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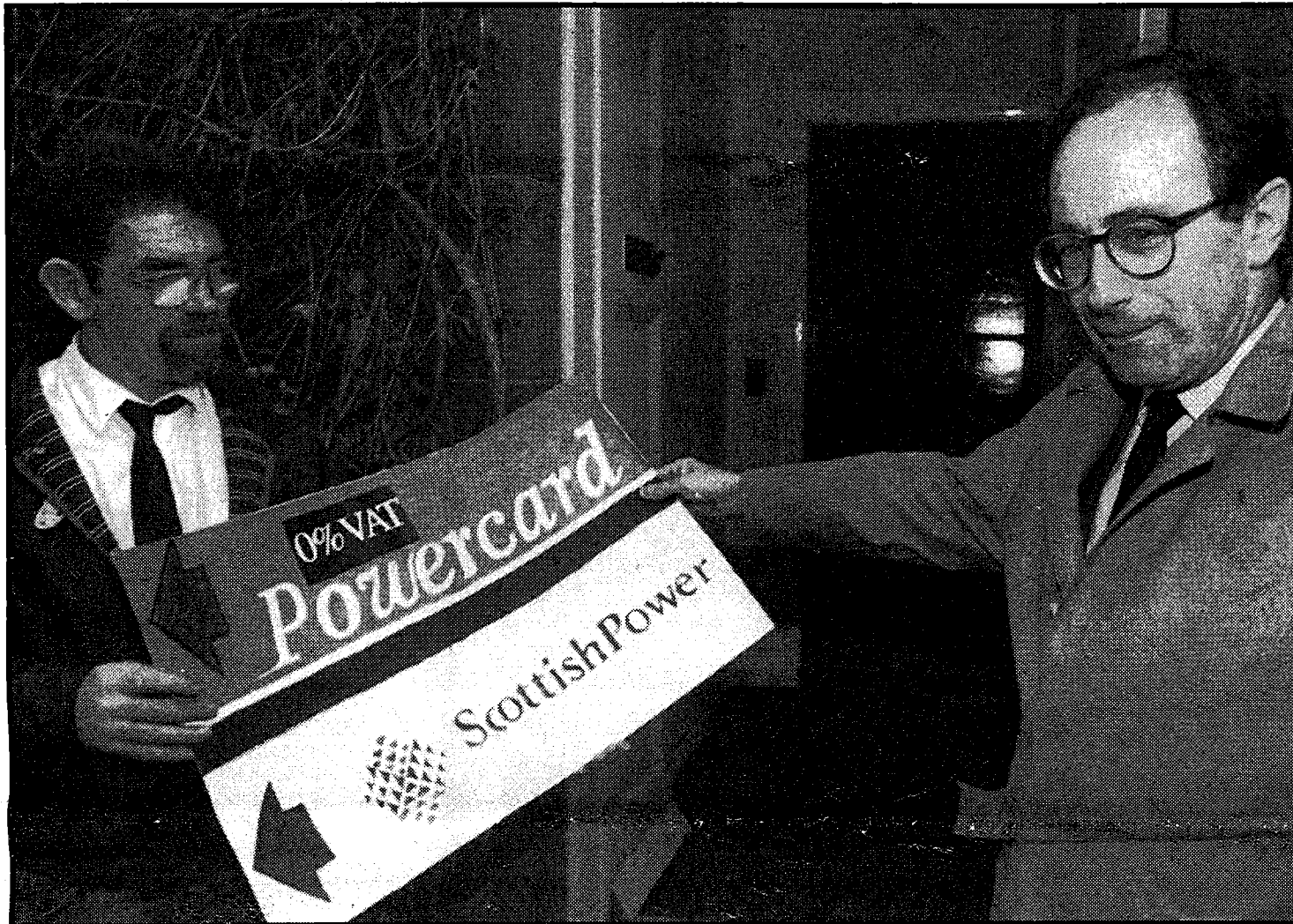
# WESTER HAILES SENTINEL

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OF WESTER HAILES

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THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



## A message for Malcolm

The local Member of Parliament got a clear message from some of his constituents last week - we don't want another increase on VAT on fuel. Malcolm Rifkind was presented with a giant power card by Norrie Watkins, a leading member of the Wester Hailes campaign against VAT on fuel. The campaigners had hoped to persuade Mr Rifkind, a leading Cabinet member, to vote against the proposed increase when it comes before Parliament this week, but their protests apparently fell on deaf ears. Last year, the Conservative government implemented an 8 percent VAT levy on fuel bills and they plan to increase the charge to 17.5 percent from April next year.

