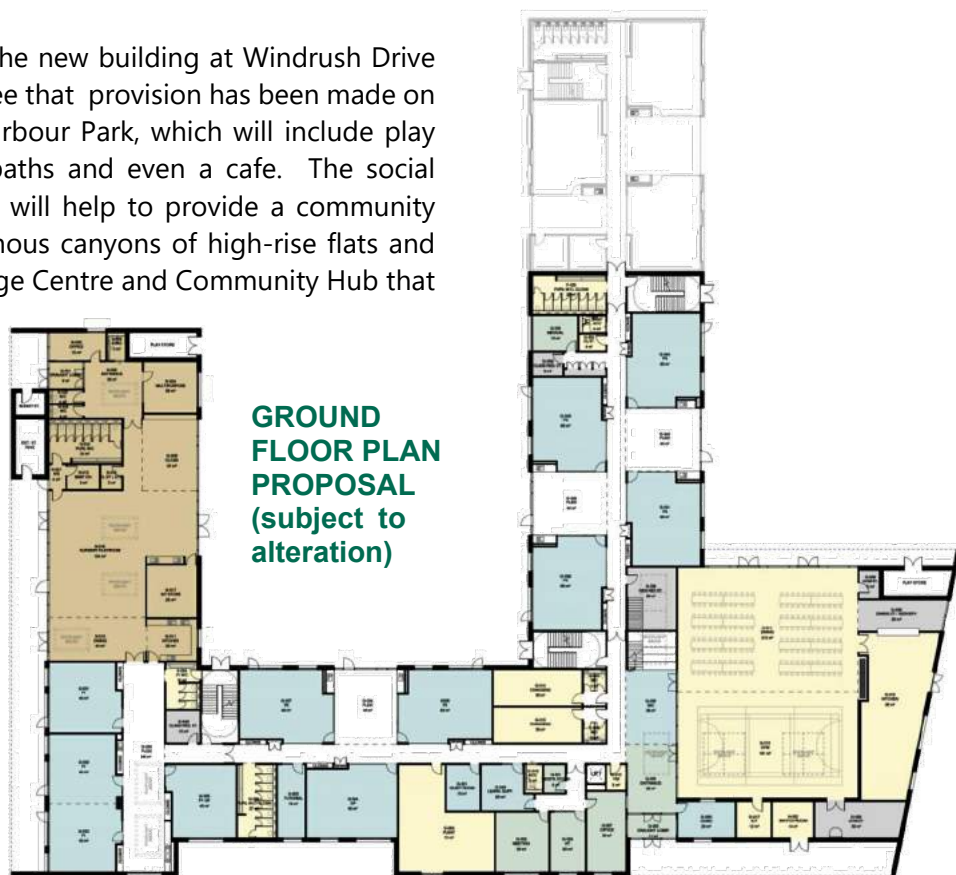
Space precludes us showing the site plan but there will be good and secure space around the building for playgrounds with segregated sections for the nursery children and older pupils play areas for obvious health and safety purposes. A 60m x 40m sports pitch will also feature in the landscaped design.

### FIRST FLOOR CLASSROOM LAYOUT PROPOSAL (subject to alteration)



Newhaven Heritage has plans for ensuring that the children in the new school are firmly vested in the history and heritage of Newhaven and will make full use of the old Victoria School to this effect. Called the Phoenix Project, outline proposals were noted in the previous issue of the Bow-Tow. We will be developing this concept more fully in conjunction with the teaching staff of the school.

Of course all that we have to do is secure the original Victoria School for the benefit of the community! What could be simpler?



# IT'S IN THE BAG



Sharing of stories and memories of Newhaven is a big hit for young and old



Report by  
*JUDY Crabb*

**T**HE INTERGENERATIONAL ORAL history project, funded by Heritage Lottery Fund has got off to a flying start. Sessions at the Haven Centre and at Victoria Primary School have brought older and younger residents together to talk about our three main themes which are:

**1 — Newhaven Village and Victoria Primary School; 2 — Wartime; and 3 — Fishing.**

Stories have ranged from playing in the streets when there were few cars, swimming in the Forth, collecting lemonade bottles from the beach to get money back, having a sleep in school after sitting up all night in air raid shelters and the time Roy Rodgers and his horse Trigger came to town. We have all been fascinated and learned a lot!

