

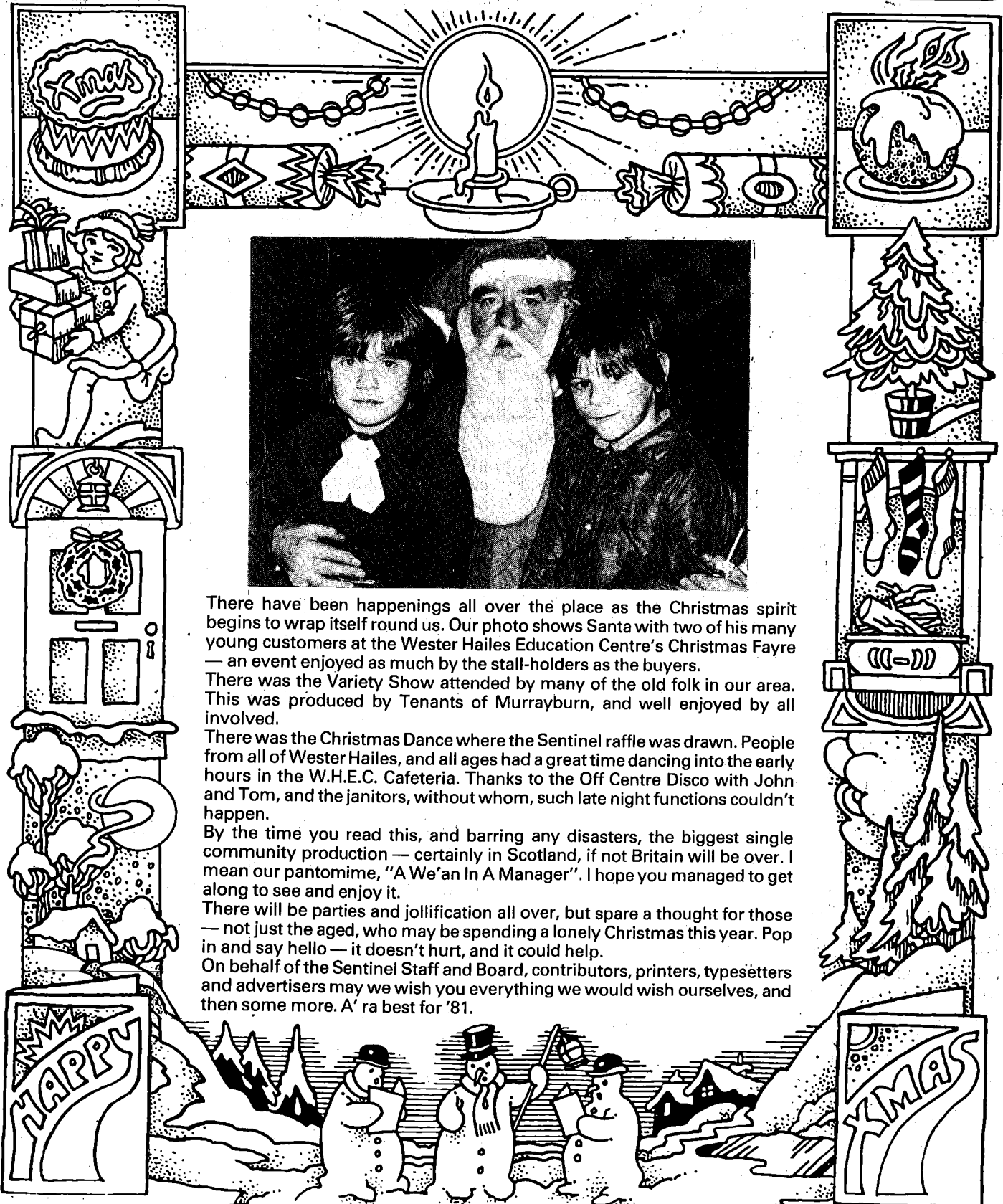


WESTER HAILES

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There have been happenings all over the place as the Christmas spirit begins to wrap itself round us. Our photo shows Santa with two of his many young customers at the Wester Hailes Education Centre's Christmas Fayre — an event enjoyed as much by the stall-holders as the buyers.

There was the Variety Show attended by many of the old folk in our area. This was produced by Tenants of Murrayburn, and well enjoyed by all involved.

There was the Christmas Dance where the Sentinel raffle was drawn. People from all of Wester Hailes, and all ages had a great time dancing into the early hours in the W.H.E.C. Cafeteria. Thanks to the Off Centre Disco with John and Tom, and the janitors, without whom, such late night functions couldn't happen.

By the time you read this, and barring any disasters, the biggest single community production — certainly in Scotland, if not Britain will be over. I mean our pantomime, "A We'an In A Manager". I hope you managed to get along to see and enjoy it.