# LOCAL TENANTS WIN FIGHT OVER RENTS

## INSIDE your SENTINEL

● TUNE INTO HAILES FM  
The full programme for  
Wester Hailes very own  
radio station - CENTRE PAGES

● WIN £100  
Turn to PAGE 7 for your  
chance to win a fabulous  
prize in time for Christmas

● PANTO FUN  
Don't miss the low-down on  
WHALE's Christmas treat

**L**OCAL people were celebrating a famous rent victory last week when they heard that the district council had made a U-turn over a proposed hike in rents.

In July this year, residents of the newly upgraded houses in Clovenstone Park were informed that they would have to pay an extra £5 per week on their rents - because their homes had been improved. The planned increase would also have affected residents in Clovenstone Drive and Wester Hailes Park and Drive.

## Council backs down over extra fiver

But thanks to a campaign by local residents, backed by district councillors, Willie Dunn and Mark Lazarowicz, the council has changed its mind. At a housing committee meeting last month, councillors agreed not to implement the rent rise until there has been a complete review of the policy on rents for upgraded or improved houses. The news was welcomed by Marion Dymond, the local housing spokesperson who said: "This is wonderful news and it is thanks to the residents

who fought long and hard to make sure the rent rise wasn't implemented. "After all, why should tenants be forced to pay for their homes to be brought up to standard. It is not their fault the houses were sub-standard in the first place". This view was backed by district councillor, Mark Lazarowicz who said: "I am glad the Housing Committee has seen sense and will not impose the additional rent increase on tenants who already pay some of the highest rents in Edinburgh.

"Given that tenants will face a rent rise next April, it would have been totally unacceptable if tenants had been forced to pay more because their houses had been brought up to a standard they should have been in when they were first built". The work being carried out in Clovenstone Park and Drive and Wester Hailes Park is part of the Partnership's overall housing strategy. The district council has agreed to invest £1 million a year for the next seven years into the project.

# HAILES QUARRY A BIG THREAT TO CITY RIVERS



## Pictures of an exhibition

Edinburgh may boast some of Scotland's best art galleries, but they cannot compete with the array of beautiful paintings which went on display last week at the Dove Centre.

Many of the artists had not picked up a painting brush since they left school fifty years ago. But after a few lessons from tutor, Debby Pearson, they were soon painting like old masters and the exhibition was the result of their hard work.

The Dove Centre for over 50's, runs the arts and crafts class once a week. For further information on this and the other classes they run, phone Hilda on 453 4656.

## Helen opens the Calder food co-op

A senior Calder's resident, who has fond memories of the time when the local co-operative store was every community's focal point, launched the Calder's food co-op last week.

Mrs Helen Boyd opened the new venture on Wednesday November 15th and she expressed her wish that this modern day co-op would help local people and strengthen community spirit.

The co-op, which is run by local residents, offers cut-price food to its members. It is open for business every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10.00 am to 12 noon and each Saturday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. It is based in the Calder's Community Centre.

**Dr Ian McKee, Dr Dan Drewitt  
Dr Penelope Watson**

Our open surgeries at Wester Hailes and Sighthill Health Centres mean that no-one has to wait more than one working day to see a doctor.

## Shoppers Christmas Crèche

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!**

**FREE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS CRECHE  
for children aged 1 - 10  
at The Wester Hailes Opportunities Trust  
Creche in Hailesland Primary School  
Monday 12th to Saturday 24th December  
(except Sundays)  
10.00am - 5.00pm**

Funded by Edinburgh District Councils Women's Committee with assistance from the Wester Hailes Opportunities Trust

**A** LOCAL landmark, the Hailes Quarry, has been declared a danger to Edinburgh's river system. And the district council has agreed to spend £500,000 to sort out the problem.

Foul liquid is seeping from the former refuse tip into the city's water courses, including the nearby Murray Burn and the Water of Leith. It is also feared to have reached the popular Union Canal.

And according to the council's Environmental Health Director, Dick Car-

## Council to spend £500,000 to stop pollution

son, the polluted water could kill off the aquatic life in the rivers.

He went on: "There are also obvious public safety implications in that people do use the Water of Leith and the Canal, and if they are full of polluted water it's bad news. But I must stress that it's not going to kill anyone".

The council have agreed to spend £50,000 this year

to study the nature and volume of the pollution along with methods of treatment and disposal. And they have also agreed to set aside half-a-million pounds to build a special treatment plant at the site.

Local plans to turn the Hailes Quarry into a landscaped park and play area are not thought to be affected by the pollution danger.