The three themed handling or memory boxes (actually they will be in the form of fishwives' 'pockets' as you can see above) to be filled with items representing the stories shared have now being made by our artist and story teller Jan Bee Brown. These resources can continue to be used by pupils in years to come. A fourth 'pocket' will be available for use by families, carers, and community groups who would like 'prompts' to unlocking memories.

Still to come, our participants will be visiting the Museum Collection to choose items reflecting our themes to come out of storage to be displayed in a refreshed Wee Museum.

Finally we will be having a celebration of the project on April 25<sup>th</sup>. See our website for further details to come — [Newhavencommunityproject.wordpress.com](http://Newhavencommunityproject.wordpress.com)



# NEIL McNAUGHTON

## — A TRUE NEWHAVENER

*Remembered by Dr GEORGE Venters*

**L**AST MONTH, Newhaven lost a man who embodied many of the best qualities of a Bowtow — my friend, Neil McNaughton.

Neil was born in 1937 and we shared a childhood in New Lane — the New Lane of the old postcards. It was a quiet wee cul-de-sac then with no traffic other than the occasional fish van parked up at the top. We also had the open space o' the Fishie Park behind our houses and the lane itself was a safe place for us to play together. So play we did — all the usual games of the day and the season and in all weathers.



Educationists are now recognising what we took for granted — that playing together is the best education for children. Certainly it taught us to work, to share, to co-operate, respect and like each other.

And Neil was likeable then and remained so all his days. He was friendly, good fun and a responsible laddie. He was clever, adept with his hands, adventurous and could draw.

Neil was a natural athlete. He loved all sport and was good at most games but liked, and was best at, football where he was talented enough to be selected to play for the Leith schoolboys' team, first as a centre forward and later as a goalie.

Now Neil wasn't the usual build you would look for in a goalie for he was wee but he was agile as a cat. That agility helped him achieve his earliest claim to fame as an eleven year old. As children the forbidden always had its appeal for us and as boys we always liked climbing. There were few if any trees available in Newhaven so we'd climb walls, fences and up on to roofs. The school was the preferred place for roof climbing and though most of us could manage the flat roofs, Neil was legendary being the only one among us who made it to the tower atop the school. Now this could be seen as foolhardy but Neil never was. Even at eleven he was self-confident and a sound judge of his own abilities — he would work out how to do something safely and then do it. And the feat showed he was brave and adventurous.

That spirit of adventure carried Neil all over the world, firstly as a marine engineer sailing the seven seas and later as an engineer and development manager working for Ferranti, the engineering firm.

Neil was adaptable. When his career ended with Ferranti he retrained to become a support technician and worked in Broughton School. He had always enjoyed working with children and so the job suited him. It reflected another facet of his personality. He looked after and looked out for people. He had a talent for mentoring children which carried he over into his main hobby, golf. He liked all sport but golf became a substantial part of his life until its end. He had been Captain of both Silverknowes and Prestonfield golf clubs and youth convenor in both. This role he really enjoyed for he delighted in helping youngsters improve their game and develop their characters.

He was astute and perceptive and had the knack of helping folk reach their full potential. And he also a genuine affection for most people and that was reciprocated. The numbers attending his funeral give testament to the high regard in which he was held by so many.

Neil lived a full and eventful life but it was not always easy. When his wife, Norma, died it was devastating for him. But his grit and determination, along with the help of his loving family and many friends, carried him through and also helped him cope throughout the length of his final illness.

Neil was brought up in a kind and caring family within a kind and caring community. He exemplifies the best of Bowtow virtues and love, caring and kindness are his legacy. We hope that our children — and their children — will have the chance to grow up in the kind of supportive community we did and have the space and freedom to play together that we enjoyed. That is what we are working for.



