

# CALDERS WILL WIN THROUGH

A new and active committee in the Calders Community Centre has taken up the fight against financial doom and gloom, and with a little help from the Calders residents seem to be winning the first few rounds.

The old committee who had been in office for three years attempted to resign at their A.G.M. but there were not enough people present to make up a quorum and the meeting had to stop. In an excellent show of initiative they went along to the bingo night where 35-40 people were enjoying a small flutter and intimidated their resignation. They also made it quite clear that unless something was done about the situation very quickly the Centre would have to close down.

Their ultimatum was taken up by the bingo players and a totally new committee was elected from the floor during the bingo session. People who had gone out for a simple night's entertainment ended up going home as chairpersons, secretaries, committee reps etc., etc.

The committee set to work immediately but quickly discovered that the application for the renewal of their grant for the Centre had not been sent in. On enquiring, it quickly became clear that they had lost their grant because the authorities had not received any grant application.

As there was no subsidy, the Centre had to be wholly financed from the committee's own fund-raising activities. This extremely daunting prospect with soaring rent and rates demands coupled with ever increasing electricity and phone bills meant the total sum required was staggering high.

The Committee set to work to raise money to keep the Centre open by

organising fund raising events and initiating more events in the Centre itself.

One of their main sources of income is their weekly door-to-door collections where local residents are asked to contribute 10p each every week to keep the Community Centre open. To date the response from the residents has been good.

They organised a sponsored walk from the Centre to the Pentland Hills and the 20 participants managed to raise a highly respectable £90. In the past two months they have held a coffee morning, a halloween dance and a Pippa Dee evening.

Regular weekly events are increasing and the new committee have set up three discos which are a great success. The discos run on Wednesday from 7.00 to 9.30 for 13's and over, on Saturday from 1.00 to 2.00 for the 2-4 year olds and on the same day from 2.30-4.30 for 5-12 year olds.

Other regular events include a playgroup every weekday from 9.30-11.30,



Children at play in the Calders Community Centre. One of the many activities in the area. Pic: Paul White.

Bingo on Mondays at 8pm, the Mothers and Toddlers on Thursday at 2.30 and a Youth Club on Thursdays at 6pm.

The hall can be hired for private functions from the committee. For members hire costs £20 plus £15 for the disco and for non members the fee is £25 and £20 for the disco. A bar can also be arranged for private functions.

The committee is busy looking at new ideas for fund raising and for new activities in the community centre.

Money, or the lack of it, is a big drawback and the committee find they are spending a lot of time and energy just trying to keep the place going instead of organising new events. They have lots of new ideas but they need the money to start these ideas. For example, they are keen to start a sewing club but they need sewing machines before they can start this.

However, they are overcoming their financial burdens due mainly to the keen, hard working and

committed committee. They are open to ideas on how to raise money and need your **HELP** and advice **URGENTLY**.

If you are at all interested or if you have any ideas you should talk through your idea. They are at 9 Calder Park, 453 2654. As long as they can hang on for this year then things look very rosy for the future... one thing is certain - they will be applying for next year's grant on time.

## REPORTS

### Calders

The coffee morning at Calder Community Centre on Saturday, 24th October realised the fantastic total of £200. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Calder Playgroup has vacancies for 3-5 year olds. The playgroup meets in the Community Centre on Mondays to Fridays 9.30-11.30 am.

### Dumbryden

Since our A.G.M. our committee has been very busy organising events leading up to Christmas - among the events on the cards are two Christmas Parties one for 3-8 year olds **12th Dec 2-5pm**, one for 9-12 year olds **16th Dec 7-9pm** and one for our Senior Citizens **19th Dec 7.30-10pm**. More details will appear on posters around the area's later.

Andrew Milne our very able base worker is always in or around the centre to give help or information.

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### Bus Shelter

What about the new bus shelter opposite 38 Dumbryden Gardens - not before time. Thanks to all concerned in pressing for this very necessary shelter.

### Sentinel Deliveries

Many thanks to all responsible for the fast delivery of the Sentinel, thanks also to all those who slogged up and down stairs for the collection of the People's Survey. No thanks to all those who could not be bothered to fill it out - or are there no problems in Dumbryden!!