## Wester Hailes Education Centre showband hit the right note

The WHEC Showband have reached the finals of a national competition and next March the group will travel to London's Hilton hotel and take part in an all-star show. Last month the showband reached the semi's of the Child of Achievement Music in the Community competition after beating hundreds of others.

The band were recognised for the part they play in taking music into their community.

The WHEC's principal music teacher Jean Allison was delighted. She said: "I was completely gob smacked when we reached the final, it's really wonderful.

"We hoped we could make it and we were over the moon when we did."

The school were given £100 when they won and between now and the finals they have to use that money to raise as much as they can for charity.

Jean said: "The amount of money we make will probably be taken into consideration at the finals so we will need to play a lot of concerts and try and make as much money as possible for charity."



## Lothian Racial Equality Council

### Training Opportunities for Black/ Minority Ethnic Young People

**LREC is recruiting four unemployed Black/ Minority Ethnic young people to train as youth workers.**

The purpose of the project is to encourage black/minority ethnic employment in the area of youth work. The training, which is accredited, will last for 12 weeks. The training will involve field based work in the following areas: Pilton, Craigmillar, North Leith and Wester Hailes. Once completed it is hoped that trainees will have acquired skills which will enable them to apply for further formal training courses and/ or seek employment.

*No formal qualifications are required.* An interest in youth work, experience of working with and an understanding of black/ minority ethnic communities would be desirable. An ability to speak a community language would be advantageous although not essential.

Training allowance, travel expenses, lunch vouchers, child care allowance and training costs will be provided by this project.

Informal enquiries about the training can be made by phone only to DHARMENDRA KANANI, Racial Equality Officer or CHRIS LAU, Chinese Community Development Officer at LREC on 031 556 0441 or write to LREC, 14 Forth Street, Edinburgh EH1 3LH before December 7th 1994.

LREC is an equal opportunities employer. The above posts are covered by Race Relations Act 1976, Section 5(2)(d).

### Calder North West

## Pick up a FREE pooper scooper

THE Council had a visit from the Senior Dog Warden at our meeting on November 16th. After a very interesting talk he provided a box of pooper scoops, which are now available to dog owners, and can be collected, free of charge, from Calder Community Centre. The Centre is open from 9 - 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 - 1pm on Saturdays. It is hoped that all dog-owners not already in possession of a pooper scoop will take this opportunity to avail themselves of one and help to rid the pathways and grassed areas of this menace.

The following issues have been raised giving the up to date position. Gas central heating refurbishment - This has been stopped for the winter. Re-start is expected in Spring '95. Hand railings at both end of Calder shops - The area has been inspected by the Senior Housing Manager and with the support of the Chemist shop owner it is hoped that these can be provided in the near future.

Clearing of undergrowth at Calder Crescent/ Road - Letter from the Highways Department LRC saying that arrangements are in hand to have this done as soon as possible.

Leakage and water penetration on balconies - Reply awaited from the District Council. Painting of stairs - Reply awaited from the District Council.

### Wester Hailes Drive South

DUE to poor response, the parent and toddler group has been abandoned for the foreseeable future. However, if anyone is interested in setting up the group again, the flat is available. We are hoping to organise a trip to the pantomime sometime in January for kids between 4 - 8. Keep a look out for more details.

The neighbourhood council meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7.00pm in the neighbourhood flat at 25/1 Wester Hailes Drive.

## We're looking for some new faces

**WORK is progressing very well on the modernisation and refurbishment programme.**

So far the weather has been very kind to us and it is hoped that this will continue throughout December when new double glazed windows are due to be fitted. With such a major undertaking there is always a certain amount of disruption and upheaval, but so far there have been no major problems and the end result will justify the means.

Sadly, it has been brought to our attention that vandalism of cars is again on the increase. This seems to be targeted against a particular group in our community.

This is mindless, wanton vandalism. If this is how some people get their kicks or a high, then it can only be assumed that they are lacking something from the neck upwards.

If evidence can be found to link any person or persons to these despicable acts both the police and Edinburgh District Council will do everything in their power to bring a prosecution.

## We put up a good fight

AS every one can see Environmental work is in progress and on schedule. There have been a number of complaints regarding children playing in the compound where the cabins are, pulling bricks from pallets etc. and tampering with works equipment. Extra police are on the beat and will charge anyone found in the compound or on the cabins.

Certain children who have been identified have been exposing themselves on top of the cabins. May we remind them that this is an offence and can be punishable by a period of detention.