# FROM THE ANNALS

*The Kirk Session Records of St Andrew's Parish Church*

## INTRODUCING A NEW SERIES FROM THE JULY ISSUE



**I**N 1843, A SCHISM over patronage called The Disruption, split the Church of Scotland and the Kirk Session of Newhaven church, along with 450 other congregations, voted to leave the Established Church to form The Free Church of Scotland. As a consequence, St Andrew's Church (left) was founded and built predominantly through the generous subscriptions of the fishermen of Newhaven. Because of this, St Andrew's was always known as "The Fishermen's Kirk". The church had no steeple but upon the death of the much-loved Rev Dr Fairbairn in 1879, a fine 120-foot steeple was built as a mark of remembrance of his long and faithful ministry. This was instigated by Dr Fairbairn's successor, Rev

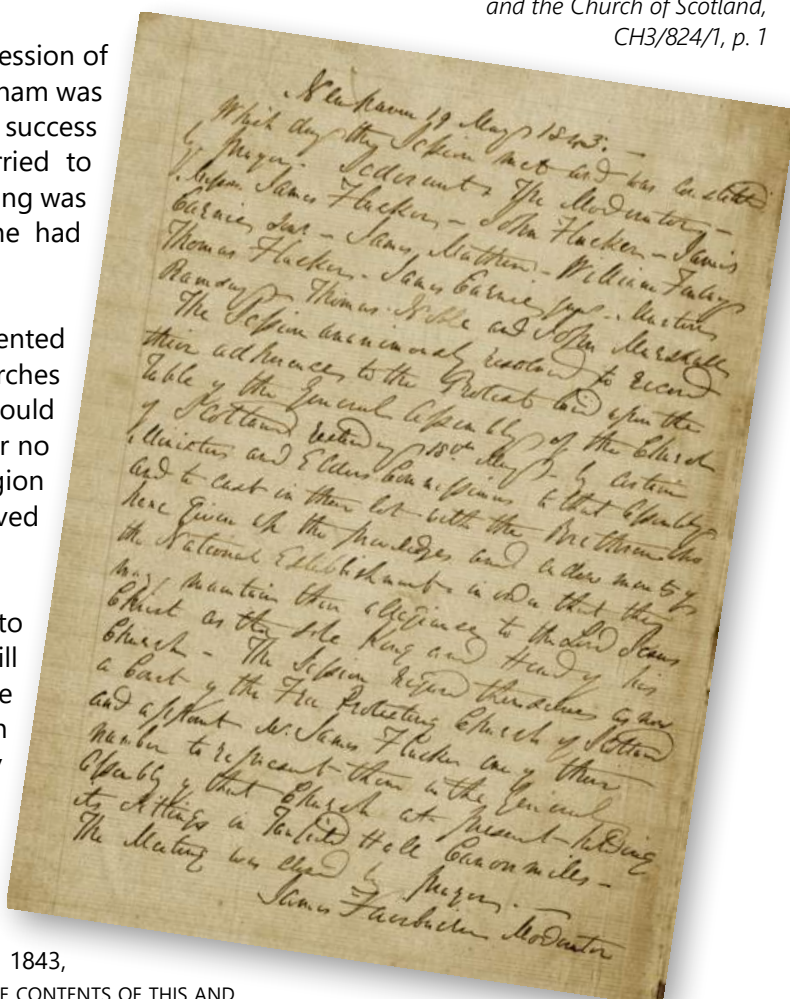
**Dr David Kilpatrick who, like his predecessor, served lovingly for many years, retiring in 1917.**

*Photograph courtesy of the National Records of Scotland and the Church of Scotland, CH3/824/1, p. 1*

When the Established Church of Scotland regained possession of Newhaven-on-Forth Church in 1849, Rev Dr William Graham was appointed to minister to his flock. This he did with great success until his sudden death in 1887. His coffin was carried to Warriston Cemetery by a relay of fishermen and his passing was sincerely mourned throughout the village to which he had given a lifetime.

It must be asked why three very capable and talented ministers who could have easily carved careers in churches with higher profiles and richer congregations should dedicate their lives to humble surroundings. The answer no doubt is the villagers of Newhaven took their religion seriously and returned the grace of the ministry received with respect, appreciation and love.

