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Brought to you by the Herald and Times Magazine Group, our community magazine seeks to celebrate the best the area has to offer.

Inside this issue is filled with community news. From a packed programme of local events in our what's on guide on page 14, to news of a Milngavie football pitch set for transformation on page 8 and a local building in the running for an award on page 18, there's plenty inside to catch up on.



Local building up for top award
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All ages helped make local festival a swinging success

A popular family-friendly festival returned to Mugdock Country Park over the summer.

Hundreds of people flocked to the annual MugStock festival to enjoy a range of live music, fun, food and performances.

The boutique event is managed and run by volunteers – supported by East Dunbartonshire Council, sponsors and more.

Mugstock 2018 took place over 27-30 July, with acts including Roddy Woomble, The Showhawk Duo, Colonel Mustard & the Dijon 5, Kid Canaveral, Tide Lines, The Girobabies and the Trongate Rum Riots.

Councillor Billy Hendry, Convener of the Council's Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee,

said: "Helping to host festivals such as MugStock is a real benefit to East Dunbartonshire – attracting visitors, boosting the local economy and showcasing one of the many assets in our local area.

"It's great to see such innovative ideas being brought to fruition. I am particularly pleased by the strong support provided by the Council and country park colleagues."

MugStock is run on a not-for-profit basis with year-round fundraising helping to subsidise ticket prices.

Jim Gibbons, Chair of Mugdock Country Park Joint Management Committee, said, "Mugstock has established itself as one of the best live festivals around – attracting people of all ages from all over Scotland and beyond.

"I am delighted that the organisers have found a home among the beautiful surrounds of Mugdock Country Park, which is the ideal setting for a range of uses – offering a unique mix of natural beauty and great facilities, as well as a wealth of activities, attractions and events all year round."





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Funding set to transform Milngavie football pitch

Footballers in Milngavie will have an upgraded pitch to show off their fancy footwork this season thanks to a £30,500 investment.

The Council, on behalf of EDLC Trust, have appointed contractors Allstone Glasgow Ltd to carry out drainage improvement works on the pitch at Oakburn Park.

The work, which should reduce waterlogging on the pitch, was identified as one of the Milngavie Open Space priority projects in the Council's Open Space Strategy.

Councillor Billy Hendry, Convener of the Council's Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee, said, "I'm delighted that this work is now underway. Poor drainage can cause

inconvenience to those who use the pitch and has resulted in a reduction of bookings in the past.

"The improvements will allow for more people to play on the pitch for longer and is all part of our work towards enhanced recreational facilities within Oakburn Park."

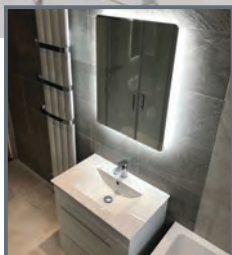
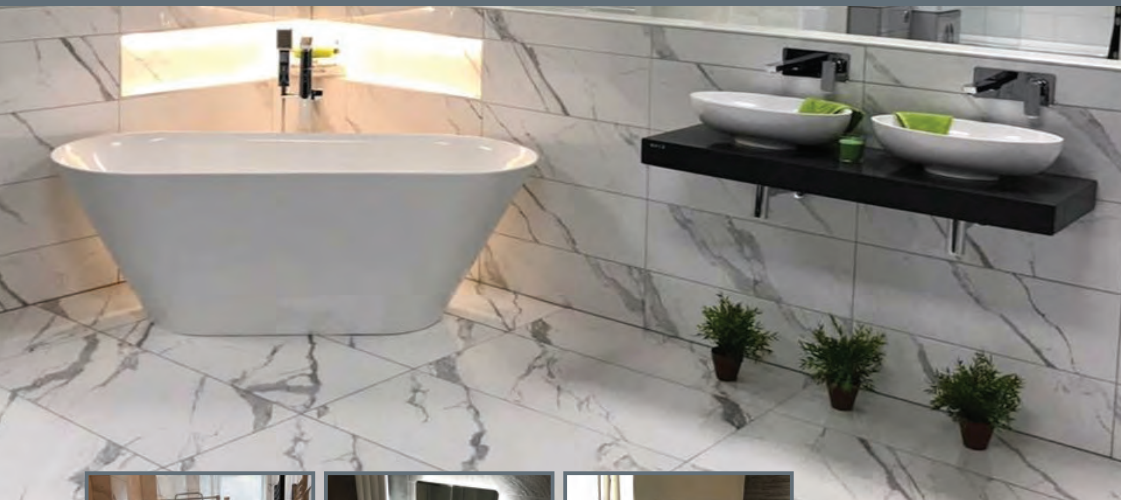
Sandy Marshall, Chair of EDLC Trust, said, "This work should ensure that during the next season fewer matches will be lost to the weather.

"Having a good quality pitch to play on will make it a great place for teams to play on and for visitors to enjoy."

It is anticipated that the work should take between four and six weeks to complete and the pitch should be available for play in late summer.