The Woods Project minibus will be touring the Dumbryden area in the next few weeks to try and get teenagers interested in their project. It is hoped that those in the age group of 10 - 18 will be interested in pool, videos and other projects which are held

### West Dumbryden

free of charge at the Woods Centre. The kids will uplift 10 - 12 year olds and return them safely home. They also run free outdoor activities at week-ends. The Dumbryden Coven put up a good fight at the recent neighbourhood quiz night. We only had two people in the team and all other teams had four. Sadly we only won the wooden spoon but all the same many thanks. A Christmas Raffle will be running as from next week with seven prizes ranging from hampers down to a bottle of wine. Tickets are 50p for a strip of five tickets and are obtainable from any neighbourhood council member. The draw will take place in the neighbourhood flat on Thursday December 22nd.

### WESTER HAILES BAPTIST CHURCH Clovenstone Park

● **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**  
Sunday December 18th at  
6.30pm & Wednesday December  
21st at 7.30pm  
Everyone Welcome

● **DROP IN**  
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday, 10am - 1pm

● **KEEP FIT**  
Every Tuesday, 7.30pm  
Creche available

### Wester Hailes Park Co-op

Recently we lost a few people from our Management Co-op because they moved out of the area. These were Andrew Russell, David Cooper and Susie Roy. They were all actively involved in the Co-op and we wish them all well for the future. Consequently, there are vacancies on the steering group and we would like to urge tenants to get involved in the affairs of the community. New faces invariably result in fresh ideas and these are always welcome.

The next meeting is on Monday, December 12th in the new neighbourhood flat at 43/1 Wester Hailes Park at 7.00pm.

At this meeting Shirley Stimson will be giving a presentation on shared community centre.

Please make the effort to come along and lend your support.

A crèche will be available if requested in advance.

Contact Vera Wilson or John Hinton at the Rep Council on 442 3202 for further information.

For more  
news on  
your area

Call  
442 3202

## NO VOICE NO CHOICE

### Cobbinshaw

IT WAS a poor turnout for the public meeting held by Cobbinshaw Neighbourhood Council on Wednesday, November 23rd in Sighthill Primary School.

Despite Cobbinshaw residents returning the highest number of questionnaires about issues relating to the concierge system, security and lifts recently, this response was not reflected in the number of people who turned out to the meeting. This was an opportunity missed as Janet Mackenzie the Principal Housing Officer at the local EDC office and councillor Mark Lazarowicz had been invited to come along to respond to residents questions and demands. It is disappointing that when these officials came along to be accountable to local people for the council's policies and how they are implementing them - the residents from Cobbinshaw were not available. Therefore, when the council goes ahead and does things that residents are unhappy about you cannot justifiably turn round and say you weren't consulted and

then complain about them.

The meeting itself was very productive and the few people who had made an effort to turn up used the occasion well and a lively and occasionally heated debate followed. Both Mark Lazarowicz and Janet Mackenzie had to take a hoard of comments and ideas from the floor and went away with many constructive proposals that were put forward from the floor.

Thanks also to Safe As Houses for telling us how we can make our front doors more secure. The message is very simple No voice then you have no choice. Your neighbourhood council is trying very hard to improve the quality of life in Cobbinshaw. So let us all pull together to achieve this.

The neighbourhood council needs more ideas and support from other residents. If you are interested then contact Hannah Jeffrey in 8/1 North or John Johnstone 11/1 South.

## LOCAL TOURISM COURSE CO-ORDINATOR

3 month contract around £5,000

We need an enthusiast with excellent groupwork skills to assist Wester Hailes residents to explore their history and heritage, and where and how they can find out more about it. This is intended to improve understanding of the attraction of Edinburgh as a tourist centre.

This is a 13 week, part time pilot course (beginning in January) intended to provide access to employment opportunities in the fast growing tourism industry, possibly after a period of further study. The course content will be negotiated with participants but is likely to include *Basic Skills (Literacy, Numeracy, Keyboard / Computing)*; *Tourism in General*; *Edinburgh's Visitor Attractions*; *The History, Heritage and Culture of Scotland and it's Capital*; and *Customer Care*. WHOT will provide a Guidance and Counselling input and organise work experience placements.

Whilst this is intended to underpin work in tourism related jobs in hotel, catering and retail in addition to visitor attractions and galleries, we believe that the learning process is of great value in itself and this course subscribes to the philosophy of Edinburgh as a City of Lifelong Learning.

A feature of the course will be the emphasis on getting out and about, and building an understanding that Edinburgh belongs as much to residents of Wester Hailes as of the New Town. The bulk of tutoring, specifically on history and culture, and the arranging of visits will be the Course Co-ordinator's responsibility; there is provision for external tutors to be used for 'basic skills' and tourist industry specific material.