Over the ensuing issues of the Bow-Tow, we will delve into the annals of St Andrew's and pick out highlights that will help to illustrate the life of the church in the village. In the fullness of time, the minutes of Newhaven-on-Forth Church will also be visited. However, for many Newhaveners living on and just off the Main Street, St Andrew's was considered as 'their' church. As a consequence, the records of the Fishermen's Kirk, younger though it may be, are the first to be examined.

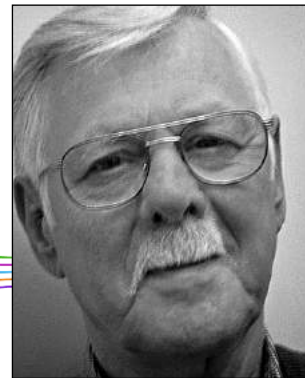


RIGHT: PAGE ONE FROM THE KIRK SESSION MINUTES DATED 19 JULY 1843, APPARENTLY WRITTEN IN THE HAND OF DR JAMES FAIRBAIRN HIMSELF. THE CONTENTS OF THIS AND OTHER PAGES WILL FEATURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BOW-TOW AND FOLLOWING ISSUES THEREAFTER.



# CHOIR NOTES

by DOUGIE Ratcliffe



**IT'S BEEN A very busy period for the choir since the last notes.**

The Burns Supper was again a great success, with the choir members contributing much to the night but not only with their singing. George Venters gave the Immortal Memory and I proposed the Toast Tae The Lassies. Jed and Jo supplied the music for the dancing and quite a number of the choir were first on the floor, showing off some nifty footwork to the rest of the revelers who were not slow to follow suit. A great evening enjoyed by all.

Rehearsals have been going well with new songs being learned giving us a much wider repertoire. The older songs have not been ignored with these being kept up to scratch as well. This is all in anticipation of a fairly busy future schedule.

Unfortunately due to the recent inclement weather our gig at Laverock House Care Home had to be cancelled, as well as rehearsals. We will still go to Laverock House sometime in the future as we are keen to take our music out in to the community.

The opening of Welch Fishmongers new fish restaurant in the old market building will be our next gig on April 12 and April 13. Long time supporters of the Newhaven Choir and Newhaven Heritage Centre this will be one gig not to miss.

This will be quickly followed by Tradfest on 29 April in the Leith Dockers Club. Continuing the historical links between Scotland and Norway, this will be an afternoon of songs and storytelling featuring Newhaven Community Choir and the Trass Male Voice Choir from Norway. Also telling the stories will be Jan Bee Brown and Hilde Eskild. For tickets — Box Office 0131 556 9579: for further information on Tradfest — [www.tracscotland.org/festivals](http://www.tracscotland.org/festivals).

After that fairly hectic time, it brings us to the Newhaven Gala Day on May 26. A day always fixed firmly in our calendar, only the dates change due to the times of the tide!! Always a fun day and hoping for good weather.

June sees us at the Community Garden for the Power of Food Festival and also at Granton for the Forth Midsummer Challenge a joint event between Newhaven Coastal Rowing Club and Forth Corinthian Yacht Club. A busy schedule for a small choir and that can sometimes cause us problems with availability of members. We have had to refuse a couple of gigs as times and dates didn't suit, so if you are thinking of asking the choir along to sing for you, give us as much notice as you can and we will certainly consider your request.



# VISCOUNT NEWHAVEN

Coincidence is a curious thing. I was researching the life and work of Dr James Fairbairn in preparation of the forthcoming series on the Kirk Session minutes of St Andrew's Church (see page 6) and referred to, amongst other sources, *Cassell's Old and New Edinburgh* by James Grant which was printed as a periodical in the 1880s. There, I stumbled upon a reference to Viscount Newhaven and resolved to follow this up sometime. About ten days later and totally out of the blue, in comes an email from the ubiquitous Andrew Grant (no relation to the above James Grant) with the following information about Viscount Newhaven. So we must now add mind-reader to Andrew's CV! Thank you Andrew.

