

LONGNIDDRY & BLINDWELLS NEWSLETTER

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Issue 4

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Blindwells and Longniddry Newsletter. I know many of us will be looking forward to the longer day light and spring bulbs appearing, but we can't let this issue slip by without reflecting on the amazing festive provision in the area.

From the start of August community representatives from Pennypit Trust, resilience groups, churches, third sector organisations and Connected Communities met to plan support for families and adults in the area over the festive period. This included Christmas Presents from Cash for Kids Mission Christmas, Winter Jackets, Christmas and New Year Food bags and plated meals.



Across Preston Seton Gosford we supported 145 Winter Jackets, children of 300 families and 100 socially isolated individuals in Preston Seton Gosford. We attracted over £10,000 from local organisations and businesses including Reuse Scotland, Bellway, Hargreaves, Siemens, Inchcape, Seagreen, Tartan Army Coop, Scotmid, Chalmers Church, Lighthouse, Longniddry and District Rotary Club, Gladsmuir & Longniddry Parish Church, Longniddry Community Council, Prestonpans Community Council and Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council.



Photo by Marilyn Young of the Charity New Years Day Dip run by The Picnic Box who operate from Bents No. 2 Car Park. Half of the proceeds gathered (£443.86) bought food for East Lothian Food Bank and the other half to Longniddry Gala

A massive thank you to all those involved; Pennypit Trust, volunteers and Connected Communities team. We also know many members of our community contributed financially through donations or indeed handing in selection boxes, chocolates, toiletries, and other items. We really could not meet the needs of our community, without everyone working together!

PSG Area Partnership has concluded the first stage of the Area Plan consultation with the online questionnaire, nearly 100 people attending consultation events, and 50 people feeding back through community boards. The draft plan will be being discussed at upcoming sub group meetings before the plan is brought to the Annual Public Meeting on 15th May 2024.

Ben Morse
Chair, Area Partnership

Emma Brown
Connected Communities Manager PSG

Cruden Homes to Launch Phase 2 of Award-Winning Longniddry Village Development in Spring 2024



Construction is now underway on the much-anticipated next phase of the Longniddry Village development by Cruden Homes. Phase 1 of this multi-award-winning development sold out very quickly and we have received strong interest ahead of our planned launch in Spring this year.

Phase 2 will include a mix of apartments and 2, 3, 4 and 5-bedroom homes, all carefully designed in keeping with traditional East Lothian architecture, with contemporary interiors and energy efficient features as standard. This latest addition to one of Scotland's most sought-after developments of recent years, paves the way for the continued sustainable growth of Longniddry's vibrant village community. The next phase comprises 150 new homes in total in a variety of carefully considered property styles to suit a diverse range of lifestyles, from couples and families to downsizers.

The sales & marketing suite will open its doors in Spring 2024 and the first new homes are anticipated to be complete towards the end of the year.

To register your interest in phase 2 and to stay updated with the latest news please visit www.crudengroup.co.uk/homes/developments/longniddry-village-phase-2 or call 01875 666 002

If you love living in the area, why not refer a friend to our development so they can enjoy all that village life has to offer? Ask them to use the code **LOVELONGNIDDRY** and we'll send you a thank you hamper packed full of lovely local produce when they reserve a new home! Terms and conditions apply. See website for details.





Longniddry Community Council

Longniddry Community Council members are volunteers who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live. We represent Longniddry, Seton Mains and currently Blindwells. We welcome new volunteers and particularly welcome residents from Blindwells and Seton Mains to come along as we don't currently have representatives from those areas.

In December the Community Council, the Gala Committee & Longniddry Church came together with local businesses, residents, and Community Centre staff to switch on our Christmas lights and celebrate the start of the festive season. The turnout was fantastic and £300 was raised in donations for the School Parent Council and Gala Committee. Huge thanks are due to everyone who contributed to make this such a successful and fun evening.



Photo by Marilyn Young
of Longniddry at Christmas time

We have a modest annual budget to support local causes. We were delighted to provide parking buddies for Longniddry Primary School and contribute to their new Time Garden. The CCTV at the Community Centre is now fully functional thanks to finance from us and the Management Committee and we have donated funds to our local foodbank.

Our area is great for dogs but unfortunately some owners give dogs a bad name by not clearing up after them. Ensuring our community remains dog-friendly means being

considerate to neighbours and making sure poop is picked up, bagged, and binned. Problems can be reported on the ELC website, or by phone, so the dog wardens can take action.