A CV and covering letter should be sent to Jeannie Rocks, Senior Administrator, Wester Hailes Opportunities Trust, Wester Hailes Centre, Edinburgh EH14 2SW, from whom additional information is available. Tel 442 4252. The closing date for applications is Friday 16th December.

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Trust

WESTER HAILES  
PARTNERSHIP

# SENTINEL SOUNDS

Edited by Iain Bunt

Isn't it just amazing the sort of music that crawls out of the woodwork for Christmas, Liz Dawn (aka Vera Duckworth) & Joe Longthorne have a duet, the Mighty Morph'n Power Rangers have one and not to mention... Zig & Zag! Aside from that there's an enormous amount of compilation albums out just now, here's a quick run down of some.

## 100% CHRISTMAS

Telstar

A host of Christmas favourites, from Jona Lewie to Slade, from *Do They Know It's Christmas* to *Mary's Boy Child*! From the choir music to the liveliness of Gary Glitter they're all here!!

Sounds Rating: **6/10**

## THE ULTIMATE PARTY ALBUM

The Hit Label

Here we go with the likes of Jeff Beck and other party favourites from the 60's to the 90's - MAGIC!!

Sounds Rating: **8/10**

## NOW 29

EMI/Virgin/Polygram

Yet another in this never ending series of albums, this time featuring Whigfield, Michelle Gayle, Crash Test Dummies, Pato Banton, Cyndi Lauper, Robert Palmer, Shampoo, The Cranberries, New Order etc. etc. Not the best in the series but still not too bad!!

Sounds Rating: **7/10**

## DANCE ZONE '94

Polygram TV

A selection of this year's dance hits provides the basis for this collection. Dance hits like *Son Of A Gun*, *Doop*, *Light My Fire*, *Confide In Me*, *Saturday Night*, and the current number one from Baby D *Let Me be Your Fantasy*.

Sounds Rating: **7/10**

## MOTOWN - THE ULTIMATE HITS COLLECTION

Motown

Everybody knows something about Motown, whether you were a Four Tops Fan, or were besotted by Diana Ross, or maybe you swoon to the sound of Boyz II Men, any which way you'll like something from this collection, they're all here from Marvin Gaye to Lionel Richie, from Shanice to Mary Wells, The Temptations to DeBarge!!

Sounds Rating: **8/10**

## CHRISTMAS POP QUIZ

Saturday 17th December

Club 85

from 9pm (after the bingo!)

Teams of 2-4 persons

60's Entry FREE

80's Bar operating

Prizes for the winners

# TURN ON

On Friday, December 9th at 7 o'clock in the morning you can wake up to the sounds of Wester Hailes very own radio station - Hailes FM  
For three days, music and chat will be blasting out across the airwaves - don't miss it!

## Wake up with Mo and Do

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
7.00 - 10.00 am

This dynamic duo will wake you up with an experience you'll never forget, as they give you an insight into their wonderful world with trips down memory lane, Crumond Island Discs mingling with the stars and unexpected guests popping in.

Whether you go for fully cooked or continental Mo and Do's breakfast menu is a sizzling start to any day.

Presenters: Maud Wylie and Doris Brown

Production team: Norma Fraser, Mafe Marwick, Julian Goodman and Jude Dunn.

## Backchat

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Move over Oprah, here comes Shirley and company who'll be leaving no stone unturned as they tackle issues including Zero Tolerance, homelessness, bullying sports, drugs and the image of Wester Hailes - all mixed together with related music!

Presenters: Shirley Stimson, Paul Goldie and David Bisset.

Production Team: Morag Patterson, David Bisset Paul Goldie

## Tea & cakes at Kev's House

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
1.00 - 3.00 pm

Settle down for the afternoon with a nice cup of typhoo and some Mr Kiplings and listen to the complete satisfaction that is Kevin. He's sticky but true Blue-Tack and friends.

Presenter: Kevin Gordon

Production Team: Scott Fairweather and Heidi Widelewski

## The Classic Hour

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
3.00 - 4.00 pm

Of course there will be plenty of classical favourites from Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Sibelius and that lot but we shall

ALSO hear from Lennon/McCartney, Emerson Lake and Palmer, Lloyd Webber and others in this wide ranging thematic programme. Something for every taste.

Presenter: Tom Brash

Production Team: Simon Blakely and Andy Pritchard.

## The Timewarp

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
4.00 - 7.00 pm

Join Jim Foy and Jacci Scott as they step into their Tardis and take you on a Magical Mystery Tour bringing you a show filled with bursting point with news, guests, competitions and reviews plus the very best in 60's, 70's and 80's music.

