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ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN UP HIGHLIGHTS POLLUTION

ON A MISERABLE rainy day in April a group of 18 dedicated volunteers cleaned a section of Portobello beach as part of the Keep Scotland Tidy campaign. The annual clean up, organised this year by Edinburgh Councils People and Places Officer Dianne Smith in partnership with the Forth Estuary Forum and the Marine Conservation Society, aims not only to clean the beach but also to survey the kind of pollution found.

The Portobello clean up is one of thirteen similar events along the Forth Estuary and the information is collated on a local and national level by the MCS and FEF who then use the information to campaign on litter and pollution issues on beaches. Local mother Sally Creighton brought her children Robin, 11 and Alice, 3 along to help with the clean up. "It's a learning opportunity for the children, they learn about the implications for the environment and the wider oceans," said Sally.

The volunteers collected over 30kg of waste in the 100 meter sample area, which included industrial and pedestrian litter as well as a fridge freezer. "The most horrible thing we found was some-one's thongs," 7 year old Murray Pride told the Reporter. "A huge amount of what we collected was human waste. People have to be more responsible and stop putting things down their toilets," said Karen Clulow one of the volunteers.

Local Councillor Maureen Child told *The Reporter*, "For the summer period, mechanical cleaning has started again at Portobello beach. Portobello and Milton wards are covered by their own task force team under manager, Robert Davidson, who is also responsible for the beach. The allocated resources would cover three wards everywhere else in the city and the extra money is in recognition that the beach requires more attention all year round. There have, however, been concerns raised by a number of local people about the level of cleaning of the beach in the winter months. While winter cleaning meets the standards set by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), it may not meet the standards expected by local people and that is a matter I have taken up with the Director of Environmental and Consumer Services."

Peter Ross



Photo by Peter Ross

'GOLDEN DAYS' FESTIVAL FOR PORTOBELLO

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS are expected to flock to Portobello on Saturday June 15 for a festival of nostalgia, featuring vehicles, music, dance, fashions and lifestyle of the era from the 30s to the 60s. The event has been funded by the City of Edinburgh Council and has led to the formation of a Portobello Festival Society who will stage an annual event in June of each year.

The east end of the promenade will feature a classic vehicle show with live music in the gardens of the Bedford House Hotel. There will be a small exhibition in the Swim Centre and Portobello Community Centre will run as a film café showing period films based around music and dance themes. Residents are invited to participate in free jive and jitterbug lessons in the Town Hall from 1.00pm.

Radio Forth will operate from a vintage bus and Forth 2 presenter Julian Grant will carry out a live radio broadcast back to the studio throughout the

afternoon. A music and dance tent at Straiton Place will run a programme of acoustic music and children's dance demonstrations. The west end of the beach adjacent to the amusements will see pony rides, beach huts, deckchairs, and entertainers.

The highlight of the festival will be an evening concert in Portobello Town Hall featuring two of the top bands in the UK specialising in Swing, Jump-Jive and Rock 'n' Roll. Local crooner Craig McMurdo will appear as a special guest and there will be a dance competition during the interval. For tickets, dance lessons and other information contact 538 7086.

The organising committee thank Cllrs Lawrence Marshall and Maureen Child for their support during the funding process, and Richard Barclay of City Development who initiated the festival project with an article in *The Portobello Reporter* in the summer of 2001 and has been responsible for it seeing the light of day.

Gordon McKay

AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE



Photo by Maggie LeMay

Maggie LeMay, Centre Manager discusses the Feasibility Study with Gillian Dunn.

LOCAL PEOPLE will be consulted over the coming months on recommendations in a recent Feasibility Study on the future of the Community Centre in Adelphi Grove. A team of award-winning architects has set out a vision of a multi-user, flexible building bringing together existing groups and providing accommodation and support for new groups, to create a truly accessible community resource. Many options have been explored, including moving to a refurbished and extended Town Hall or linking with the Library.

The Centre is currently used by over 30 groups each week, providing services and facilities for over 600 local people and covering all ages and different sectors within the community; it also provides facilities for external organisations for events, seminars and conferences.

The Abbot/Atkins Study identified a clear demand for more services and the Management Committee has a clear and achievable programme for service expansion that would include health services, visual and performing arts, social and physical therapy, various youth activities and multi-cultural initiatives.