Full details of our monthly meetings and Minutes are posted on the noticeboard at Longniddry Post Office and we can be contacted at longniddrycommunitycouncil@gmail.com



John Bellany Day Centre

Outreach Support to our older population in Longniddry, Cockenzie, Port Seton and Blindwells. We are conscious that not all our older population have family, carer or neighbour support and may need others to assist them with shopping, making personal appointments, travelling or being supported on a social outing. Family and carers can be provided with support for a loved one when they are in need of some respite. Our sitter service is a useful option to alleviate some of the stress of constant care. All of these and more may be items that you face daily. Please tell us if we can help in any of these ways. A fee is not charged at this time for our Outreach Support Service.

Defibrillator Locations in Longniddry



Probus

A Club for retired men and women. Anyone can attend a meeting. We meet in the Longniddry Inn at 10am on Tuesdays as per the dates in the Programme.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Background</u>	<u>Subject</u>
13th Feb	Gerald Lohan	Aviation Preservation Society	The new build of a Sopwith 1-1/2 Strutter biplane
27th Feb	Dumie Matsebanane	Scottish Refugee Council	How can we make a welcoming society for New Scots?
12th March	Dr Jonathan Wild	English Literature Dept, University of Edinburgh	Conan Doyle and the Lost World of his Writing
26th March	Speakers from Sunamp	Heat-storage design & manufacturing engineers	Phase-change, heat-storage technology
9th April	Dr Robert Irvine	English Literature Dept, University of Edinburgh	Virtue in The Wealth of Nations – marking tercentenary of Adam Smith
24th April	AGM		

For more information, please contact the Secretary, Gordon McInnes, at gmcinnes2010@yahoo.com.



Longniddry Bowling Club

OPENING OF THE GREEN - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024

A fun & friendly club that welcomes new members & spectators. There are weekly league games & club competitions. Coaching available

Bowling season is April - September. Club is open throughout the year for social activities

Hat games on Saturdays 2pm start & Mondays 6.30pm start.

Forthcoming events include Try Bowls Days and Gala Week Family Bowling Days

For more information contact
secretary@longniddrybowlingclub.com
or visit

<https://longniddrybowlingclub.com>
@LongniddryBC on twitter and
Longniddry Bowling Club on Facebook

Address 7a Seton Road, Longniddry,
EH32 0LD



Much has been done in recent years to get East Lothian more active, but the number of adults meeting physical activity recommendations declines sharply with age. Physical activity helps prevent and manage a wide range of health conditions, including diabetes, heart and lung conditions and osteoporosis. But did you know that less than a third of people in Scotland aged over 55 are active enough for health?

The Ageing Well project promotes healthy lifestyles for older adults in East Lothian. The project is a partnership between NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council.

The Ageing Well project aims to maintain and promote the physical and mental health, wellbeing and quality of life for older adults in East Lothian through a list of activities.

Some ways Ageing Well can help are:

- Set up new activities where there is a demand or a gap
 - Help sign post you to activities in your area
 - Help you stay healthy and active for longer
- Work with people who have physical disabilities, mental health needs or dementia and possibly "buddy" people to appropriate health-related services
- Provide advice and training on physical activity-related topics to organisations and groups working with older people

There are also opportunities to volunteer for the Ageing Well Project.

Check out the full list of activities available below:

<https://www.activeeastlothian.co.uk/physical-activity/ageing-well-37>

For more information contact:

Parvine Woodger
Ageing Well Coordinator

Email: pwoodger@eastlothian.gov.uk

Tel: 07718 117585

Longniddry Remembered

The Salt of the Earth Heritage Connections Network have recently launched a fascinating short film capturing the memories of a few individuals from the community who share some of their memories and stories from the past. The content covers both childhood thoughts and memories together with some fascinating information about the history of the village and facts about key individuals.

The 30 minute film was produced by Videographer Stuart McPherson who commented that the work was one of the most interesting pieces of filmmaking he had ever done and could easily have created a 2 hour film from the wealth of content that he was able to capture.

The Salt of The Earth Project funded the costs of the production from their ring fenced finance to support the celebration of heritage in the Preston Seton Gosford area. Our thanks to Salt of the Earth for supporting the production and also Longniddry Community Council for their endorsement of the initiative and acting as 'bankers' for the financing of the works.

The 30 minute film can be viewed on YouTube: [Salt of the Earth – Longniddry.](#)

Why not also take a look at the Salt of The Earth Heritage website where you can find more fascinating facts and films about the rich heritage that exists in our area – www.saltoftheearthheritage.com. "



**Longniddry & District
Rotary Club**

Our Rotary Club meetings are held in the Longniddry Inn on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

If you are looking for a new interest, like meeting new people, would like to give a little back to your community, then come and visit us.