Presenters: Jim Foy and Jacci Scott.

Production Team: Barry Quinn and Ingrid Neill.

## Dance Department

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
7.00 - 10.00 pm

A show packed full of top tunes, techno, dance, hard house, American house, Italian club, news, reviews, interviews, prize giveaways, the Wind Up chart and Hype Chart. DJ's Jim and Jason plus special guest including Matthew Murray (Rezerection) and Techno legends, Twitch and Brainstorm (Pure).

Presenters: James Foy and Jason Cross

Production Team: George Greenhill and Lynne Falconer.

## Billy Ross!

Friday night to Saturday morning,  
10.00 pm - 1.00 am

Billy Ross guides you through the best of the independent/alternative music scene as well as interviews with the people who make it - featuring the locally compiled chart and the indispensable gig guide - it's simply the best music you'll hear all weekend. From local to global, it's all here!

Presenter: Billy Ross

Producer: Mike Walsh

## Through the Night

Friday night/Saturday morning,  
1.00 - 3.00 am

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9th - 11th  
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Doing it for  
ourselves

Essentially this is music for romantics whatever their age. A selection of the world's greatest love songs with plenty of chat lines.

Presenter: Mike Stevenson

Producer: Norma Fraser and Barry Quinn

## Broccoli the hard way

Saturday night/Sunday morning,  
10.00 pm - 1.00 am

Swindon's greatest lover, DJ Reese Gentlock brings you an eclectic mix of left field rock'n'roll, psychedelia and classic rock with an undercurrent of surreal nonsense and chat.

"Different yet entertaining" Radio Week

"It's not bad like" Raise the Challice Rock and Metal Monthly

"It's really creepy" Naomi Campbell

Presenter: Crawford Mackay aka Reese Gentlock

Producer: Mike Walsh

## The Messenger Show

Saturday night/Sunday morning,  
1.00 - 3.00 am

If your knowledge of reggae music stops dead at Bob Marley tune into this show for two hours undiluted reggae music provided by Stevie G of the Messenger Sound System. Drawing on the various styles within reggae music from classics through to fresh new releases.

Presenter: Stevie G from the Messenger Sound System (Steve Gearty)

Producer: Jason Urquhart

## Bits and Pieces

Friday night/Saturday morning,  
3.00 - 5.00 am

There's something for everyone in this madcap two hours of great music, late night guests and inspired chat.

Presenter: Paul Goldie

Producer: James Foy

## Great Scott

Saturday night/Sunday morning,  
3.00 - 5.00 am

Saddle up and ride your pony as it's time for a hoe-down with Wester'n'Hailes's very own rhinestone cowgirl Jacci Scott who'll be



# The Wester Hailes Christmas Show

## The TREE

### THE STORY

This modern day tale is set in a treeless future and begins when a mother is confronted by her young son's plea, "whatever happened to the trees?"

As Christmas looms and memories of Christmas Trees take the young mum back to the good old days, she decides to discover the fate of the trees. Could there be one last remaining tree?



**The Good Guys: Iain Bunt & Heather Coppins**

To help her in her quest she decides to hire the services of the 'Nut and Bolt' Detective Agency. Dick Nut and Tracey Bolt then venture forth on an ecological mystery that takes them through a variety of unusual encounters as they seek out the truth about the trees. But and Boo Hiss who are those rogues in hot pursuit who wish only to turn the search for the last tree to their financial advantage?

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the chase is on...

### WHO'S BEHIND THE FIRST EVER WESTER HAILES CHRISTMAS SHOW?

'The Tree' has been created by WHALE, Wester Hailes Arts project, using the imagination and creative talents of all its many participants to tell this ambitious tale. By creating just the backbone of the story, WHALE has encouraged individual segments of the show to be developed and coordinated by its young performers. As a result you can expect an imaginative, fast moving and at times chaotic family tale. There will be the visual treat of tape-slide projections, the juggling and stilt walking skills of the young circus



**Stardom Childrens Theatre**

**Childrens Theatre Workshop**



**Circus Skills**

group plus the chance to enjoy the developing theatrical talents of all Wester Hailes' actors and actresses.

In addition, and in keeping with community tradition, WHALE has filled all the cameo parts with as many well known local faces as is possible. The aim has been to involve as wide a community representation as possible.

### WHO WILL BE UP THERE ON THE STAGE? OR HOW DID THEY GET TO BE WHERE THEY ARE TODAY?

The Christmas Show has come about by using the acting and creative talents of the groups WHALE works with all year round. These groups play a key role in WHALE's programme, including in both the Carnival and the Award Winning WHALE Venue run during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Here they make a welcome return to the local stage.