Centre Chairperson, Gillian Dunn said: "The Centre is an important resource for the people of Portobello and we in the Management Committee see it as our duty to improve and develop our provision for the benefit of everybody in the community. We need to find out what local people want and then set about achieving it. We are well aware that to take our plans forward will cost money and that a completed project will have to be financially self-sustaining, but we feel the people of Portobello deserve a first class facility."

The consultation exercise will take the form of leaflets, questionnaires, displays and public meetings.

YOUR NEW CAR FOR JUST £100!

THE EDINBURGH CITY CAR CLUB is going to base two cars in Porty- and they could be here as quickly as we all sign up as members! Edinburgh has the biggest car club in the UK where it's a newer idea. But elsewhere in Europe they've been going for years; -the Swiss have a club with 4000 members!

At a recent public meeting, Judith and David, who run the City Car Club (CCC), told us how it works to give you the benefits of having a car without the bother of owning or hiring one. You may have no car, or this could replace your 'second car'. The cars are meant to complement using public transport.

First remember the hassle and cost, maybe thousands of pounds a year, of owning your own car, then compare this. After signing up for £25, generally membership is £100 a year. That contributes to running the club, insurance, helpline, repairs, keeping cars new, local parking, washing and valeting! Up to 15 minutes before you need it, you book any of the Edinburgh-wide cars by internet (free) or phone (booking fee £2), for any period from an hour to a weekend. A smart card lets you into the car and off you go, returning it ready for the next booking. Monthly automatic billing charges you only for your use: £2.20 per hour and 15p per mile (petrol included) for the wee Corsa. For longer periods, really cheap hire is provided and your car is brought to you and collected afterwards!

We looked at some potential parking places: some will take little or no planning (eg St Marks Place), while others (eg outside the Town Hall) will take nine months official planning (more if anyone objects).

So let's get car clubbing! Contact Judith Bolton on 0845-4581784 or 0131-466-8172 for more information and your joining up pack. One car serves 15 or so people, so the more who join the better. -We could easily get more than two cars in Porty!

Nick Child

SEA ART



Photo by Ainslie Averbuch

THIS OBJECT, which was recently removed after spending two or three months at low water mark just east of the Rockville Hotel, evoked a lot of interest. It was an installation by local artist Ettie Spencer - a large metal crate containing 200 replicas of an electric kettle, cast in concrete. Ettie is interested in the relationship between our urban existence and the natural world: the kettles represented ordinary objects and she wanted to observe the ongoing changes in the concrete after it had been submerged for 50 per cent of the time. In fact the kettles turned partly green, and picked up rust from the crate and baby barnacles.

Ettie was pleased with the interest shown. "Watch this space", she says, "I may try other things". She will be exhibiting sculpture and paintings from June 3-28 at Gallery 21, 21 Rutland Square.

**PORTY PROFILE No.10
MAGGIE O'KANE**

JOURNALIST and broadcaster Maggie O'Kane has been *The Guardian's* special war correspondent for the past 10 years. Originally from Belfast, she took an Honours degree in Politics and History at University College Dublin and after working there for a while in Irish TV and newspapers, won a scholarship to L' Institute de Journalistes en Europe in Paris.



Photo by Murdo McLLeod

While there she was encouraged to travel around, and discovered that newspapers were willing to pay for reports from war zones, so she became a freelance covering Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Republics and Bosnia, before taking up her appointment with *The Guardian* in 1992.

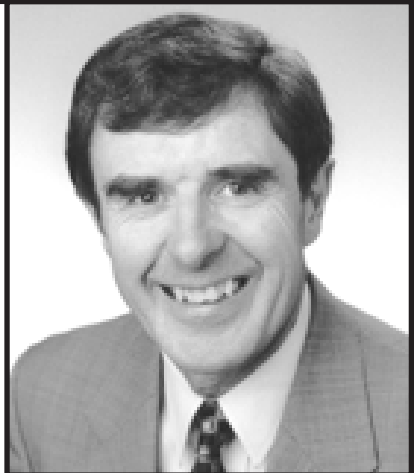
Maggie has won several prestigious awards for her work, including the Royal Television Society Documentary of the Year award in 1994 for 'The Puppet Master of the Balkans'; she was also short-listed as Feature Writer of the Year at the British Press Awards in 2001.