We have interesting speakers each month along with a one course supper starting at 7pm

Welcome to Longniddry Community Centre

Programme (Jan - Mar 2024)

Suitable for: 👶 Toddlers, 🎒 Primary, 🎓 Secondary, 👨 Family & Friends, 👵 Over 50's, 👤 Adults
 All classes/ sessions must be booked in advance by contacting Longniddry CC ☎️: longniddrycc@eastlothian.gov.uk
 or 📞: 01875 852933 or as stated.

MONDAY

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 Ladies Badminton
 New members welcome
 9:00am – 10:00am
 (starts 8th Jan)

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 Babies & Toddlers
 10:30am – 12:30pm
 (starts 8th Jan)

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 Social Table Tennis
 All levels welcome
 1:30pm – 3:00pm
 (starts 8th Jan)

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 Youth Club
 P1 – P3
 3:30pm – 5:00pm
 (starts 8th Jan)

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 Gymnastics
 Beginners
 5:30pm – 6:30pm
 (starts 8th Jan)

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 S1 Drop In
 (Longniddry youths only)
 7pm – 8:30pm
 (starts 8th Jan)

TUESDAY

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 Ladies Badminton
 New members welcome
 9:00am – 10:00am
 (starts 9th Jan)

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 Gentle Exercise to Music
 10:30am – 11:30am
 (starts 9th Jan)

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 Social Drop In
 1:30pm – 3:00pm
 (starts 9th Jan)

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 Zumba Kids
 3:30pm – 4:30pm
 Bookings via Ruth ☎️
figaroro@yaho.co.uk
 (Start TBC)

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 Picasso Club with Terez
 3:30pm – 4:30pm
 To book contact
teca.szilya@gmail.com
 (start TBC)

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 Pickleball (advanced)
 6.30pm – 8.30pm
 (starts 9th Jan)

WEDNESDAY

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 Babies & Toddlers
 9:00am – 11:00am
 (starts 10th Jan)

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 Zumba Gold
 11:30am – 12:15pm
 Bookings via Ruth ☎️
 07785 707683 or ☎️
figaroro@yahoo.co.uk
 (starts 10th Jan)

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 Watercolour for Beginners
 1.30pm – 3pm
 Bookings via Leigh
leigh446@hotmail.co.uk
 (starts 10th Jan)

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 Games Club
 All welcome
 3pm – 6pm
 (starts 10th Jan)

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 Vinyasa Flow Yoga
 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 Bookings via Amanda
mandyjayne3@hotmail.com
 (starts 10th Jan)

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 Pickleball for All
 All levels welcome
 7pm – 8.30pm
 (starts 10th Jan)

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 Watercolour for Beginners
 7pm – 8.30pm
 Bookings via Leigh
leigh446@hotmail.co.uk
 (starts 10th Jan)

THURSDAY

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 Social Table Tennis
 All levels welcome
 9.00am – 11.00am
 (starts 11th Jan)

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 French for Toddlers
 11am – 11:45am
 Bookings via Laura
robertsflaura@gmail.com
 (starts 11th Jan)

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 Pickleball (beginners)
 New members welcome
 11.30am – 1.30pm
 (starts 11th Jan)

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 U3A Craft Group
 1:00pm – 3:00pm
 (starts 11th Jan)

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 Longniddry Walkers & Talkers
 Leader led walks (SHORT WALK ONLY)
 1:30pm start
 (starts 11th Jan)

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 Youth Club
 P4 – P7
 3:30pm – 5:00pm
 (starts 11th Jan)

FRIDAY

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 Body Conditioning
 9:15am – 10:15am
 (starts 12th Jan)

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 Toddler Football
 Age 2- 5 years
 10:45am – 11:30am
 (starts 12th Jan)

Opening Times

	Morning	Afternoon/Evening
Monday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 3:30pm <small>(9:30am – 9pm Youth Club Open)</small> 5pm – 8:45pm <small>(7pm – 8:30pm S1 Youth Club Open)</small>
Tuesday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 5:00pm
Wednesday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 8.45 pm
Thursday	9am – 12noon	12noon – 5pm <small>(9:30am – 9pm Youth Club Open)</small>
Friday	9am – 11.45am	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

Please Note: (The times above are the current hours of opening. These may be subject to change without notice, especially during school holidays).