There will be parties and jollification all over, but spare a thought for those — not just the aged, who may be spending a lonely Christmas this year. Pop in and say hello — it doesn't hurt, and it could help.

On behalf of the Sentinel Staff and Board, contributors, printers, typesetters and advertisers may we wish you everything we would wish ourselves, and then some more. A' ra best for '81.

WESTBURN KIDS NOT IN PANTO

Parents of Westburn Primary schoolchildren are up in arms over the decision not to allow their children to participate in the Wester Hailes Pantomime "A We'an In A Manger". Most of the other schools in the area have afforded the production their full co-operation — but not Westburn.

The Sentinel spoke to Mrs Tocknell, headmistress of Westburn Primary School, and asked about the fact that Westburn Primary School were not taking part. Mrs Tocknell's reply was this, "My staff and myself having talked the matter over did not feel that the school should officially participate in this venture". When asked for more specific reasons for such a decision, Mrs Tocknell's reply was "No Comment". John Bolton, a member of the "Artwork" team who are producing and directing the panto, and who has liaised with the schools told us. "I am very disappointed that the Westburn children will not be taking part in the production. We have about 150 members of the community in our cast, and in view of the time factor, our contact with Primary schoolchildren is reliant upon the goodwill of the head teachers involved".

Mrs Tocknell and Westburn parents have clashed before on more than one occasion. A large issue was the use of the school for a playscheme in the summer of 1979. We have heard of unrest with a decision not to allow the nursery children to perform

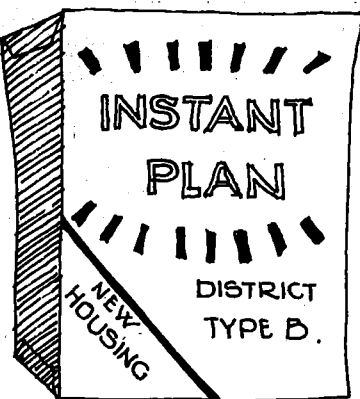
a nativity play for parents. There were to be two performances, morning and afternoon lasting approximately ten to fifteen minutes. When approached by a member of the nursery staff, permission was refused, and no reason given. After several mothers had then approached the headmistress, it was pointed out that fire regulations would be breached if all the parents attended. Not wishing to break the law, it was requested to make use of the gymnasium in the school. Unfortunately, the gym hall is in constant use until the end of term, so the event all the nursery children were hoping to participate in looks as if it will not take place.

There has been some difficulty in reporting the anger felt by many parents with children at Westburn school. They are not prepared to be quoted in these columns for fear that their child or children may be picked on at school because of their parents actions. The Sentinel states that we know of no evidence on which to base these fears.

Just before going to press, we heard that Mrs Tocknell had given permission for the performance of the nativity play to go ahead.—Merry Christmas Kids.

SPEAK OUT SAYS WHURPAC

The chances are that everyone reading the Sentinel has some criticism of the design of their home. The reality is that many aspects of mass-housing fail to meet even the basic needs of tenants. Housing finance is of course the major problem and is largely responsible for cheap building materials, building defects, poor maintenance and repairs, and so on. However, the actual design of our homes, albeit within the economic limitations that prevail, must share a part of the blame.



"YOU JUST ADD MONEY. LOTS AND LOTS."



The truth is that designers understand very little about the needs and desires of the people they claim to serve. In an attempt to highlight the problems the Wester Hailes Urban Regeneration Programme Advisory Committee are sponsoring a questionnaire which gives us all an opportunity to express how we feel about various aspects of our housing. The questionnaire will be distributed to a 10% sample of housing stock in Wester Hailes and will be available at the community workshop should anyone else wish to participate.

JEFFREY'S WINTER SALE

commences

Saturday, 27th December

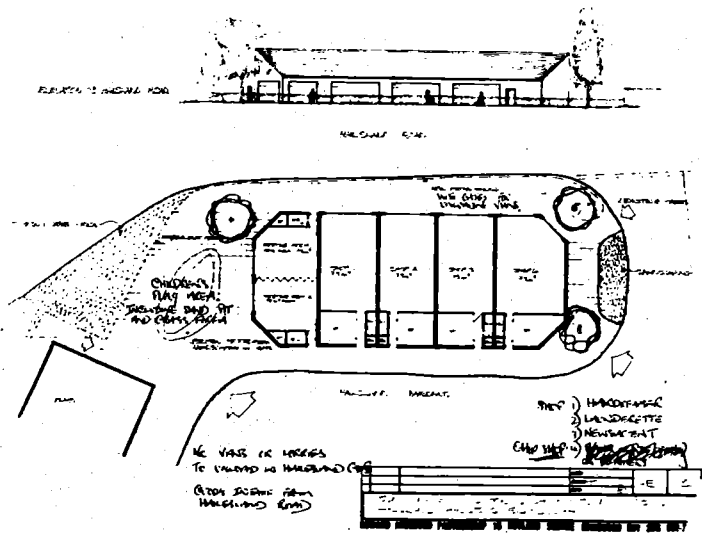
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DEVELOPER REPLIES



Dear Sir,

What do Hailesland, Dumbryden and Murrayburn need?

