



## A Phone Mast for Elie ?

We have received advance warning of an application for planning permission to erect a mobile phone mast outside the church. The mock up is what it would look like and there would be three control boxes roughly the height of the wall alongside. Generally the view was that we probably needed better mobile coverage but the chosen location was out of place with the surroundings. We have been in contact with the applicants and they have said they will discuss the matter with us and investigate other and in our view better locations and we await such discussions. It should be noted that these masts are now very common place and the specific mast sought to be erected here is not a base station and thus it will not be responsible for emitting any rays that might be damaging to health although there is divided opinion on the health aspects of all of these masts. There is no doubt with the coming of 5G and the ability of these masts to control driverless cars such technology is desirable. It might mean better and more considerate parking in the summer but we have to balance convenience with aesthetics. We will see what the applicants say to alternative sites. We will update via facebook



### The Beach

We had a good squad of people (about 30) on 9<sup>th</sup> April and they did a good beach clean. Surfers against Sewage have to be thanked for organising this but it raises a further

question as to whether such cleans should be more routine and the possibility of providing bags for cleaning. We will speak to the them about this.

### Beach Group

The survey and report on the beach has been completed and the beach group have been meeting planning remedial measures. One of the first priorities was to try to establish a protocol to persuade beachside proprietors to consider their obligations in relation to the dunes. The protocols are separately available and attached to this newsletter. But broadly items covered in the Protocol include, invasive species of ivy etc. storage of boats, beach hut placement, access paths and bonfires and parties.



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**We are also now on Facebook – visit us and see what’s going on at:-  
“Elie and Royal Burgh of Earlsferry Community Council”**





## EARLSFERRY TOWN HALL REVIVAL

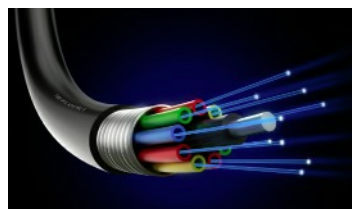
We want to secure assets for our community: assets that are used and valued and will be protected for future generations to enjoy. We need to ask what services we need. Do we need a place where the community can come together for:

Fitness and Dance classes, Badminton, Art, Film, Gardening, Bridge & Drama clubs, Concerts and Special Occasions ? **How Can You Help ?**



**Please** come to a community meeting to discuss possible sustainable uses for our historic hall. Other communities have worked hard to repair, improve and run their town hall. Hear how they have gone about it. The meeting will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in Earlsferry Town Hall.** Lynda would be very happy to hear from you if you have

any further ideas on how best to use the hall. Lynda Rennie: 01333 331008 or Email: [lyndarennie14@gmail.com](mailto:lyndarennie14@gmail.com)



## Broad band

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contracting arm (shortly to be severed) of BT has been busy arranging fast fibre broadband for the villages. Initially there was doubt as to whether the area to the east of Park Place would be fibre enabled since the infrastructure is directly connected to the exchange but with the siting of a greenbox on the east side of Park Place it looks as if fibre-enabled broadband may be available to all of us. If not Coinef Ltd. a company set up to bring super fast broadband to areas of East Neuk omitted from the Openreach scheme, might well be able to include the area in its project which is going out to tender soon but is not likely to be in place before 2018.



Those of us permanently resident in this little paradise obviously welcome the influx of day visitors and holidaymakers but we would ask that you give consideration to some matters which will make our and your environment more pleasant.

**Landfill Bins** There are no landfill bins at the recycling points in the village (Ruby Bay, behind Church etc.) You will know when your landfill uplift is but if your holiday ends mid week or a few days before the collection please think about taking your landfill to the Pittenweem recycling site (turn left just after West End Bar) rather than putting it in the public bins in the villages or on the beach. Hopefully this way we can reduce the number of overflowing public bins at week ends when there is no collection.

**Beach Parties** By all means enjoy our fabulous beach including evening beach parties but please make

sure you remove all debris, glass and plastic from the beach. It is dangerous to leave this lying about and do not set bonfires on the dunes. It harms the marram grass. Also remember that the wooden benches at the Breakwater and Ruby Bay are not meant to be an easy source of firewood.

## Dogs

Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up on the beach even though the tide may take it away. Keep an eye on your dog so that you can find it -(that's the poo not the dog!)



source. He belong.

1907

### ELLIE.

**A DISHONEST LAUNDRY-MAID.**—At Cupar yesterday—before Sheriff Armour—Mrs Mary Sutherland was charged with having at Craighforth House, Earlsferry, occupied by Mr T. R. Outhwaite, engineer, stolen £2 14s 2d. She admitted taking 9s 6d. The Fiscal accepted the plea, and said the accused had taken the money from an unlocked desk in the parlour. Sentence of twenty-one days' imprisonment was passed.