The Community Centre is available for hire (times by arrangement) please contact the centre for further details

Café Opening Times

Monday	9am – 3pm / 5:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday	9am – 4.30 pm
Wednesday	9am – 8:30pm
Thursday	9am – 3pm
Friday	9am – 11.30am
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

These times may be subject to change without notice

News & Forthcoming Events

- Re-open Mon 8th January 2024
- February Holiday Club - Monday 12th – Thursday 15th
- Closed for Easter Weekend – 29th Mar – 1st April
- Easter Holiday Club – Tue 2nd -4th Apr / Mon 8th – 11th Apr

Current opening hours for Longniddry Library; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Knit & Natter - Tues and Wed from 11am
 Art group- Tues at 2pm craft group on Wed at 2pm
 Bookbug - Fri 11am
 Lego Club - Fri 3pm
 Book group - 1st Tues of every month at 4pm.



LONGNIDDRY PLAYGROUP
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PRELOVED TOY SALE

Toy donations wanted!
 Please hand your preloved toys into the playgroup on Mon-Fri between 9:00 and 12:00. All proceeds will go towards the playgroup.

The sale will be held on Saturday, 9 March Church Halls, Longniddry Parish Church, EH32 0LB keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details!

East Lothian Members' Centre



Are you a member of the National Trust for Scotland or England then why not come along to one of the NTS East Lothian Members Centre meetings.

For our winter programme we meet in the Trinity Church Haddington at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month where we hold illustrated talks. We have two talks remaining which are: 6 February St. Kilda and 5 March East Lothians Natural Beauty.

The winter talks are followed by organised outings over the summer period to various places of interest. This year they include Rosslyn Chapel, New Lanark to name a few.

If you would like to learn more about the Centre or receive our application form to join, please contact our Secretary - Margaret Russell: magr8@outlook.com or 01875 853370. Look forward to hearing from you.



Longniddry Parish Church

Longniddry Church is bursting with life in spring – please come and join us!

We have our regular services of worship at 9.45am every Sunday morning. Communion services are held on the first Sundays of March, June, September, and December. Details of Holy Week and Easter services will be on our website – as is much more information about us: www.longniddrychurch.org.uk. But we will hold the following services:

24th March

9.45am: Longniddry Palm Sunday service
11am: Gladsmuir Palm Sunday service

28th March

7pm: Longniddry Maundy Thursday Communion

29th March

11am: Gladsmuir Good Friday Reflection

31st March

8am: Longniddry Outdoor Communion
9.45am: Longniddry Easter Celebration
11am: Gladsmuir Easter Celebration

Other regular events include:

- The Church is open on **Tuesdays from 2pm to 3pm** for a time of quiet prayer and contemplation.
- New Age (indoor) Kurling each **Tuesday** afternoon from **2pm – 4pm**. All ages and levels of physical ability most welcome.
- Wednesday** afternoons from **2.30pm to 4pm** we have our Wednesday Club. Come along and enjoy a variety of activities, entertainment, chat and tea/coffee.
- Thursdays** we have our Sporting memories group from **10.30am to noon**. Listen and share sporting memories with other older sports fans.

The church provides a transport service to any Longniddry resident to any medical appointments. We wish to recruit more volunteer drivers in order to keep the service going. For information please contact Sheila Jamieson on 01875 852068 or sheilajamieson@btinternet.com.

If you want to find out any more about what we get up to, or if you just need to speak to someone, please contact the minister, Robin Hill [on rhill@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:rhill@churchofscotland.org.uk) 01875 853195 or the Session Clerk, Abigail Morrison, abimor1808@gmail.com 01875 853467.

Village Christian Aid group

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid's various events during 2023. As always, the generosity of the people of Longniddry is hugely appreciated with over £4,000 being raised to support Christian Aid's work in helping the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This year's Christian Aid week runs from **12 to 18 May**.

The local team will again be delivering fundraising envelopes to all homes in the village. The popular plant sale will also be held around the same time. Watch this space for more details!



Inner Wheel

Why not come along to one of our Inner Wheel regular meetings which are held every third Thursday of the month in the Longniddry Inn. Our ladies meet at 6 - 6.15 pm to enjoy a meal and chat prior to our meeting which commences, with a variety of talks, at 7.30pm. You would be made very welcome to join us for the meal and/or the meeting. There are a variety of topics which include: Photography - Tips for All and the Body Shop to name just a few.