Now, with a 5-year-old son, Billy, and another baby due in July, Maggie says she has had enough of war zones and wants more time with her children, so she has just become the Editorial Director of Guardian Films, the newspaper's recently launched documentary unit whose first production was 'The Last Days of Radovan Karadzic', shown on BBC2 on May 19. In this Maggie made an exhausting tour of all the locations where the indicted Bosnian Serb leader is said to have been sheltered by his supporters for the last seven years; despite her very direct, but polite, questions nothing was revealed. The next film 'Prostitute Murders in Britain', which includes a visit to Glasgow, goes out on Channel 4 in August.

Maggie's husband, John Mullen is Deputy Editor of the *Scotsman*, which is what brought them to Edinburgh and they moved to Portobello from Stockbridge two years ago. "We drove around Portobello one day and took a walk along the promenade", Maggie says, "and we decided that this was it - it looked like a place with a heart. It has a sense of community". She's also had a swim in the sea, and thought it was "great".

B.M.

GAVIN STRANG, MP for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh, is available to meet constituents at the following interview sessions:



On the 2nd Friday in the month; between 11.00am and 12noon in the YWCA, 198 Restalrig Road South, or between 7.30pm and 8.30 pm in the Portobello Town Hall.

On the last Saturday in the month between 9.00 am and 10.00 am in the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, or between 10.30 am and 11.30 am in the Craigmillar Community Centre, 63 Niddrie Mains Terrace.

You may also make an appointment to discuss a problem or raise an issue with Gavin Strang: Please phone 669 6002 or write to

Gavin Strang MP
Constituency Office
54 Portobello High Street,
Edinburgh EH15 1DA

or e-mail him at: gillana@parliament.uk
You can also visit his website: www.gavinstrangmp.co.uk

LOCAL YOUTHS GET INVOLVED IN CRIME PREVENTION

IN RESPONSE to concerns from members of the community regarding the general behaviour of local youths and their recent adverse publicity in the press, a need was felt for them to promote a more positive image.

At a meeting between community officers at Portobello Police Station and a local youth organisation, some of the members said they were keen to become involved, and the East Edinburgh Junior Crime Prevention Panel (EEJCPP) was born. There are six members of the Panel at present, all keen to show that the recent publicity was due to a minority. The aims of the Panel are to involve young people in local crime prevention issues and allow them to formulate ideas and initiatives on tackling youth problems in the Portobello area, to show the community that our teenagers have a positive contribution to make.

To assist the development of their ideas and to make contact with similar groups in the UK and abroad, and to access information on other tried and tested ideas, a computer for their use will be purchased in the near future. It is also hoped that Panel members will visit various departments at Police Headquarters, to examine different aspects of policing.

The Panel meets every second Thursday at 7pm at Portobello Police Station, although this may be changed to suit. If YOU wish further information or would like to join this worthwhile group, please contact Sgt Cathy Crease, PC Kenny Owen or PC Paul Lundberg on 669 0581.

COUNCILLOR CHILDS REPORTS

As a result of two development proposals in Bellfield Lane, I convened a meeting of local residents to discuss traffic implications and what measures might be put in place to minimise their traffic impact, if they went ahead. The result was broad agreement on traffic calming measures, waiting restrictions and a short stretch of one-way traffic restrictions, which were written into the planning conditions for both proposals, the costs to be met by the private developers. Both applications were subsequently approved.

The Planning Committee added a condition that the children's nursery on the Garden Centre site should enter into a legal agreement to put in place a Green Travel plan to minimise the number of people arriving and

leaving singly by car.

A most ill-considered 'consultation' on the siting of a waste management and recycling plant at the Freightliner Terminal raised a hornets' nest of opposition in Portobello and the Christians late last year. The first local elected representatives knew of it was through letters and phone calls from members of the Portobello Amenity Society, the Community Council and local residents. None of us know what such a plant would look or smell like, so how can we comment? The only answer can be outright opposition and protest.

We are still all in the dark as to what exactly might be proposed and the likely impact on the area's residential amenity. This would not be a suitable site, and as far as I am concerned, there is no proposal and nor will there be. Plans for a coal crushing plant were turned down for this vicinity, and anything similar is likely to get short shrift. MC

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ART EXHIBITION FOR F.A.C.E: The tenth Annual Art Exhibition and Sale, organised by Portobello Rotary at Adam House early in May, raised a substantial sum for the charity Fighting Against Cancer In Edinburgh. The exhibition always includes a range of paintings to suit most tastes, with the artists donating one third of the sale price to the charity.