They need some shops to provide the service that does not already exist in the existing shops. They need a hairdresser, they need a laundrette, they need a newsagent and stationer, then seven days a week they need a carryout fish and chip shop, they need a meeting hall.

In the middle of last year the Hailesland Tenants Association and myself submitted on application to the Planning Department of the Lothian Region to build local shops and a meeting hall in the car park at the foot of Hailesland Gardens. Planning approval was granted in December last year. We thought that this was a good idea. The shop would handle much needed facilities for all the folk round about, and incidentally, would provide much needed jobs. The meeting hall would be somewhere young mothers, O.A.P.'s could go for a coffee and a blether — nobody objected. Recently the Housing Department asked residents in Hailesland Gardens what they thought of the idea and quite a few objected because they said we would be taking away a children's play area, and bringing vans and lorries into the Gardens to unload. Not so. If the residents look at the plans they will see quite a large area has been set aside for a play area with a grassy area and a sand hut. No lorries will come into the Gardens because the unloading places to get to the shops are on the main Hailesland Road. So, no vans or lorries in the Gardens. Some people object to a Fish and Chip Shop so why not in the heart of Wester Hailes. A well run Fish and Chip Shop is an asset to an area, not a nuisance.

Come on residents in Hailesland Gardens, play the game stop, objecting and let's get the shops built for the convenience of everybody.

Yours sincerely,
James McDonald.

Winner of F.I.S.H. Raffle at Christmas Fayre was Kathleen Brogan with No. 33.

Matchbox a Winner

The Dumbryden Royals Majorettes raised £150 towards their funds for new outfits, with their match box sponsor. Sharon Moore crammed the most into her box and Angela Reid collected the most sponsorship money. The Royals would like to thank all who took part.



Book Column

The Unexplained

Things mysterious and unexplained have now attracted almost a cult following. This can be seen in the number of books, films and magazines that have been produced over the last few years. In WHEC's library there are a number of books on such subjects as the Bermuda Triangle, Ghosts, UFO's etc. 'Mysteries' by Tim Healey reports on 19 famous mysterious happenings throughout history including the 'Mary Celeste' to flying saucers. Each mystery is described on a double page spread with colour illustrations and photographs. An entertaining book but doesn't go very deeply into each case. 'Ancient Astronauts: A Time Reversal?' by Robin Collins examines the possibility of ancient races

of astronauts having travelled from distant sun systems to Earth in faster-than-light spaceships. Also discussed are such mysteries as UFO's and Atlantis. 'The Astrologers Manual' by Landis Knight Green is not really a "how to do it" manual but is nevertheless an introduction for those wishing a detailed view of the basic principles of astrology. The zodiacal signs and their correspondence with human personality are explained. 'Minds without Boundaries' by Stuart Holroyd investigates psychic phenomena, the ability of the mind to transcend the five senses. There are fascinating photographs illustrating unexplained phenomena such as clairvoyance, ESP and the weird power of those who can move objects with their minds! NOTE: Due to a shortage of staff the library in WHEC will not be open in the evenings, probably until next year. It will close at 4.40 p.m. (Monday to Thursday) and 3.50 p.m. (Friday).

Dear Sir,

I would like to use your excellent newspaper to register my disgust at the negative and social attitude of Mr Ferguson, headmaster at Dumbryden Primary School.

As a resident of Dumbryden, myself and several others are trying to do our best to organise community events for our young people, O.A.P.'s etc. Unlike other areas in Wester Hailes, which have no surplus buildings, Dumbryden is fortunate in that the school has several empty huts and will soon have more. At least you'd think we were fortunate, but Mr Ferguson has done all in his power to prevent the community getting one of the empty huts.

All we want to do is develop an empty hut into a local neighbourhood community centre using funds from the community, but so far, Mr Ferguson has successfully resisted all the efforts of our local councillor John Mulvey and senior Education Department officials.

Perhaps Mr Ferguson will be prepared to say why he is so resistant to the idea of local people getting one of these huts. Does he perhaps think the school is his?

Yours faithfully,
W. Johnston, 6/8 Dumbryden Grove.