Inner Wheel is one of the largest women's organisations in the world who work together in friendship supporting local communities and charities as well as within the UK and Internationally. Indeed, you may have seen in the recent East Lothian Courier a photograph of our President Helen about to present a 100 plus items for the Foodbank which we were delighted to hear would feed 135 families. This is just one of our charities.

Our ladies also hold many social events and this year there will be, amongst others, a Fashion Show which is being held in Port Seton Community Centre on Friday 15 March 2024 This is open to anyone who would like to join us and tickets costing £7.50 are available from the contact details below. Last year the Tranent Club raised £2000 for Maggie's Centre and this year our charity is Blood Bikes.

Why not visit our Face Book page or come along and meet our friendly ladies at one of our meetings. If you would like further information, please contact Margaret at mgttait@aol.com



east lothian tenants and residents panel

East Lothian Tenants & Residents Panel

East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel (ELTRP), working with Emma Brown, Connected Communities Manager, ELC have organised two open meetings for the tenants and residents at Blindwells to come along, discuss any communal concerns and issues and decide whether to start their very own Blindwells TRA.

The meeting dates are:

**Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 10.00am-12.00 and
Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7.00pm-9.00pm**

These meeting will be held in the **Portacabin at Blindwells**. All tenants and residents at Blindwells are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

What is ELTRP?

East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel (ELTRP) is the umbrella organisation for tenants and residents' groups in East Lothian. There are currently 24 groups across East Lothian that are members of ELTRP.

What does ELTRP do?

General: ELTRP promotes and represents the rights of tenants and residents in East Lothian.

- We do this by working with East Lothian Council and others to help improve services received by tenants and residents.
- We seek the views of tenants and residents on various issues, so we often hold events/consultations to find out what people think.
- We provide training and information sessions to assist groups to influence local issues.
- We also help groups link up on issues that are common to the groups.
- We have a range of practical assistance, such as stationery, photocopying, transport and childcare that local groups who are members can access.
- We offer Public Liability Insurance for our TRA members. Membership is free.

How can you contact ELTRP?

For more information, just contact our office,
47 Bridge Street, Musselburgh, EH21 6AA, Tel:

0131 665 9304

Email: tenantspanel@hotmail.com Web:
www.eltrp.co.uk

Calendar of Events

- **12th - 15th February** - February Holiday Club at Longniddry Community Centre
- **13th February** - Probus have speaker Gerald Lohan
- ELTRP - Tuesday **27th February** 2024 at 10.00am-12.00, Portacabin at Blindwells
- **27th February** - Probus have speaker Dumie Matsebanane
- ELTRP - Thursday **29th February** 2024 at 7.00pm-9.00pm, Portacabin at Blindwells
- **5 March** - NTS East Lothian Members meeting 2pm, Trinity Church Haddington. Talk on East Lothians Natural Beauty
- Saturday **9th March** -Longniddry Playgroup Pre-Loved Toy Sale at Longniddry Parish Church Hall
- **12th March** - Probus have speaker Dr Jonathan Wild
- **Friday 15th March** - Inner Wheel Fashion Show, Port Seton Community Centre
- **22nd March** - 2.30-4pm - Kids Easter Trail at Longniddry Community Centre
- **24th March** - 9.45am: Longniddry Palm Sunday service/11am: Gladsmuir Palm Sunday service
- **26th March** - Probus have speakers from Sunamp
- **28th March** 7pm - Longniddry Maundy Thursday Communion
- **29th March** 11am - Gladsmuir Good Friday Reflection
- **29th March - 1st April** - Community Centre closed for Easter weekend
- **31st March** 8am - Longniddry Outdoor Communion/9.45am: Longniddry Easter Celebration
- 11am: Gladsmuir Easter Celebration
- **2nd - 4th April/ 8th - 11th April** - Easter Holiday Club at Longniddry Community Centre
- **9th April** - Probus have speaker Dr Robert Irvine
- **13th April** Opening of the green at Longniddry Bowling Club
- **24th April** - Probus AGM
- **27th April** 7.30-11.30pm -Gala Fundraising Quiz at Longniddry Scout Hall
- Gala Week starting Saturday **1st June** with a full week of events, ending in Gala Day **8th June** from 11am
- **15th May** PSG Area Partnership Annual Public Meeting

Useful Travel Information

East Coast Buses

www.eastcoastbuses.co.uk/new-routes
0131 653 1335

Lothian Buses

www.lothianbuses.com/timetables
0131 554 4494

Prentice Coaches

www.prenticeofhaddington.info/timetables.html
01620 822620

Eve Coaches Ltd

www.eveinfo.co.uk/bus-services/
01368 865 500