**The Bad Guys: Leanne Allen & Genevieve Hay**

### THE THEATRE GROUPS

#### Moving Parts

Individual members of Moving Parts, both old and new, can be seen in key roles throughout the show. The group are Wester Hailes' most established and experienced theatre troupe. Their work consists of creating an annual tour as well as one off productions in response to requests from the community.

#### Bash

As with Moving Parts, individual members of Bash take key roles in the Christmas Show, both on stage and behind the scenes. Bash, who consist of around 12 young people, have taken a divided role with some members working on the Show's visual projections ('Snippers') and others performing centre stage.

#### Stardom

Wester Hailes' star performers of the future, this group have devised their own unique contribution to the show. Written and devised by Robert 'Googs' Williamson this segment of the show introduces the tree police to the proceedings. Are they really protecting the last remaining tree?

#### Wester Hailes Kids Theatre Workshop

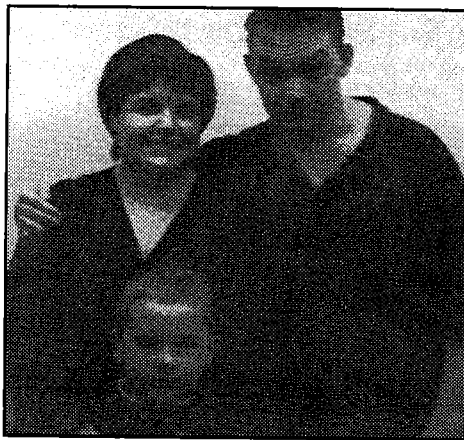
Specifically developed for this year's Carnival, this group have remained

together thanks to the enthusiasm of its young members, the hard work of Noel Pitham and Jane Swann and the support of WHALE. Stars of 'Flintstones meet the Simpsons', this group have devised their own unique contribution to the show.

#### Circus Skills

It's not easy learning how to stilt walk, plate spin and juggle. But this group of six kids have been trying hard to master the skills of clowning and circus for the Christmas Show. As with the two other childrens groups, the Circus performers tell their own part of the story.

### BEHIND THE SCENES



**What a family! - The Maples, Sheila Williamson, Sandy Sneddon and Sean Broadfoot**

#### Snapcorp & 'Snippers'

Adding a visual backdrop to various parts of the show will be a recently formed group, 'Snippers'. They have been learning more about the art of photography under the guidance of WHALE resident photographic group, Snapcorp. Through discussion on the ecological themes of the show the new group have made effective use of the photographic facilities available at WHALE to create a sense of scenery for the show.

#### Tech Team

The other unseen stars of the show are the sound and lighting tech team who have been working with WHALE over the last year. By identifying a clear training opportunity in the work that we do, WHALE has developed a group of 8 individuals skilled in meeting the technical demands of large events, like the Carnival, the WHALE Venue and this Christmas Show. It is hoped that in the next year this group will be able to act as a technical resource for the events WHALE organises and for the community as a whole.

### THE ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

WHALE would like to acknowledge all those members of the community who have sacrificed time to perform in the show.

Here, then is pretty much the full list of all the players in the Wester Hailes Christmas Show.

### CAST

**Dick Nut:** Iain Bunt (*Moving Parts*)  
**Tracey Bolt:** Heather Coppins (*Bash*)  
**The Baddies:** Leanne Allan (*Bash*)  
 Genevieve Hay (*Bash*)  
**Mrs Maple:** Sheila Williamson  
**Hughie Maple:** Sandy Sneddon  
**The boy:** Sean Broadfoot  
**The Von Trapps:** Wester Hailes Social Work Department  
**Professor Googleheimer:** Robert Williamson

#### Group Performances

**Stardom Children's Theatre group**  
**Wester Hailes Kids Theatre Workshop**  
**Circus Skills Group**  
**The Tree Police:** Wester Hailes Police  
**The Fairies:** Mags Campbell (*Partnership*)  
 Ron Summers (*Sighthill Primary School Head Teacher*)  
 Susan Laidlaw (*Dumbryden Primary School Head Teacher*)  
 Jim Foy Jnr  
 Councillor Willie Dunn  
 Maud Wylie (*Rep Council*)

Others to be confirmed.

### WHAT IS WHALE?

For those who don't know WHALE is Wester Hailes Arts project. WHALE provides opportunities to experience theatre, visual arts, photography and sound and lighting tech. Much of our work centres around two large scale projects: the Wester Hailes Carnival, and the WHALE Venue in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Opportunities to get involved in our work tend, then to revolve around these projects. But on going groups in photography and theatre are free to join at all times.