GARDENS COMPETITION: All keen local gardeners may be interested to know that the Annual Gardens Competition, organised by Portobello Amenity Society and Bill Thomson (formally of the Garden Centre) will be judged in the first week in August, with prizes in two categories: domestic gardens, and tubs and containers. Entry forms with more information are available from Thomson's Camping & Hardware, 266 Portobello High Street or Portobello Library.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION; A social evening on 10th May and a sponsored golf tournament, both organised by John and Dorothy Barclay, raised almost £1,500 for research into Parkinson's Disease.

BADMINTON CLUB SEEKS NEW PLAYERS; Portobello Old Parish Church Badminton Club would like to recruit new players of a reasonable standard of play. The club is held during the winter months at the Church Hall in Bellfield Street on Thursdays at 7.30pm. For further information please ring Bert McCall on 669 8040.

MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE: If you are aged 60 or over, you may be entitled to this to top up your income. If you are a single pensioner with a weekly income of less than £98.15 or a couple living on less than £149.80 per week and your savings are less than £12,000, you may qualify. If in doubt, claim!

Phone the Claim-line on 0800 028 1111 or contact Portobello CAB, 191 Portobello High St. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.30-3.30; Wed 9.30-12 and 6.30-7.45; closed Fri. Phone 669 7138/9503 for an appointment, or call in.

COUNCILLOR MARSHALL REPORTS

SCOTTISH POWER have announced that they intend to move from their premises in Fishwives Causeway by the end of February next year. While I regret the loss of local jobs, the fact is that the number employed by the company in Portobello has fallen over recent years, and some staff will at least transfer across the road to a new-build unit at Telferton.

For myself, I see this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to de-industrialise this important gateway site to Portobello and, at the same time, address the concerns of residents in Baileyfield Road that they are being cut off from Portobello by a sea of industrial buildings.

While Scottish Power seem keen to dispose of the site as a whole and for offices, I feel that a mixed-use development would be preferable. This site potentially offers a solution to the fact that, for years now, around 2,000 folk have their names down for social housing in Portobello, while the annual turnover of such accommodation is probably less than the fingers on both hands.

I intend to see if a master plan can be prepared for this area - if possible including the surrounding industrial sites on Portobello High Street and the Recreation DSO compound and shed at Baileyfield.

CROSSRAIL SERVICE INFORMATION

THIS NEW TRAIN SERVICE which started on June 3 runs between Waverley, Brunstane and Newcraighall as follows: weekdays: half-hourly in daytime and hourly in evenings; Sundays, half-hourly. On weekdays in daytime, trains run through from Bathgate, returning to Dunblane and calling at Haymarket in both directions; in the evenings, services are from and to Bathgate, but on Sundays there is a shuttle from and to Waverley only.

Journey times from Newcraighall are 11 mins to Waverley and 17 to Haymarket; from Brunstane, 7 mins to Waverley and 13 to Haymarket.

Fares to and from Waverley or Haymarket are: Brunstane/Newcraighall : day single, £1.40/£1.70; day return, £2.40/£2.70; cheap day return £2/£2.30 (Mon-Fri. after 9.15 and avoiding trains from the city from 4.40-6.09pm); seven day ticket, £9.60/£10.80.

There will be an introductory offer of 50p per day, £1 for a week or £3 for a month on parking at Newcraighall (586 spaces). Both new stations will have cycle-lockers and 24-hour on-line CCTV with Help Points where users can talk to the operator, requesting assistance or information.

LITTER BUGS PAY THE PRICE

SINCE LAST JANUARY, Edinburgh's new Environmental Wardens have issued 200 people, including some in Portobello, with £25 fixed penalty notices for a variety of offences, including dropping litter, failing to clean up after their dogs, and presenting domestic or trade waste incorrectly or on the wrong day. There are now 24 Wardens patrolling the streets.

Cllr Brian Fallon, Executive Member for the Environment said: "Let this be a warning to everyone; we will simply not allow people to continually disrespect our environment. The Wardens are doing a terrific job in targeting offenders in all sections of our community. But, just think how much cleaner our city would be if everyone took a real pride in their surroundings and stamped out such anti-social behaviour".