### Public Meeting

An important Public Meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday, 24th Nov 7.30. Among the topics will be tenants' responsibilities, stair cleaning for instance, plus landlords responsibilities, rones, harling and drying areas. Lothian Region Officials will be on hand to answer your queries. Please make the effort to attend.

### Halloween Parties

Two Halloween parties held in the centre Thursday, 29th Oct provided endless music and fun for the kids and the adult helpers and judging by the amount of water on the floor after the dooking sessions the kids enjoyed themselves. The lantern competition provided some masterpieces. Well done kids and Bill McDonald for the difficult job of judging the lanterns.

### Bogus Workmen

Beware 2 bogus painters touting for work in the area! Never ever pass money over till you have seen proper credentials and you are satisfied with them.

T. Davis.

### Murrayburn

Every month, we try to keep the tenants of Murrayburn informed of what is going on in their area, but alas we are still lacking in support.

Where are all the young mothers and toddlers in the area? We have a small group who are working hard towards holding a Christmas Fayre in aid of their funds, but the girls concerned would like to see more mothers coming along and becoming part of the group.

Where are all the pensioners too? We have tried unsuccessfully to accommodate the pensioners by trying different days, but the largest group we can manage is twelve. We held a 'coffee morning' solely for the pensioners and leafleted 200 doors, the result was, eleven turned up. Repeatedly we hear people say-

ing "there is nothing for us in the area", but you now have your own "Community Centre" which is there for your use. We are always after and interested in new ideas so why not make the effort to come along even if only to have a coffee and a chat. Remember "everyone is welcome".

Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 5th December 1981 from 2-4pm.

### Park & Drive

The A.G.M. of the Tenants Association was held on Monday, 26th October. The following is the committee and office bearers for the coming year: **Ian Lennox** (chairperson), 6/3 Wester Hailes Drive, Tel. 441 6251; **Hilda Stevenson** (vice chairperson), 42/2 Wester Hailes Drive, Tel. 441 6251; **Fiona Soutar** (treasurer), 48/26 Wester Hailes Park; **Carol Watt** (secretary), 72/44 Wester Hailes Drive; **Irene Stickings** (minute secretary), 36/7 Wester Hailes Drive, Tel. 441 5473; **Teresa Hope** (convener, P.A.D. Sub committee), 20/6 Wester Hailes Park; **Ramsay Aitken**, 74/44 Wester Hailes Drive; **Doreen Blackwood**, 60/7 Wester Hailes Drive, 442 4330; **Marie Cruikshanks**, 72/13 Wester Hailes Drive; **Pat Hope**, 20/6 Wester Hailes Park; **Isa McIntyre**, 59/4 Wester Hailes Drive; **Agnes McLeod**, 21/5 Wester Hailes Drive; **Anne Malone**, 50/4 Wester Hailes Drive, 442 4152; **Edna Munro**, 48/45 Wester Hailes Park; **Isa Rendel**, 58/6 Wester Hailes Drive; **Ian Whiteford**, 20/5 Wester Hailes Park.

We now have a community hut of our own and with it rates and fuel bills. The committee is therefore anxious to make full use of the Pad. Already we have a children's Disco, Bingo, two sets of Majorettes and a Cafe that is open at all hours: But if you have any other ideas or if you would like to get involved please contact Teresa Hope at the Pad, Tel. 441 6028, or any of the committee members.

Park and Drive needs the Pad and the Pad needs you.

### Westburn

#### Amalgamation

A working party has been set up consisting of 3 members of WAG and 3 of the Hut Management Committee to work out the best way of amalgamating the 2 groups into a new committee to serve the community. This com-

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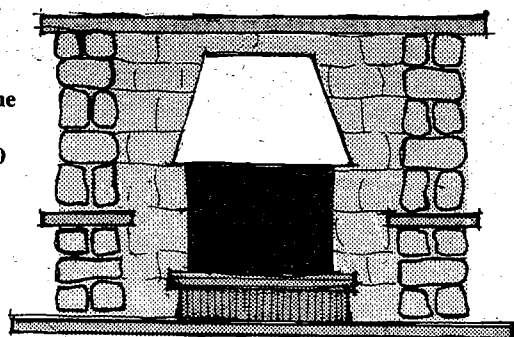
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