You can find us in the Blue Hut on the Greenway, Hailesland.

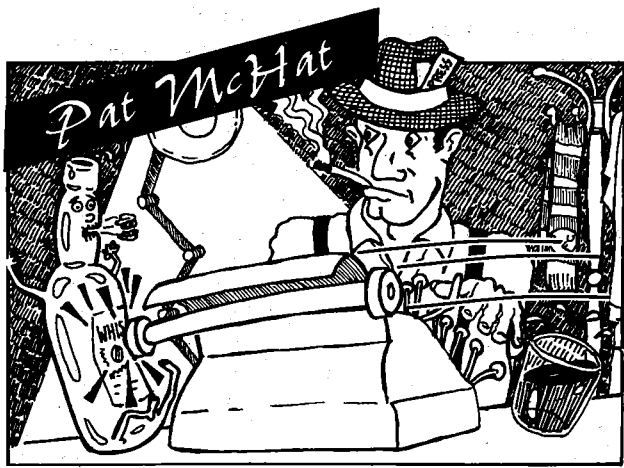
**Phone 458 3267 and ask for Jon to get more information.**



**Wester Hailes Police**

**Headmistress Mrs Laidlaw & Headmaster Mr Summers**





## TRIUMPH AND TEARS

**OVER** to Kirkcaldy last Monday to observe the celebrations after the mighty Raith's victory in the Coca Cola Cup.

I headed straight to the bar owned by my good friend Willie Johnston, the ex-Rangers and Hearts player, who is a local lad and proud of his roots.

The dancing was still going on and everyone seemed to be in a state of euphoria. Willie was particularly happy, 'I haven't been as high as this since the World Cup in Argentina', he told me.

The Rovers' triumph will put the Fife town in the sporting spotlight until next season at least when they will take their place in the UEFA Cup.

They haven't seen anything like it since Jocky Wilson, another native and ex-drinking buddy of mine, won the World Darts Championship.

'Our town used to be the linoleum capital of the World and we didnae half wipe the floor wi Celtic!

one punter in Willie's bar said to me just before he slumped to the ground in a delirious stupor.

Speaking of stupors, the following day I was off to Parkhead to rake over the ashes of another disaster in the growing list of tragedies for the Tims.

It was not a happy place.

New supremo, 'Fergus Gump', was trying to put a brave face on it, but failing miserably. 'Things won't come right in five months, I'm here for five years!', he raved, fighting to hold back the tears. 'If anyone says otherwise I'll scream and scream and scream until I'm sick. Who are you looking at, pal? Want a fight do ye? I'm an international businessman, I am.....'

Manager Tommy Burns was a bit more composed, 'Cup finals are all about

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winners' he said. Sensing he was a bit down, I tried to cheer him up with a wee light hearted remark, 'Like Raith Rovers, you mean?' Unfortunately that went down like a mince pie at a vegetarians' picnic.

I quickly made my exit and went in search of disgraced captain Paul McStay. He was nowhere to be seen. 'He's at his mammy's', one of the other players told me.

This player also told me that Paul is already taking steps to make sure that a similar situation doesn't happen again in the future. Apparently he's planning to go to Sheffield to get lessons in penalty taking from Chris Waddle.

It's good to see that, despite everything that's happened, some people at Celtic have not lost their sense of humour.

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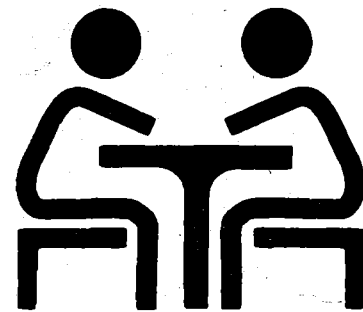
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# GOOD SPORTS

**Winners in the annual Club 85 sports championships were presented with their prizes at a function in the club on Friday night.**

**Trophies were given for pool, dominoes, darts, crib, scrabble and golf and bar steward George Henderson along with one of the club's first members, Anna McNeill, presented the prizes.**

**The winners are pictured below with their silverware.**



**A special trophy was also presented on Friday night - The Ryder Cup. Not the original but an exact copy which was donated by Mrs Charlotte Aitken and her family in memory of her husband George who died last year.**

**George was a well known face in Edinburgh and in Club 85 and his memorial trophy was played for at Deer Park golf course in Livingston.**

**Twenty-two players competed in the tournament which was by invitation only and was won for the first time by son Paul.**

**Pictured above with the trophy are left to right: George 'Carrots' Aitken, Charlotte Aitken and Paul Aitken.**