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTED

FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS in April, the following will serve on Portobello Community Council for the next three years:

Elected members: Celia Butterworth, Dawson Currie, Margaret Downie, Alix Gafney, Kathleen Hart, Bob Jefferson, Peter McCabe, Nora Mackenzie, George Murray, Tom Nimmo, John Smart, Sandy Smith, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, Nick Stroud, Aileen Valentine.

Plus nominated representatives of: Amnesty International, Brighton/Rosefield Residents Assoc, Joppa Tennis Courts, and Portobello Amenity Society, CAB, Community Centre, History Society, Labour Party, Reporter and Rotary Club.

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY SEEKS OLD PHOTOS

Were you fabulous in the 50s or a swinger in the 60s? Portobello Library is looking for old photographs of people and Portobello in the 1950s and 60s. It is planned to display the 50s photos this summer in the Library and the 60's photos will be kept for when it celebrates its '40th Birthday' in 2003.

The Library will copy and return the originals to you - Please hand in any photos to the Library Officer before the end of June.

The Library will be providing summer events for children. Call in or phone for further details.

TOY LIBRARY SERVICE FUTURE IN DOUBT

FOR OVER 20 YEARS there has been a Toy Library in Portobello, situated for the last 10 years in the upstairs meeting room of the Library, and lots of children have enjoyed playing and borrowing the toys.

Sadly, the WRVS, who organised and supported the Toy Library, are now withdrawing support from 420 projects nationwide to concentrate on services to the elderly. There are therefore 12 Toy Libraries in Edinburgh

- reaching 400 families - that are now looking for a way forward, either independently or connected to another agency.

Many people who would be affected by the closure of the Toy Library will not have any free time to help run the project, so if any Reporter readers can offer some support, either practical or moral, then please contact me on 657 2380. (I have been project maintainer for the last three years).

Helen Anderson

TOWN HALL

FESTIVAL FRINGE COMES TO TOWN HALL: For the first time in years Portobello Town Hall will be used as a Fringe venue this summer when Tempo Musical Productions present 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas' - "a rollicking musical with a country western sound" from August 10-24 at 7.50pm. Tickets £10 (£8 concess.) from Fringe Box Office or call 476 6471.

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HUGH MILLER PLAQUE UNVEILED

AFTER TWO DAYS of fine sunny weather a damp drizzle greeted the guests who gathered on Monday 13th May for the unveiling of the memorial plaque at 82 Portobello High Street. Among the guests was Mrs Marian McKenzie Johnston, a great great granddaughter of Hugh Miller, who had come up from London.

Archie Foley, Secretary of Portobello History Society, introduced Professor Christopher Smout, Historiographer Royal in Scotland (pictured here), who was to perform the ceremony, and revealed that the decision to erect a memorial tablet in Portobello had first been taken 100 years ago. This was at a Hugh Miller centenary lunch in the Royal Hotel in August 1902 and William Baird had been given the task of making the arrangements. What caused the delay is unknown but thanks to generous donations from The British Geological Survey and the Edinburgh Geological Society we were here today to complete the task.

Christopher Smout is one of the most distinguished historians in Scotland and it is a tribute to Hugh Miller's achievements that he made the journey from St. Andrews to Portobello. He said that Miller was working in the study of geology, which at that time was at the cutting edge of science and its findings were challenging long held beliefs about the earth and



Photo by Peter Ross

the creation of life. Miller was an inspired interpreter and communicator of his discoveries. His books ran through numerous editions and were 19th century best sellers. It was a tragedy that he ended his life here in Portobello, due to brain disease and the stress of overwork, while at the height of his powers and it was fitting that there should be memorial to him here.

After Professor Smout had pulled the cord to reveal the plaque the guests were taken on a brief tour to see the remnants of Shrub Mount, Miller's last home and then went for a reception and to view the exhibition at the library. Two other tributes to Miller were unveiled here. Alison Robinson had created

memorial plaques with designs based on fossil fish discovered by him. One shows a shoal of pterichthodes and michrobachus which are small armour plated fish with protruding eyes and the other portrays the mid dorsal plate of a larger fossil fish, homostius millerii. These plaques are made of paper clay, which is a mixture of stoneware and porcelain clays combined as a slip with paper fibres. When dry they were fired very slowly to about 1200 degrees Celsius. At this temperature the clay is vitrified and will not be damaged by frost. This is a very important attribute, as the plaques will be placed in the new frontage when the library is refurbished.