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Martin Crow — Trombone; Brian Dickson, Trumpet; Paul Wood and Kevin Malone — Alto Sax; Tommy Smith — Tenor Sax; Billy Sneddon — Drums.

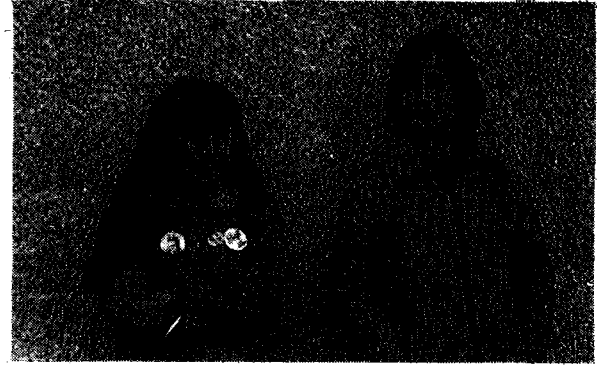
In the past few months, the community musicians at W.H.E.C. have become known farther afield. During the Edinburgh Festival a cross-section of the various groups gave a lunch time recital at St. Giles Cathedral. This consisted of a varied pro-

gramme of jobs, big band and rock music presented by the W.H.E.C. Big Band, the Rock Workshop and the Recorder Orchestra, which includes children from the feeder primary schools. As a result of this concert the whole ensemble were asked to present a similarly varied

programme on the evening of Remembrance Sunday, and such was the success that they were invited to return in the near future. Two of the younger musicians, Heather McCandless and Kathleen Newsome, both of 2nd year, have submitted an entry to the BBC Nationwide Carol Competition, and we wish them well in their initiative and effort. The highlights of the young

musicians work will be heard during the Community Pantomime — "A Wean in a Manger" which will run from Tuesday, December 16th until Friday, December 19th in the Games Hall at W.H.E.C.

Any musicians in Wester Hailes, who are interested in joining any of our groups, telephone Ian Millar at the Music Department, W.H.E.C.



On the left, Heather McCandless, Age 13, 16/13 Calder Grove in Class 2G12.

On right, Kathleen Newsome, Age 12, 5/3 Hailesland Grove in Class 2G12.

Venchie News

Summer's over and with the approach of winter we want to improve and expand our indoor facilities. Regular filmshows on Sundays at 2.30 p.m. and a juke box which is in the process of repair are two of our current projects along this line, both at the playhut. We've had a lot of personnel changes in recent months to help with the exciting development of additional playgroups at Hailes Quarry Park and

Clovenstone. It's hoped to make these different from the Venchie to offer some "Consumer Choice" to Wester Hailes kids. Any ideas for the Christmas Holidays? Just let us know in time for one of our fortnightly meetings, Monday evenings at the Playhut. Have a very Merry Christmas from all at the Venchie. Yours Aye, The Wester Hailes Adventure Playground Group People.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

PRIZE CROSSWORD

Last Month's solutions were: Across: 1. Constitution; 6. Lassitude; 8. G.I.; 10. Serious; 11. Char; 12. Bathbun; 14. Lloyds; 18. Booth; 19. Gale; 20. Era; 21. Inch.

Down: 1. Celestial; 2. Nostril; Tripod; 4. To each his own; 5. Omega; 7. Unseat; 9. Iron; 13. Unit; 15. Love; 16. Yoga; 17. Salt.

POP PUZZLE

Last month's solutions were: Across: 1. Tubeway Army; 6. & 5. Down. Allman Brothers; 9. & 11. Down. Fool On The Hill; 12. Ash; 14. Cold; 17. & 7. Yellow River; 19. & 16. Down. Love Me Do; 20. 24 & 13. Cut The Cake; 22. EMI; 23. & 17. Down. Neil Young; 25. Sign; 26. One.

Down: 1. Traffic; 2. Bollocks; 3. Air; 4. Move; 8. It; 10. Nice; 15. Old; 18. White; 19. Mike; 21. Ten; 22. ELO.

WESTER HAILES EDUCATION CENTRE DATELINE - DECEMBER



THE CENTRE will close at 5 p.m. on the 24th and 31st December. It will NOT open on the 25th and 26th December, and the 1st, 2nd and 5th January 1981. We wish all users a Happy Christmas and a Hopeful 1981.

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DUMBRYDEN PLANT IN



Margaret Kennedy (11); Martin Young (8); Jack Cooney (10); Stephen Suape (10); Stewart McGregor (9); Graham Bate (10); Caroline Rose (11); Scott McMaster (10); Sarah Rough (8); Gareth Stenhouse (6); Sarah Wallace (11); Natalie Hurhangee (11); Vanessa Rowell (11); Anna Balcock (10); Louise Laird (9); Samantha Gordon (9).