Editor



ABOVE: WILLIAM LORD CHEYNEY, VISCOUNT NEWHAVEN (1728) BY WILLIAM WOODMAN. THE SEATED FIGURE OF LADY NEWHAVEN (1731) WAS ADDED AFTER HER DEATH BY WILLIAM WOODMAN THE YOUNGER. THE TOMB IS TO BE FOUND IN THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, DRAYTON BEAUCHAMP, BUCKS.

**A** PROPOS 'RESTALRIG'S' amusing verses on the subject of Viscount Newhaven [which appears on the opposite page] the following extract will be read with interest. It is taken from the third volume of "The Scottish Nation" (1863 printed by Fullerton & M'Nab, Leith) :-

"Viscount Newhaven, a title in the peerage of Scotland, conferred by patent dated 17th May 1681, on an old Northamptonshire family of that name. The principal title was taken from Newhaven, in the County of Edinburgh; the secondary title was Lord Cheyne. Previous to being created a Baronet, he had been an M.P. for Agmondisham, and as a Scottish Peerage previous to the Union, held by an English subject, stood on the same footing as an Irish one at present, he still possessed in England merely the rank of a Commoner, and was eligible to being elected an M.P. In 1695 Viscount Newhaven was chosen as M.P. for Newport, Cornwall, and died 13th July

1698, in his 74th year. His only son, William, second Viscount Newhaven, was M.P. first for Buckinghamshire, and afterwards Agmondisham, till the Union in 1707, when he became a Peer of the realm. In 1712 he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, but removed from that office on the accession of George 1 in 1714. He died 14th December 1728, in his 82nd year, without issue, when the Peerage, being to the heirs male of the body of the first Viscount, became extinct."

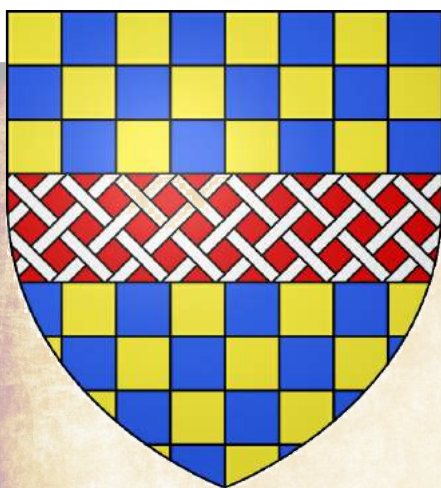
Extracted from "The Leith Observer" 4<sup>th</sup> March 1916.

And from "The Leith Observer" 25<sup>th</sup> March 1916

Three weeks ago, in this column, we referred to the now extinct title of Viscount Newhaven, which there is some talk of reviving. The title was conferred upon one Charles Cheyne, descendant from an old Northamptonshire family. There is an interesting reference to the Cheynes in the "Records of South Leith Parish," compiled by Mr D. Robertson, Town Clerk of Leith. Under the date of 15th February 1639, there is a note in the Records regarding the Lamb family, who are said to have probably the longest connection with South Leith Church. In 1560 the representatives from Leith to the first General Assembly included Andrew Lamb, in whose house Queen Mary, on her return from France, passed a whole day. Lamb's Court, taken down about 1850, was part of the family property. Another member of the family was Andrew Lamb, Bishop of Galloway, who in 1621 gifted to the Session five acres of land, now part of Seafield Cemetery. In his deed the Bishop says that he and his predecessors had been born and brought up in Leith for 300 years. The gift was intended to provide for two pensioners in the Hospital, to be presented by the Bishop and his heirs, and this arrangement continued until the hospital was taken down in 1822. In 1823 the Session made a new agreement with Colonel Cheyne, eldest son of Dr. John Cheyne, of Leith, heir and legal representative of Bishop Lamb. By this agreement the Session undertook to pay sixpence per day to each of the pensioners. The right of presentation was sold in 1895 to the Re. Gildard Jackson, Rector of St James'. The pensions still continue to be paid. The Dr. Cheyne mentioned above resided in Bonnington Bank House. We are informed that several Cheynes, descendants of the old Leith Family, are now living in Australia.