Scotland on Film Online Archive

MANY READERS WILL have been watching the fascinating series of programmes on BBC television on Monday evenings that showed selections from the Scottish Film and Television Archive illustrating life in 20th century Scotland. In at least one there were shots of the fairground, beach and promenade at Portobello. The series is over but if you have access to the Internet you can still view and listen to hours of Scottish film, television and radio from the early years of the 20th century until the beginning of the video years. This is all for free and you can also send in your own stories and memories to the Scotland on Film Forum. The address is www.bbc.co.uk/scotlandonfilm.



AF

A Few Jars 'Down Under'

FISHERMEN from a small village about 200 kilometres south of Sydney, New South Wales, recently found four foreign objects among the fish in their nets. These were 'stone jugs' with Buchan markings and Norm Benton, who describes himself as a 'very amateur historian', contacted Portobello Library via its excellent local history web page in a bid to find out more about them. From Norm's description they could be post-war stoneware whisky bottles but we should be able to identify and date them when he sends us a photograph and details of the markings - again by e-mail. As he speculates, "Did they come from a shipwreck or were just discarded when their useful life was over?"

AF

KIWIS WANT TO HEAR FROM US

THE following letter from Cancon, France arrived at the Town Hall recently, addressed to 'The Provost':

"Dear Provost, My wife and I recently visited New Zealand, where a number of my ancestors emigrated in the 1850s. While there, we visited Dunedin, and noting Portobello on the Otago Peninsula beside Dunedin, had to stay there. My wife Susan, nee Fenwick, was brought up in Portobello, where her father - Mr Eric Fenwick - still lives in Wakefield Avenue. He has lived there for 49 years.

We were given a rapturous welcome in Portobello NZ and the locals would welcome any form of contact, even a letter saying "Hello" would go down very well indeed. They are very proud of their

Portobello Scotland connections.

Portobello is a small town/village on the sea, with pleasant views over the channel leading up to Dunedin. The peninsula is the home for a small colony of rare albatross and penguins. Over to you!

Yours aye, Ken and Sue Napier

They enclosed a publicity leaflet with an address: Kevin and Sherryl Charles, Hosts, Portobello Village Tourist Park, 27 Hereweka St, Portobello, Dunedin, New Zealand and the email address: portbellotp@xtra.co.nz We at *The Reporter* have sent an email and told them about our Portobello web site, which is still under construction. Perhaps some of our readers would also like to make contact.



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OBITUARY



Mrs. May Rice at the presentation with Chairman, Jimmy McLeod and wife Alice.

DEATH OF LEGION STALWART
FORMER President of the Portobello Branch of the Royal British Legion, Mrs Mary Darling Miller Rice, sadly died on May 5. Just weeks earlier, Mrs Rice, known to her family and friends as May, was presented with a Gold Badge and Area Certificate of Merit by Branch Chairman, Mr Jimmy McLeod, to mark the many years of service and dedication to the Royal British Legion Scotland and the Portobello Branch in particular.

May joined the WRNS in 1941, serving at Balloch and Londonderry before receiving a compassionate posting to HMS Claverhouse at Granton following the illness of her mother. In 1946, having returned to civilian life, she married Merchant Navy Seaman George Rice. Sadly, George died in 1960.

May joined the Branch in 1967 and became a member of the Management Committee and a founder member of the Womens Section. She also founded the Branch Charities Section which regularly donates to local causes.

May compiled a Book of Remembrance of members from 1951 and presented it to the Branch, where it stands in the foyer beside the Memorial Stone.

At the presentation ceremony, Mr McLeod said: "The awards received could not go to a more deserving person than May".

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More Old Friends Re-united:

Dear Editor, About two years ago, through your paper, an old friend whom I had not seen for about 40 years wrote to me from America. We have kept in touch since and last year I went out to California for a holiday.