The Dumbryden Primary Gardening Club and the Environmental Resource Centre held a community planting day at Dumbryden School on Sunday, 23rd

November. The grey day did not deter about twenty youngsters from turning out to dig over the ground, and some brought their parents as well. The idea

was to plant an area about 70 ft. long as a heather and small conifer garden. The ground had been prepared by trainees from the Wester Hailes Youth Opportunities Programme under the supervision of Mike McGowan. The garden had been designed by Mr Veitch of the local Garden Centre at Juniper Green, who also provided the plants. The community gardening scheme at the school has gone in four stages, which started last spring with the allotment, which raised over £100 from the sale of the harvest in August. Following the allotment's success, the school brought

fruit trees and bushes to plant an orchard, on 10th November. W.H.Y.O.P. trainees prepared two flower beds after the children had marked out the area. These were planted up with perennials donated by staff and parents. The Gardening Club was started when over 300 parents and children came along to the Allotment Open Day. Adult members of the club are now regularly involved helping to supervise the childrens gardening sessions. Four events here so far proved extremely popular — an evening talk and display on houseplants by Mr Veitch. Two weekend outings to Vogrie Estate, Midlothian, Community Planting Day at school, and an evening on Christmas Floral Art and Decorations. The children are also designing their own club badge. Plans for the future apart from the continuing maintenance of the allotment, orchard and gardens, children have been designing improvements to other areas in the school grounds in particular a little used inner courtyard. A prize will be awarded for the best entry, and the ideas will strongly influence the final plan.

If you want further information contact Irene Douglas assistant head teacher at the school, or Marion Hope at the Environmental Resource Centre Tel. 557 2135.

WESTER HAILES ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION WAITING LIST AS AT 10/11/80

1. Mr A. Robertson, 15/5 Murrayburn Place.
2. Mr Growther, 59 Murrayburn Park.
3. Mr Edgar 6/15 Westburn Gardens.
4. Mrs M. Herd, 2/5 Westburn Gardens.
5. Mr J. Crawford, 12/8 Clovenstone Drive.
6. Mr Fairbairn, 2/17 Westburn Gardens.
7. Mr Forsyth, 19/3 Westburn Grove.
8. Mr Sinclair, 23/2 Westburn Park.

The Wester Hailes Allotment Association will hold their Annual General Meeting in Hailesland Community Centre (T.U.) on 14th January, 1981 at 7.30 p.m. Your support would be appreciated.

SMARTY PANTS

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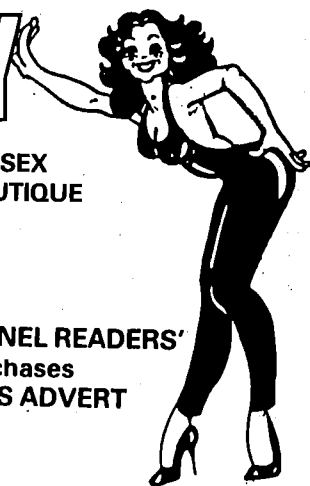
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Merry Christmas

AROUND THE AREAS

Park & Drive

If you didn't come to our bonfire and fireworks display then you missed a great night. Our hamburgers and hot-dogs disappeared faster than we could cook them. Many thanks must go to all who gave their time and effort to make this night the success it was. Perhaps next year Park and Drive can have just one bonfire instead of the dozen or so smaller ones that were lit around our area.

The news of our base's, a small delay, while some partitioning containing asbestos is removed and the building made safe for our use. Work on the foundations is going ahead in anticipation of early arrival of our base.

As this is the last Sentinel for 1980 may we take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to all those who have helped Park and Drive in any way. Without you we wouldn't survive.

Lastly may we wish each and everyone of you our most sincere Christmas greetings and wish you a happy and prosperous 1981. See you all next year.

Dumbryden

At the Dumbryden Tenants Association Annual General Meeting, the following were elected to the Committee for the coming year:

Mr Johnstone, 6/8 Dumbryden Grove; Galdys Mathieson, 30 Dumbryden Grove 443 7843; Maureen Combe, 27/5 Dumbryden Gardens 443 3819; Paula Veitch, 29/6 Dumbryden Gardens 443 7592; Helen Collins, 47/6 Dumbryden Gardens 443 7274; Mrs Johnstone, 6/8 Dumbryden Grove; Mrs Ann Wilson, 73/8 Dumbryden Gardens 443 2511; C. Enwood, 67/8 Dumbryden Gardens 444 1609; Mrs L. McGregor, 74/

1 Dumbryden Gardens 444 2460.

Dumbryden Tenants Association will be carol singing around the area on Monday, 23rd December. Anyone wishing to take part please meet at the back gate of Dumbryden Primary School at 6.30 p.m. Christmas parcels will be distributed to the pensioners during the carol singing. On behalf of Dumbryden Tenants Association could I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th January at 7.00 p.m. in Dumbryden Primary School. Please come along.

