

## Feature

# Auchinleck Community Development Initiative

## BIG LUNCH WITH MEMORY WALK

AUCHINLECK Community Development Initiative held a 'Big Lunch with Memory Walk' on Friday, June 16.

On the day, P6 from Auchinleck Primary was split into groups. Each group heard from a different adult about Auchinleck's past.

After lunch, the children went for a walk in locations around Auchinleck which related to the adults' stories.

One group went to the Railway Station, Highhouse and Auchinleck Parish Church & Graveyard. Another group visited the site where the Pennylands Prisoner of War camp once was and then the Barony A-Frame. A Coalfields Bus took us from the Boswell Centre to these locations.

The final group walked to the site of the now demolished, old Auchinleck Primary.

Class teacher, Mrs Allan, said: "The Big Lunch was an absolutely fantastic experience for the children. The children were surprised at how much they enjoyed learning about the history of their local area

and have been buzzing with excitement at the possibility of becoming involved in some local community projects in the future. They loved sharing stories of Auchinleck and particularly enjoyed learning about Pennylands Camp and visiting the site. We are hoping to continue to learn more about our local community next year." For information, take a look at this Sway (interactive presentation): [tinyurl.com/ACDILunch2017](http://tinyurl.com/ACDILunch2017)

### SCREENING OF FILM

On Friday, June 30, we will be screening the movie that was created of our Big Lunch. This will take place in the main hall of the Boswell Centre 13:00-15:00. This will give you a chance to see what the children learned. Having reflected on the history of Auchinleck, there will also be the opportunity to give feedback on future developments at Highhouse Horrals. Free popcorn will be provided at this event.

Find out more about the film screening by looking at the Facebook event page: <http://tinyurl.com/ACDILunchMovie>

### MEET THE TEAM

The person behind events such as this Big Lunch is

ACDI's Events & Activities Co-ordinator Stuart Mitchell. He started working at ACDI at the end of January 2017, with the Celebrate Scotland event being his first taste of what his role would involve. Since then, he has enjoyed the variety of activities he has been involved with, for example, ACDI's Community Cinema.

Stuart aims to continue to deliver events and activities that appeal to local residents. I look forward to meeting everyone at our events throughout the year, such as the upcoming Alive & Kicking festival.

### CROCHET CLASSES

Sign up for our new Crochet Club at Auchinleck Library. We are offering the following classes throughout the Summer:

Child classes - Tuesdays 11:00-12:00 starting July 4.

Adult classes - Wednesdays 18:00-19:00 starting July 5.

Mixed classes, where children and their parents can learn together - Thursdays 11:00-12:00 starting July 6.

Materials are included in the £3 per hour price.

If you don't have your own hooks, there is a charge of £1 for these.



# Armed Forces Day supported



MEMBERS of the armed forces gathered at council headquarters in Kilmarnock to pay tribute to the contribution made by all those who serve or have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces. A specially designed flag was raised on Monday, June 26, as part of a universal show of support to mark Armed Forces Day, which was officially celebrated on Saturday, June 24. East Ayrshire's Provost, Jim Todd, said: "I was honoured to welcome serving personnel, veterans and cadet forces to Council headquarters to mark Armed Forces Day and to have the opportunity to show our support and recognition."