The Outhwaites were the first occupants of Craighforth at Chapel Green. Mrs. Outhwaite established a hospital there during the first world war. She also endowed the Episcopal Church firstly in its original location in the field alongside the 6<sup>th</sup> tee of the golf course and after her death it was moved to its present site in Rottenrow and known as the "Tin Tabernacle."

### Diet of Worms



Not the one in 1521 which tried to rubbish Martin Luther's 39 Articles but the Elie equivalent which was more likely to be twenty past three. read on.....

hermaphroditic) are also growing apace. The closely guarded secret for this lengthy growth lies in the compost mixture that we use in our displays. [Its composition being conform to a secret formula only known to a very few-Ed] However, all this petty squabbling comes to naught alongside the world record for an earthworm which stands (or wriggles) at 22 feet recorded in South Africa....and its name is Wiggly Woo.....Your nature correspondent.

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden.....Everyone must be familiar with our common or garden earthworm (*Lumbricus terrestris*) much sought after by blackbirds, especially after a shower of rain. Earthworms are the gardener's best friends, spending their entire lives churning up the soil and turning a range of organic matter into an enriched compost. It has been calculated that there can be upwards of one million worms in just one acre of soil. [Who actually invents these statistics - Ed] This idyllic, if boring, existence is seldom at the front of my mind. That is until the morning that I sat perusing the local paper between mouthfuls of porridge (with salt not sugar). Therein the headlines screamed at me "Dave is a goliath and the longest earthworm in the UK at 15.7 inches in old money "Crivens" I exclaimed "your reporter has obviously not been to Elie for here our Environmental Action Group is always up for a challenge. Lurking in the depths of one of its display tubs, lives Digger, clocking in at around 18 inches and growing. Furthermore several of his/her progeny (it is



Frozen Yoghurt van at Ruby Bay has a street Traders license. The CC would be interested in the views of those who use the area since there are possible complaints about the noise of the generator

and of course with a French flavour, Robert Hare has positioned a delightfully decorated French crepe van to dispense crepes and presumably gallettes and soft drinks from the Breakwater. Harbinger of rain ? We hope it succeeds but please be aware of the litter problem.





## Crime etc.

We are relatively unscathed but the influx of summer visitors often leads to the odd act of wanton vandalism and even petty theft. The community police have asked us to report any incident via the 101 phone line for whereas it may not need a response it is at least logged as an incident and such incidents regulate the frequency of patrols in the area. Careless and inconsiderate parking is another bug bear we have to face. The area at the Ship Inn is normally busy with parked cars restricting the road to a single lane. Please be patient if there is a blockage but even better park in the High Street and walk down the Toft - it's a good walk and help to the congestion. Not to mention the digestion.



## History Society Outing and Expedition

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On 18<sup>th</sup> May the History Society are visiting Mary Kings Close in Edinburgh and after lunch Parliament House/Court of Session, Signet Library and St. Giles Cathedral. We make our own travel arrangements to and from Edinburgh and then on 22<sup>nd</sup> June we plan to take the ferry from Anstruther

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to North Berwick and get a guided tour of North Berwick and return. Get your sea legs ! Anyone wanting to join please ask for a form at Carol's shop or Graham Johnston 1 Elie House 01333330270



seagulls attacking black bin bags put out by those who do not have access to a wheelie bin. Fife Council have now provided these houses with a sturdy black bin bag - they look re-useable.. Hopefully along with instructions because there is a long strip of Velcro on one side. Not quite worked out what this is for.

## Black Bags

- you may have seen these around. You will recall that there had always been a problem with

## Summer Events



Ship Inn - new menu with much local produce. Beach Cricket expected -first one 30<sup>th</sup> April wrap up warm.

## Scarecrow Festival

28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May get straw for your guy or a guy for your straw but still wrap up warm.....



## RETIREMENTS FROM FIFE COUNCIL

With the local elections due in May our councillors Elizabeth Riches and Donald Macgregor have decided not to re-stand in this constituency. They have both provided stalwart back up to the community council for many years and their advice has been invaluable. They were presented with a memento of their time advising the CC.



## Tailpieces



The Environmental Action Group (EAG) who spend a lot of time improving the face of the villages with plants and containers etc. are very keen to seek help from anyone to make this a more attractive place for visitors. Contact Steve Blaney with gardening gloves and green fingers.

Beach sand again While we are on the beach sand - a



constituent raised a question in relation to the amount of sand removed apparently by the golf club from the bottom of Telford Wynd..Further investigations showed that the club should have a license for such removal and we understand that the process is being instigated to consider the license. It seems that historically the club has just removed sand as and when they needed it.