Clovenstone

We regret to have to report that once again the hut on the adventure playground has been broken into and our complete set of tools were stolen. If anyone has any information on this crime please contact the police. This incident seriously jeopardises the completion of the adventure playground. The proposed community shops at Clovenstone are in the final process of being approved by the District Council. It is hoped that early in the new year we can begin to build shops, these shops will be the property of the community. It is hoped that residents of Clovenstone will attend the next tenants meeting to put forward their ideas and the type of shops they want to see. The increasing problem of stray dogs in the area has been taken up on your behalf by the Tenants Association. We ask for your help in solving the problem by phoning the District Council and complaining when you see stray dogs. We hope to have a number of fund raising events in the near future starting with a dance in the Community

Centre in January to be followed by a sale of work at the same venue in February further details of the events shall appear in the next issues of the Sentinel. We wish to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Clovenstone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year and to thank them for their support in the past year.

Calders

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Sentinel Appeal. The total for the Calderys so far is £101. Many thanks to all the collectors.

The Lucky Penny Cafe in Calder Community Centre is now open on Thursday afternoon as well as Tuesdays. Usual high standard of home cooking.

Calder Community Centre is closed for the school holidays. Last bingo of the year is Monday, 22nd December. Eyes down at eight o'clock.

Calder Pensioners Lunch Club

The above lunch club has proved to be a great success. Although we have at the moment a full membership of 60, anyone interested can put their name on the waiting list. On the 13th December we are going to the Christmas Spectacular at the Playhouse. The annual Christmas Dinner is on the 17th December and on the 19th December, we will close for two weeks.

Calder Friends and Neighbour Club

The first session of this year closes on 13th December with the Christmas Party, when 80 pensioners will be entertained by a group named "Macalpa". On 26th January we go to the pantomime in the Kings Theatre. By and large a very enjoyable first session.

Betty Stuart, President.

Murrayburn

This has been another quiet month in Murrayburn. We held our Christmas Variety Show in W.H.E.C. on Monday, 8th December and once again it was a huge success. Once again our thanks to everyone who took part. Congratulations to two of our Committee Members, Carol and Grant Mizener of Murrayburn Gardens. Their baby daughter, Joanne arrived safely in November. Incidentally Joanne is appearing as Baby Jesus in the Community Pantomime. By the next issue we should have something definite to tell you about our Community Hut. As 1980 draws to a close, from all the members of the Tenants of Murrayburn Committee we would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes to you all.

See you all in January '81.

Hailesland

At the meeting of the Tenants Association on 25th November the tenants of Hailesland Gardens made it clear that they were opposed to any development in the car park at Hailesland Gardens.

They were opposed in particular to the proposed shopping development. The next meeting of the Tenants Association will be held in the Hailesland Primary School on Tuesday, 13th January. The last few meetings of the Association have been well attended by the tenants of Hailesland Gardens but we would like to see more people from Hailesland Grove and Hailesland Park at the next meeting.

Cilla's Kidz Kolumn!

Hi Kids!

Happy Festive Season.

Thanks for all entries to the competition. The winner was John Bigrie, 50/18 Wester Hailes Park, age 7. Stories and poems this month come from WHEC and Clovenstone Primary. Have a great Christmas everybody. See you next month.

CILLA.

The Sound of Spring

The birds are in the air
Singing around everywhere
In the trees, in the willow
Making a nice soft pillow.
There are twigs from here and there
Then they mate to make a pair
From the nest there is singing
A new life is just beginning.

Charles Ross,
Clovenstone Primary.

Please Come Down

Oh dear birds up in the trees
I wish you'd sing your song to me
with your tweet tweet tweet
and you nest so sweet
please come down and sit on my seat.
by Mary Glasgow.

There was a young girl from Hailes
She loved to eat raw whales
She sucked all the blood
Then jumped in the mud
And started to bite all her nails.
by Mary Glasgow.

The Way Up to Heaven

I sat in the study waiting for the elevator man to come. I gave a chuckle wondering if I had done the right thing, murdering my husband. I sat there for about 45 minutes, before I heard the door. I answered the door, it was the elevator man. I brought him in and showed him the lift. For about half an hour there was banging, then there was silence. He shouted me through and told me he couldn't get a bit of the door down. I told him to keep trying. Eventually he got it opened, "But there's no floor" he said. We looked down but it was too dark. He ran to his car and brought in a torch. He shone it down into the dark. He then gave a scream and said "There's a body down there" he ran to the phone and phoned the Police and an Ambulance. They got here quite quickly. He volunteered to go down and bring up the body. The elevator man came up with the body and I looked at it, it was my husband. The ambulance men took him away. I pretended I was crying and then the police went away. When I heard the police car leaving I started to laugh "Good, I've succeeded in killing my husband".