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New school all set for pupils

THE new £10 million primary school in Bearsden was handed over to the council by construction company Morgan Sindall in good time before the first pupils start back after the holidays.

The school, designed for 450 pupils, has enabled the co-location of two former schools which were in need of modernisation.

It has been built on the site of what was St Andrew's Primary, replacing it, and allowing pupils from the former St Joseph's Primary, in nearby Milngavie, to be taught on the same site.

Children, staff and parents were given a chance to name the new school, opting for St Nicholas' Primary. Construction company Morgan Sindall invited pupils on tours to see how the new school was shaping up.

Stuart Parker, Morgan Sindall's managing director for Scotland, said:

"We're incredibly pleased to complete this important project for the council and it's particularly gratifying to hand it over early. The other schools we've built have been universally well-received. I'm confident St Nicholas' will be no different."

Council Joint Leader, Vaughan Moody, said: "The children coming to St Nicholas' in August will be educated in a building with all modern facilities. Our thanks to Morgan Sindall for delivering the school to the council in good time."



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Town enjoys new facilities

Milngavie has benefitted from the launch of a new community facility opened earlier this summer, which includes public toilets, a meeting space, and a new information point for locals and visitors.

The Waypoint at Milngavie Youth Centre was officially launched on Thursday, 28 June and comes following a row over a lack of public facilities in Milngavie, the last town before the West Highland Way.

East Dunbartonshire Council previously allocated £60,000 in capital funding and £12,000 in revenue funding for a community management and empowerment programme at the centre.

Milngavie Youth Centre chairman Gordon McCorkindale said: "This is a wonderful day for the Youth Centre and Milngavie.

"It has taken longer than we anticipated – due to a number of logistical challenges – but the trustees are delighted that The Waypoint is now open.

"We are grateful for the support of the council and

a number of organisations for their assistance."

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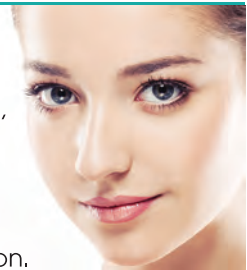


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WHAT'S ON

Take advantage of some of the upcoming events and activities taking place throughout your community over the next few months.

EVENT: → **GO BATTY IN BEARSDEN**

Date: Friday, 24 August
Time: 8.30-9.30pm
Location: Mugdock Country Park
Cost: £3

WHAT'S ON:

Learn about the real stars of the night on this bat-tastic Ranger led walk. Search for perky pipistrelles and delightful Daubentons. Booking is essential; call 0141 956 6100.

EVENT: → **SENSORY STARS**

Date: Every Thursday
Time: 11.30am
Location: Bearsden Library
Cost: £3 per child

WHAT'S ON:

Enjoy some chilled-out time with your baby, hear a story and meet other carers while your babies experience some sensory play. Classes need to be booked in advance either online at www.booking.edlc.co.uk/horizons/culture or by telephoning 0141 777 3143 during office hours.

EVENT: → **ULTM8 WARRIOR EVENT**

Date: Sunday, 26 August
Time: 9am-1.30pm
Location: Mugdock Country Park
Cost: £12

WHAT'S ON:

The first 'junior only' obstacle racing event is coming to Glasgow. Heats will be available for 4-6 years (1k), 7-9 years (2k), and 10-13 years (3k). Each heat will involve 1, 2 or 3 laps of the unique obstacle course. To find out more and sign up, visit www.ultm8warrior.co.uk

EVENT: → **'NATURALLY INSPIRED' EXPRESSIVE PAINTING WORKSHOP**

Date: Saturday, 25 August
Time: 10.30am-3.30pm
Location: Kilmardinny Arts Centre
Cost: £55

WHAT'S ON:

Using the natural environment for inspiration the workshop will begin with a series of simple mixed-media sketchbook drawings outside and develop these back in the studio with acrylic painting techniques. Exercises will allow you to develop and expand.

EVENT: → **LADY MAISERY**

Date: Friday, 12 October
Time: 7.30pm
Location: The Milngavie Folk Club,
The Fraser Centre
Cost: £15



WHAT'S ON:

Distinctive harmonies accompanied by a rich tapestry of fiddle, banjo, harp, concertina and accordion combine to delightful effect in this English folk band. Don't miss the trio's thoughtful arrangements in October at the Milngavie Folk Club.



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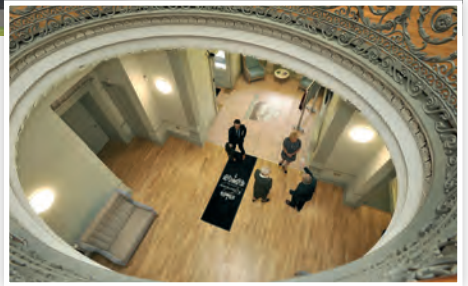
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Local building in the running for top award



A Bearsden building has made the shortlist for a prestigious UK-wide honour.

