

# AROUND THE AREAS

## Calders

### CALDELS TENANTS ASSOCIATION

In this issue of the Sentinel we would like to say something to you the reader in the Calders about issues which may or may not have affected you as tenants, and with some of the things the association has been involved in. You will by now have seen the article on the front page about Sighthill Primary School — glad to say we were able to assist. Congratulations to Mums, Dads, Teachers and Community Workers.

### OUTER CITY BY-PASS

You could not be blamed for thinking this campaign had died a death. In spite of there being little news lately about the Campaign, we would like to assure you that the battle is not over and has not been dropped. Whilst awaiting the Secretary of State's report on the inquiry into the northern part of the Sighthill Section it is now necessary to mount the most intensive campaign in order to ensure that the worst features and consequent most harmful effects of this section are not to be inflicted on people either by the planning department or anyone else. You ought to be hearing from C.R.A.B. (Campaign to re-align the By-Pass) in the next week or two.

## Westburn

### INVITATIONS TO WESTBURN OAPS

What can you get for 30p these days? Generally, very little! Well, the Westburn Senior Citizens Club can give you quite a lot for the same amount. The second Tuesday of every month is our Social Evening for Westburn OAPs in the Hailesland Community Centre. We have a Bingo session —

### CALDELS PLAYScheme

The Association are basically responsible for this, which is organised and run by a number of Calder Mums who assure the kids have a good time. The Calders Playscheme is a very well organised event. Easter holidays will be the next event, look out for notices on this, assistance is always required.

### DAMPNESS

There are real problems with this, think there could be a need to have a fresh look at this matter along with Isa Paxton who has been carrying out all the work.

### FENCING CALDELS DRIVE

Councillor Neil McCallum says the District Council are having further fencing erected.

### SENTINELS

The Tenants Association are responsible for delivery of the Sentinel in the Calders. Should you feel like giving a hand contact Willie Millar 443 6875. The Committee of the Tenants Association will be meeting at the Wester Hailes Education Centre on Monday, 11th February at 7.30 p.m., but contact Willie Millar for details of further meetings.

### CALDER NEWS

It's almost three years since Calder Playgroup first opened its doors and I'm

with prizes — Cards or Dominoes, even Chess, if you feel so inclined and of course, tea and biscuits are served.

Transport is provided, you can be picked up and taken there and escorted safely back home by around 10.00 p.m.

This is something relatively new for Westburn OAPs run by an efficient committee. The majority of OAPs have been contacted, but no doubt some may have been missed. Should you be one who has and feel

sure everyone involved will feel it has been a very satisfying and worthwhile three years. The Steering Committee chaired by Janette Hewitt had many teething problems over finance, storage facilities, equipment etc. but they pushed on and the playgroup has now developed into an important part of our Community. The benefits to the children are obvious to anyone who visits it but it has also been an enriching experience for the mums. Wynn Wright who is the present chairman feels it is now more than just a playgroup and extends a welcome to anyone to drop in for a cup of coffee and a chat. At the moment there are twenty two children under the very capable supervision of Veronica (Auntie) Heggie and Margaret Brogan. To 'old' mums who are wondering what happened to Mary-Ann, one of the first play-leaders, she and her husband adopted a baby girl and are now enjoying the bitter-sweet experience of parenthood.

This year the playgroup wants to raise enough funds to buy a see-saw and are tackling the problem of turfing the ground outside the Community Centre so that the children may have a safe play area in warmer days. Jim Johnstone, our Youth Opportunities Programme Supervisor has been a great help to the playgroup and with his

you would like to join us, just 'phone one of these numbers — 453 1833, 442 3443, and 453 1574 — give your name and address and we'll do the rest.

We feel sure you'll enjoy an evening like this, just to take you away from those 'four walls' and give you the chance of a wee blether with friends in your own age group.

We look forward to seeing you at our Social Evening on 11th March 1980.

Senior Citizens Committee.

support, we hope the playgroup will achieve its objectives.

There are fears that because of the 'cuts' in regional spending the playgroup may not receive its grant for the coming year. Let's hope these fears are ungrounded and that the playgroup will continue to grow in awareness towards children, in its services to mums who might lack other contact in the community, and to down-and-outs like me who knows when the rain is pouring and the wind is howling around the high flats, I am always welcomed at the Community Centre with a glorious cup of coffee expertly made by Kate.

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**On Friday the 29th of February there will be a Disco with Buffet and Bar at Calder Community Centre. Tickets will be £1.50 available at the Centre.**

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*You can hire Calder Community Centre's Hall for £20 a night . . . it's ideal for all sorts of occasions — if you have difficulties in hiring a bar or a disco we have contacts for both these things.*

It looks as if Thursday the 28th of February will be the day when two young bands will be at the Calder Community Centre — "THE DEAD" and "NO ENTRY". Look out for posters around the area.

### WESTBURN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

First meeting on Wednesday, 23rd January 1980, when Mrs McLean, Assistant Headmistress, gave a talk on language development. We are sorry to report that you stayed away in droves, despite the criticism levelled at us that we were only a fund raising group. Next month's meeting will be on 27th February 1980 at 8.00 p.m. and will be a Beetle Drive (sorry, but we've got to raise money somehow). Details of tickets later.