Alan Banford, 2a W.H.E.C.

GHOSTLY GHOULS

The big, creaky, wooden door opened slowly into an old, dusty, eighteenth century house. Jan Day, who was interested in old houses, walked in, rather afraid of what she might meet. Jan was fifteen years old. She lived quite near the house. Jan had been told about the house by a school teacher. The teacher told Jan that the house belonged to Miss Florence Hope one hundred and thirty-eight years ago. She had inherited the house from her father in 1842.

Jan walked up the creaky, old staircase into a room, which looked like an old bedroom. Cobwebs lay everywhere. On the bed Jan thought she saw something moving. Then she saw something which took her breath away.

On the bed lay a young lady with pure white skin and jet black hair. Jan blinked and pinched herself to make herself wake up. She felt this pinch and found she was not dreaming. The girl stared hard at Jan. Jan moved forward and then the girl spoke, "Do not approach me," she said, "I am not of your world." Jan could not understand this remark. Jan took a pace forward. The girl said, "Please do not come any nearer. There is a shield to protect me". But Jan, as if she had not heard the remark, went on.

Then she came into a room with a long table on which was a wedding feast and an old lady sitting at the head of the old, wood, wormy table. She was dressed in black. Jan stammered, "I don't believe it".

"My child," said the woman, "today is my wedding day one hundred and thirty-eight years ago. Today my Gavin will come".

"But how?" said Jan.

"Because one hundred and thirty-eight years ago the wedding was changed for a funeral".

Then Jan heard a man's footsteps on the stairs. Then a man came in and took Jan and the old lady's hand. And Jan Day was never see again.

Mary Glasgow, 7D Clovenstone Primary School.

THE BIG MATCH

"And as we start this match", said the commentator, "Rangers have got a very tight defence. There will be some problems with this slight breeze. The Rangers line-up is McLoy, Jardine, Forsyth, Jackson, Cooper, McDonald (A), Smith, McLean, McDonald (J), Johnstone and Miller and subs are Russel and Dawson. The Celtic line-up is Latchford, McGrain, MacAdam, McLeod, McGarvey, Lennox, Doyle, Burns, McLuskey, Aitken and Provan. They have just flipped the coin and Celtic have won it, so Celtic are playing from left to right. There are eighty thousand six hundred and ninety nine spectators here".

"So Celtic are on the break with Lennox, but Forsyth gives him a hard tackle. So it's a free kick. Provan has taken it but a perfect save by McLoy. Long kick by McCloy, despite the wind against him. The ball with Smith, Smith will switch it to McLean. Now McLean dribbling it up the wing, a fine cross to Johnstone for a header and straight into the hands of Latchford. And there's the half-time whistle..."

"There is seven minutes to go and it's a corner to Rangers. Cooper swerves the ball in, and Johnstone has scored a brilliant header!..."

"And the seconds are ticking away and Ian Foote is looking at his watch. And there goes the final whistle! It is nearly night, and this is a nightmare for Celtic and a dream come true for Rangers. This is Archie McPherson saying goodbye from Hampden Park".

Douglas White, 7D Clovenstone Primary School.

Write and tell me all about your Christmas surprises and have fun!

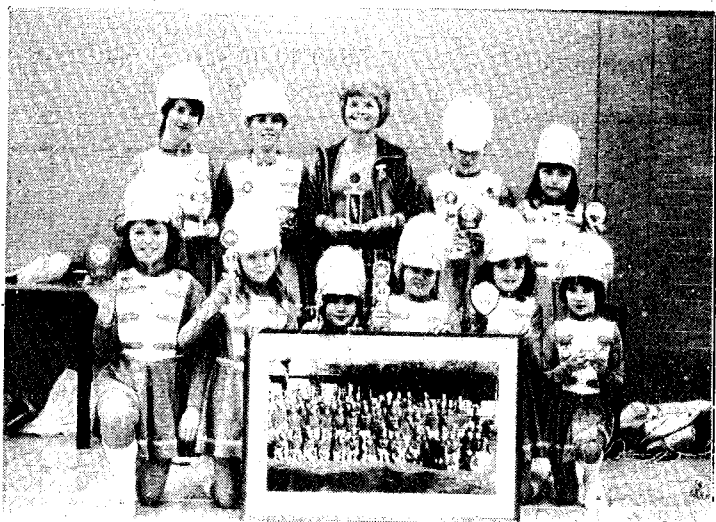
CILLA.