The rejuvenated Kilmardinny House is in the running for Civic Building of the Year by SPACES (Society for Public Architecture, Construction, Engineering and Surveying). It is one of only 19 projects chosen from across the UK.

The Grade A-listed building reopened last year after a £2.73m programme of works.

SPACES' judges will visit Kilmardinny and the other projects in the coming months, with the winner announced on 11 October.

Joint Council Leader, Councillor Andrew Polson, said: "I am delighted that Kilmardinny House has been shortlisted for such a prestigious award, taking its place alongside some of the most inspirational and ambitious projects in the whole of the UK. I am also pleased to confirm that Council has committed an additional £120,000 to further enhance landscaping at Kilmardinny."

Joint Council Leader, Councillor Vaughan Moody, said: "This is great news and well deserved following

an ambitious project of rejuvenation and extension – which involved significant investment in a major local asset – ensuring it remains fit for purpose for many years to come."

The new garden pavilion extension provides a modern, flexible space which can accommodate a variety of activities, while Kilmardinny House itself features a mixture of office, activity and meeting spaces, as well as a refurbished community theatre.

Iain Marley, CEO, hub West Scotland, said: "Kilmardinny House is the 11th project we have delivered for East Dunbartonshire Council. Our supply chain partners Clark Contracts and Mast Architects have delivered a modern extension which is sympathetic to the listed premises – revitalising the building and providing the Council with an excellent investment for the community to enjoy."

Michael Scanlan, Director, Clark Contracts, said, "It is fantastic to be shortlisted for this prestigious award and we look forward to finding out if we have been successful in October."

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Scheme that encourages active travel bags award

A prestigious award was bagged by a local scheme that was developed to promote active travel and public transport throughout the area.

The Scottish Transport Award for Excellence in Walking & Public Realm was won by the Milngavie Station Travel Hub recently.

To achieve their aim the East Dunbartonshire Council project includes many enhancements to ease and encourage residents to reduce their carbon footprint.

Major public realm improvements, bus priority measures, better pedestrian access, increased parking, high-quality new surfacing, enhanced street furniture and facilities, and improved planting and landscaping are some of the steps being taken to improve accessibility. It's also hoped they will appeal to a greater audience.

The new hub makes it easier to connect journeys whether you are travelling by train, bike, bus or car.

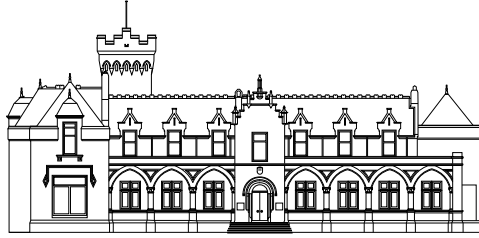
It also creates a welcoming gateway to the town centre – encouraging footfall and a greater number of visitors.

Funding was secured by the Council from Transport Scotland's Bus Investment Fund and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

Milngavie Station Travel Hub was also shortlisted for Integrated Transport Project of the Year at the Scottish Transport Awards.

Sustainable travel hubs have also been set up in the Kessington and Hillfoot areas of Bearsden.

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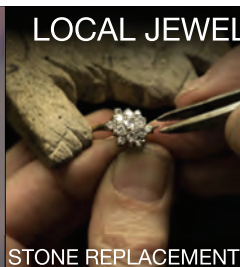


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Imaginative pupils praised by First Minister at event

Pupils from P1/2 of Killermont Primary, who were among the winners of this year's First Minister's Reading Challenge, got their noses out of their books to meet Nicola Sturgeon in person.

Pupils attended a special event in Edinburgh to collect their award in recognition of the creativity they showed in devising their class reading initiatives. The pupils championed books through reading displays and a paired reading programme with older pupils and they devised imaginative ways to share the books they loved.

The First Minister said, "I'd like to congratulate all the schools

and pupils who have taken part in this year's challenge. They've all worked really hard over the past year and are a credit to their local communities.

"Raising attainment is at the heart of the Scottish Government's work. That is why I launched the First Minister's Reading Challenge – to encourage reading for pleasure from an early age which in turn, helps improve children's literacy."

Class Teacher Lindsay Duncan, added, "We are all very proud of our P1/2 class who have shown commitment, enthusiasm and creativity when taking part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge. As part of our reading journey the

children supported each other in a fantastic paired reading project.

"They also created puppet shows, wrote songs and so much more. All of our reading even inspired the children to write and illustrate their own books. Our pupils have been inspired to discuss and share books in new ways and I am delighted their achievement has been recognised in this way."

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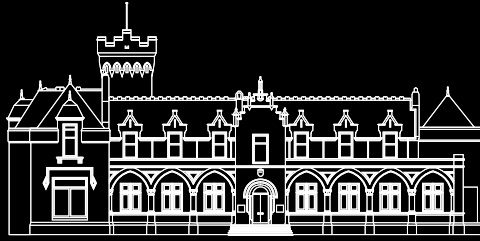
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