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# FOR WHOM THE TITLE?

Newhaven, at one time, gave the title of Viscount to an English family of the name of Cheyne. The honour was of short duration. It was assumed in 1681, and became extinct in 1728. In 1916, someone in 'Court' circles had suggested its being resumed. This caused 'Restalrig' to put pen to paper.

Oh! Ye, wha dwell near famed  
Whale Brae,  
Look not on life wi, sic dismay;  
On yonder cloud there sits a ray  
O' siller linin',  
But on wha's pate tis hard to say-  
It needs divin'in'.

The gossips on the auld pier-heid,  
Wha in the village tak the lead,  
And ilka fishwife's gab maun feed  
Wi' prattling haivers;  
Say that this latest news indeed  
Fair taps their claivers!

"Oor Lady's Port o' Grace" ance mair  
They say "weel worth a Viscount's  
chair,"  
But wha the coronet's fit tae wear –  
Aye, that's the teaser;  
It maun be some fiend o' care,  
Or wizened geezer!

Ilk nicht within the "Peacock" Inn,  
Amidst the clatter and the din,  
O' glasses, trenchers, pewters, tin,  
Folks noo are busy  
Their thochts seem everywhaur to rin  
– It maks ane dizzy.

"Wha should we for a Viscount hae?"  
Is noo the order of the day,  
And ilka ane maun hae his say –  
That's nocht but right;  
Unnanimity seems faur away –  
And oot o' sicht.

The Carnies and the Listons, a'  
The Fluckers o' the Middle Raw,  
And ilka Wilson o'er ye saw,  
Hae each their man;  
In their ain minds there's nane  
sae braw  
To lead the van.

Ane swears the trust in Reverend  
D-----  
Says "he's the man that she wad gie  
The Title to, 'thoot let or fee-  
He's earned it weel;  
For gey lang years he's helped me  
And my auld creel.

Whilst ithers o' the fishin' toon,  
Ask "Wha has been oor greatest  
boon?"  
They say ye micht search up an'  
doon,  
An' find nae better  
Than "their ain Tammas" honest  
loon —  
Send him the letter!

"Aweel," says ane, "Whae'er it be  
That bends at royal Geordie's knee,  
There's nane as faur as I can see  
That matches M----  
He trokes in fish frae Forth to Dee –  
He'd mak a gem."

"But whit aboot oor ain braw knight?  
To ilka ane 'twad gie delicht.  
Then nane could tak' it as a slicht  
Were he raise Higher,  
For Leith folks then wad say  
'twas richt —  
They him admire."

The hale o' Trinity's in arms –  
Each clique works up their favourite's  
charms  
And even amidst fierce war's alarms  
They're vainly schemin',  
These special few their ardour  
warms,  
An' helps their dreamin'.

At humbler chiels some hints are  
thrown  
The list o' "probables" has grown  
Till noo ane's forced at length to own  
We've chiels in plenty,  
Ready to mount the purple throne  
At least we've twenty.

A certain "judge, ye'll ken his name,  
Weel kent for Demosthenian fame,  
They say "nane better could declaim  
In yonder hoose";  
His oratory's aye the same  
When broken loose!

An architect! Guid save the mark,  
Is mentioned as a horse, gey dark,  
But still there burns within a spark  
O' high ambition;  
By George ! but he could raise a lark  
If in condition.

A coming Provost has a host  
Of followers right at the post,  
He'll maybe have them a' on toast,  
Ere this thing's settled;  
Position's neither won nor lost,  
Till folks get nettled.

There's ane, a worth braw Scots  
chiel,  
Wha Lo'es auld Scotland, ballads  
weel,  
Yet widna mind an upward spiel  
To Viscount's chair;  
Theiir melodies he's tune and seal,  
Wi' lovin' care.

A few have named the Poet's ain  
bard,  
But he's been used to chairs gey  
hard,  
And safter sates micht jist retard  
His fancy's flichts;  
He'd suner sit on Muses' sward  
On simmer nichts.

