

Dunbar Civic Week



Scenes from last year's festivities

Chloe Young will be crowned this year's Dunbar Civic Week Queen on Saturday by Helen Gillanders, head teacher at the primary school.

The coronation will take place at 1.45pm at the primary school, heralding the start of the town's annual week of community events which started in 1970 to mark the 600th anniversary of the granting by David II, King of Scots, the Royal Charter creating the Burgh of Dunbar.

Stephen Bunyan, chairman of Dunbar Community Council, stressed the need for the continuing support of the community. He explained that Dunbar Civic Week was originally intended to develop a sense of community at a time when local government re-organisation was about to remove the burgh's autonomy.

Mr Bunyan added: "In the new millennium the present committee feels that maintaining community spirit is still important. It is encouraged by the support it receives and by the number of organisations taking part and mounting events. We hope people will support them as fully as they can."

Activities will start on Saturday with the Queen's parade from Lauderdale Park to the primary school via the High Street, West Port and Bleachingfield at 1pm. Chloe will be accompanied at the coronation by her attendants Rebecca Aitchison and Amy Valentine, flower girls Rachael Gillespie and Kara McMaster, and heralds Andrew Readman and Corran Carrck-Anderson.

The school fete, which will offer a variety of stalls, will then be declared open. The Sustaining Dunbar group has organised a free showing of the film 'The Age of Stupid' about climate change in

Dunbar Parish Church Hall at 7pm. Golfers will play for the Belhaven Trophy at Winterfield Golf Club on Sunday from 7.30am.

Later that day, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm, there will be fun on the East Beach arranged by Dunbar Churches Together.

The Dunbar Baptist Church has organised 'Homecoming Hymns' at the day centre at 6.30pm. There will be free admission followed by teas and coffees.

The primary school will be the venue for a concert on Monday at 7pm and, at the same time, there will be an open meeting at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre to give people the chance to see plans for Dunbar's new community centre.

On Tuesday, a genealogy self-help session with family history research or using Scotland's People Website will be held at Dunbar Library from 11am to 12.30pm. A pet show will take place in the Countess Youth Centre at 6.30pm, with the judging starting at 7pm.

Entry forms are available from the youth centre and library. The Herber Mooths will perform during a coffee evening organised by the Guild at Dunbar Parish Church Hall at 7pm.

Five-a-side football will kick off at 6pm on Wednesday at Hallhill after registration at 5.45pm, and there will be an art auction organised by the Dunbar branch of the United Nations Children's Fund in the library at 7pm.

A busy day is in store on Thursday with a number of activities planned.

They will start with a storytime at the library for P2 children and under at 3pm. This will be followed by a storytime for youngsters in P3 to P7 at the library at 3.30pm.

Dunbar Swimming Club has organised a fun swim at the leisure pool from 6.30pm to 8pm. Tickets are available from Dunbar Grammar School office and the library. The British Legion will be the venue for a quiz night including supper at 7.30pm.

A domino tournament will take place at the day centre from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Friday, June 19.

Sport will be big feature at Hallhill in Dunbar next Saturday, June 20, with a Dunbar United Colts' tournament from 9.30am to 3.30pm for players aged nine, 10 and 11.

A soccer sevens festival will take place from 1pm to 4pm, and a mixed adults seven aside hockey tournament will start at 1pm. The same day home baking will be on sale during an open morning at the day centre from 10am to noon.

Civic Week will come to an end on Sunday, June 21, with a Bike Fest at Hallhill from 2pm to 5pm. It will involve a parade at 3.30pm.

The Salvation Army band will play at a thanksgiving service at 6.30pm at the harbour. This will be held in St Anne's Church if the weather is wet.

During Civic Week there will be the chance to view Dunbar Art Club's annual exhibition in Our Lady of the Waves Church Hall from 10am until 4pm, and the UNICEF art exhibition at the library.

Another attraction will be an exhibition called 'Home Thoughts from Abroad' by local artists, organised by the Dunbar Arts Hub, at 84 High Street, daily from 10am to 6pm from Sunday, June 14 to June 25.

Dunbar Youth Drama & Theatre Alba will present 'The Insect Play' at Lauderdale Park at 6.30pm on Wednesday, June 24.

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