The Sentinel, 5B Hailesland Place, Edinburgh.

DO YOU CARE?

About the youngster unable to find a job about the father made redundant about the single parent with a handicapped child about the old lady whose windows were broken by vandals about the family threatened with disconnection, poinding, eviction. All these and more are some of the problems which come to a Citizens Advice Bureau who are looking for volunteers. The Bureau would like to particularly hear from Wester Hailes residents who appreciate the need for a free and confidential service of this kind, and who would be willing to train for this interesting and rewarding work. If you like people, are interested in helping others and can spare 6 to 7 hours per week, then this may be for YOU.

Training for new volunteers will start in January 1981 and the total commitment of time, including training, will not be more than 7 hours per week (divided in to two 3½ hour sessions). Travelling expenses will be met. For more details write to or call in to speak to: Mrs Isabel MacFarlane, Organiser, Longstone Citizens Advice Bureau, Slateford Longstone Parish Church, Kingsknowe Road North, Edinburgh 14.



The prizewinners in Calder Merriebelles Dancing Troupe were: Senior Trophies—Linda Collister, Jacqui Nelson and Sandra Willis. Junior Silver Medal overall winner Tricia Drever. Bronze Medal, 1st overall Julie Beveridge, 2nd Louise Ormiston, Equal 3rd Brenda and Vivienne Robertson.

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unemployed people to organise themselves, and establish links with other organisations sympathetic towards the problems of the unemployed, to gain credibility and support for the centre, and encourage debate of the real issues should take a positive direction, building links with unemployed people in their own localities, breaking down the barriers which have grown up between to cloud the real issues, it needs all the help it can get. To become a powerful and credible voice in the future, in the face of unemployment rates which

have surpassed previous 'unacceptable' rates, the centre needs the ideas and support of the unemployed themselves. Please call if you are interested, and if you want to help.

The Centre premises are also used by the Unemployed Worker's Association, which has been formed to campaign for a political solution to the problem of unemployed and 'redundancies' and to establish links with the Trade Union Movement. Information about the Association can be obtained at the Centre.

Shop Stays Open

Have you seen our newly stocked shop? If not, take time, come along, and give us a visit. We are now open on Saturdays, and we have everything from pencils, sharpeners, clothing etc. which we have listed below, and if we do not have what you want we will endeavour to get it for you. Most of all we would like people to save any "bits and bobs" you may think we could use by making something from it. Here are some ideas: Tea-Towels from old tablecloths (seldom used nowadays), articles of knitting from odd wool, stones painted to use for door-stops, many other different items. Our main concern at the moment is Christmas and we have lots of games and toys for the children which are very inexpensive. So please save all your "odds" and our Committee Members will be only too pleased to collect, do not throw them away. It's very handy to have our own Thrift Shop in the area and good fun to browse through our little store. Please come along

someday soon, and bring your 'odds' with you. Thank you.

Yours,
Mrs Cameron, Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mrs Cameron, 1/63 Hailesland Park. 453 1049.

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Goods we Sell:

Games, Toys, Glassware, Ornaments, Jewellery, Soft Toys, Table Mats, Pinafores, Children's Books and Knitted Garments; Plants; Decorations; Dolls and Second Hand Clothing of all kinds.

Hours of Opening:

All Week, 9 till 4.30. Closed for lunch 12 till 1.00. Open all day Saturday.

CO-OP REPORT

The working party on Community Co-operatives reported to a poorly attended meeting. It was decided to carry on with the working party, and co-opt experts onto it as advisors. Meetings will be taking place over the next few weeks to thrash out the practicalities of such a venture.

HILL WALKING CLUB

The next hill-walk will be on Sunday, January 11th, leaving WHEC at 9.00 a.m. We'll likely be going to Braeviach or somewhere similar. We can decide nearer the time. If anyone would like to come, please phone me to let me know and to ask for equipment if necessary. Dorothy Stewart 442 2201.

DANCING SUCCESS

The eighty or ninety pupils and 14 adults of the Joyce Paterson School of Dancing raised £170.66 in aid of Sick Children's Hospital Scanner Appeal at two Christmas Shows in the W.H.E.C. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8/9th December.

NOTICE BOARD

Family Planning Clinic—Open over Christmas and New Year. Dentist surgery will be open but no dentist will be present. Health visitors on holiday Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and January 2nd.

The Notice Board has been shortened as most groups are having a Christmas break.

W.H.U.R.P.A.C. will meet again on 22nd January at 7.30 p.m.

A.C.O.R.N. Committee—7th January.

Allotments Association—A.G.M. January 14th Hailesland Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Westburn Community Base—Sunday, 18th January at 2 p.m. at the base.