On whom the title will befa',  
On whom the royal banner ca',  
Let's hope that he will tap the raw,  
When once appointed;  
But let the fishin' village blaw  
The King's anointed!

Restalrig  
21st February 1916

From The Leith Observer

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# Friends of Starbank Park

## AN AMAZING YEAR

by CHRISTINE Shepherd



SINCE THE JANUARY edition of Bow Tow the AGM has taken place and we were delighted to be able to hold it in the newly refurbished bothy. Everyone managed to squeeze in — just! The Chair, Janet McArthur, reported that it had been an amazing year, with numerous groups visiting the park — Ramblers, Beavers, Rainbows, Pensioners, to name but a few. A number of successful funding applications had been submitted.

This overview attests to the ongoing development of the Park, which continues to provide enjoyment for so many, old and young, local and not so local.

**March:** It's your neighbourhood award — theme was birds, bees and trees; the Park was awarded 97%

**April:** Easter Egg Hunt — the usual crazy success

**May:** Scotsman article (by Moyra Forrest) on historical roots of Starbank Park. Plants for herbaceous border. Aerial photography of the Park.

**June:** Picnic, celebrating life of Jo Cox and Power of Food. Attended by Deidre Brock (MP), Ben MacPherson (MSP) and local councillors. Tesco Bags of Help funding received.

**July:** Nature Trail completed; new councillor, Eleanor Bird, planted a rose tree; Teddy Bear picnic, sponsored by Asda, for Children in Need.

**August:** New adult library in the form of a Tardis completed. Seed planting at Trinity Community Gala.

**September:** £500 from Skipton Building Society Grass Roots funding towards refurbishment of toilets. Cheese and wine evening.

**October:** Hallowe'en Party — huge variety of activities.

**November:** FoSP were nominated by Fields in Trust for Friends Group of the Year — one of only 4 groups in the UK and the only group in Scotland. Although FoSP did not win this was an enormous accolade: Stan and Janet attended the awards ceremony along with David Jamieson (Edinburgh Council Parks). Male toilets were converted into a very useful tools store.

**December:** Wreath making workshops. Decorations at Laverock House. Annual FoSP Christmas lunch at Old Chain Pier.

Our activities continue in this new season with the Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt on 30th March. This event also saw the official opening of the Park's latest small library — imaginatively housed in a model of the Tardis. We were delighted that a local author, Sue Lawrence, will perform the opening ceremony. Sue is already well known for her cookery books, and more recently has embarked on writing novels — often with a local setting (Old Chain Pier and Porto and Fi feature in one of them). Sue's third novel, due out shortly, is set in Newhaven. On May 5th we shall be holding a Cherry Blossom Tea Party — put the date in your diaries.

As ever Friends of Starbank Park are grateful for the support of the Council in their efforts to maintain and enhance the Park. At a recent meeting with Council representatives plans to install raised beds to grow food and to build a polytunnel were agreed in principle. Also agreed was the reinstitution of a sundial which old photographs had shown to be previously situated in the centre of the south section of the Park.

We run two volunteer sessions a week Wednesday and Saturday 10-11:30am with refreshments afterwards. Come and volunteer as you can or help out at our events.







*helping newhaven grow*

*By LUCY Metcalfe*

# GREEN GROWS NEWHAVEN - O

**A**S THE NEWHAVEN plots and gardens lay dormant in the January cold, a meeting was held for potential garden volunteers to help us start planning for the growing season. An encouraging turnout led to the establishing of regular team gardening sessions. We started these a little earlier than planned, on Friday 16th March as that was when we received a delivery of mulch from the Council. We tidied the Main Street Garden and mulched its paths so that it is now looking much more attractive and Spring-ready.



Gardening sessions will take place on alternate Fridays (3-5pm) and Sundays (2-4pm) and all are welcome, experienced or novice, adults and children alike. These are the dates for the first sessions: Friday 20/04, Sunday 29/04, Friday 4/05 (and so on). We would like to stress that you do not have to come for the full two hours! Drop by for as long as you like. News about what we have been up to and what is planned in these sessions appear regularly on our Facebook page: Newhaven Heritage Community Garden.

Our next meeting for Newhaven residents was held in Victoria School at the end of February, after a poster and leafleting campaign which brought in 20 interested locals. The aim was to encourage interest and participation in the plans for a mural, to be designed and made by adults and children of the Newhaven community, and I'm glad to report that the response was wholly positive.

The mural (see back page) will be sited on the east facing wall of the Main Street Garden and painted onto wooden panels, under the leadership of artist Jennie Temple from Edinburgh College. Victoria Primary and Trinity Academy are committed to involving their students and many people at the meeting were also keen to be involved in the workshops, which will take place over the summer and autumn terms.



As the green shoots and bright bulbs of early spring finally start to appear, it is good to know that the Scottish Trust for Conservation Volunteers is going to tackle the "Bindweed Plot" on Willowbank Row, before the dreaded weed starts its rampaging again. Looking to the future, we are planning another event for the Power of Food Festival on Sunday 17th June. Entitled "Eat One Grow One (or Two!)", it will be a celebration of delicious, easy to grow salads, which we hope to be simultaneously harvesting, eating and sowing! The Community Choir will provide entertainment again and we are very much open to offers of other entertainment or activities. There will be a "Bee and Butterfly" walkabout later in the summer, to raise awareness of the need for planned and carefully managed green spaces in the Western Harbour development.

In the meantime, do have a wander round the old village and enjoy all the snowdrops, irises, crocuses, daffodils and tulips that Heather Yang managed to get planted in their hundreds over the last few years and which are bringing much-needed colour to lots of Newhaven corners.

**All enquiries to [greenfingers@newhavenonforth.org.uk](mailto:greenfingers@newhavenonforth.org.uk).  
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# — BOWTOW BLETHERS —



The **2018 NEWHAVEN GALA DAY** will take place on **Saturday 26th May**. The Gala Queen and Fisher King and entourage will arrive at Newhaven Harbour at around **1.30pm**. As is now the practice, the Royal Procession will proceed along Main Street escorted by a pipe band to the school playground where the crowning ceremony will take place. The honour of crowning goes this year to Ben MacPherson MSP. Entertainment will be provided by Pulse of the Place, the School Choir and Newhaven Community Choir. The order for another fine sunny day as last year has been placed and is in the lap of the gods.

## THE NEWHAVEN MURAL PROJECT

is progressing. On February 24, at a well attended meeting in the Anchor Building of Victoria School, the proposal to paint a mural on the wall at the Community Garden at the Armada received

was warmly received. Art students from Edinburgh College provided artwork and it is hoped that pupils from Trinity Academy will also become involved. A fuller report will feature in the next issue.



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— BE A LEADER

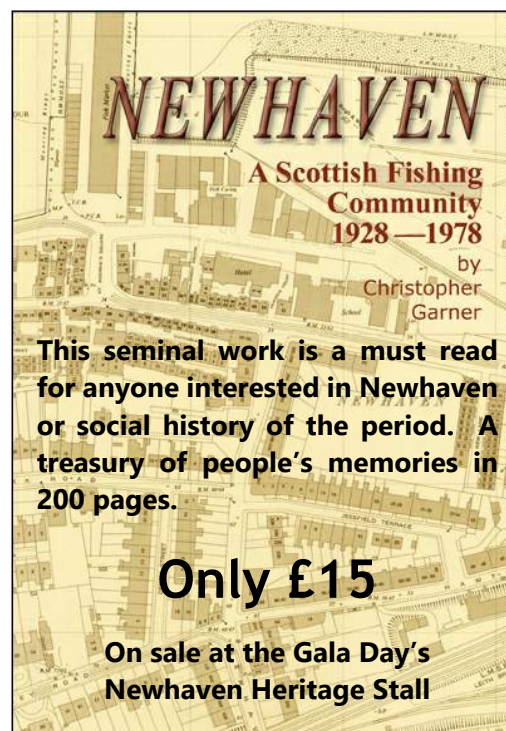


### Newhaven Fishwife Cotton Tote Bag

Natural cotton tote bag with picture of Newhaven Fishwives. 36 x 39cms with long handles

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