I am Jean Leatham (nee Tracey) and she is Margaret Porter (nee Cunningham) and we both lived in Mitchells Buildings in Portobello High Street. We relived so many memories and wondered if anyone else would like to get in touch with us, who can remember those good days. If so, they can contact me at 'Portobello', 54 Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan, CF61 2XF. My email is g.leatham@virgin.net and Margaret's is mporter@tcsn.net
Thanking you, Jean Leatham

(A photograph of Jean as Portobello's first Gala Queen in 1950, sent by Margaret in California, appeared in our Winter 1996 issue. Someone sent Jean a copy and her response, with her address, appeared the following Spring; Margaret received a copy of that issue and the rest we know - Just part of the service! Ed.)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Copy deadline for the next issue is 9th August 2002.
Send your contributions c/o The Editor
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or put them in the box provided at Portobello Library, or call Brenda Molony on 669 3466 or e-mail: portobelloreporter@talk21.com

LOCAL WOMAN REMEMBERS THE DAY SHE MET THE QUEEN MUM



IN MAY 1935, the Duke and Duchess of York (soon to become King George VI and Queen Elizabeth) visited Edinburgh during the celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. Dorothy Thomson who attended Niddrie School, and who we now know as Dorothy Forrest of Adelphi Place, is seen here presenting a bouquet to the Duchess on the steps of the Royal Scottish Academy. Dorothy had been chosen as the school's Gala Queen for its float in the Jubilee Procession, and her name was drawn from all the others to make the presentation. Dorothy remembers the occasion well: "The Duchess was really nice", she told us. "She smiled and asked my name".

PORTOBELLO HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS

IT SEEMS NO TIME since we were welcoming the start of our new session but here we are once more at the end of it. Once again we have to thank all of our guest speakers who gave up their time to give us the benefit not only of their knowledge but also their enthusiasm for their subjects.

We nearly had to put up a 'House Full' notice at St Mark's Church on 3rd April for our special presentation on the life and times of Irving Berlin. He lived till the age of 101 and Annabelle Meredith, who allowed herself to slip into song and dance mode from time to time, narrated the story of his progress from poor Jewish immigrant in New York to foremost composer of popular songs with great verve and obvious affection. Robert Simans brilliantly illustrated Berlin's range of music on the piano. The audience themselves also contributed hugely to the success of the evening as they showed themselves to be in great voice singing along with Robert's playing of a selection of well remembered favourites. Song sheets were provided if memory failed on occasion. The evening was rounded off most satisfactorily by a buffet supper prepared by the social committee of St Mark's to whom we give a huge vote of thanks. This was a new type of fund raising event for the society and was so successful that it is likely to be repeated next year.

A very large audience greeted George Rosie on 1st May when he gave his talk on Hugh Miller's Scotland at our usual venue, St John's Church Hall, and it was pleasing to see so many folk who were not society members, or even residents of Portobello, in the hall. Nobody who was there could have been disappointed. Mr Rosie is obviously a complete master of his subject and has the happy knack of being able to pass on his own knowledge with apparently effortless ease. This talk was one of the Hugh Miller Bicentennial events held in Portobello and the History Society is proud to have contributed to the celebration. All credit to Joyce Campbell and the staff for staging the excellent exhibition at the library.

We took part in the Local History Fair at the Thomas Morton Hall at the rear of Leith library on 11th May by putting on a display to illustrate Portobello industry and leisure. This was part of National Local History Week and attracted a sizeable number of interested visitors and would be well worth repeating as an annual event.

The programme for next session will be displayed in the library as usual when it is finalised.

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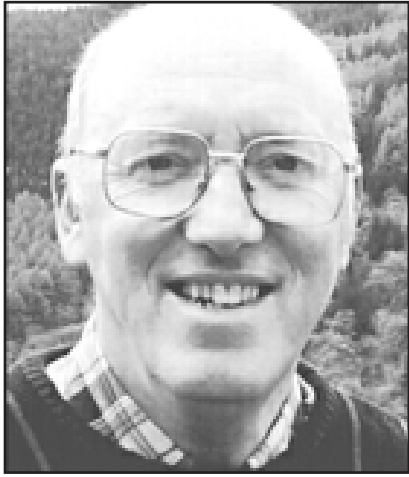
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HI! I'M PETER WEBSTER and, shortly, I'll be coming to be the next minister at Portobello, St James' Parish Church. I was born at the Western General hospital, Edinburgh and lived in Gorgie Road for three years, before moving to Gourrock on the River Clyde. There I met and married my wife Pat and proceeded to study for the ministry at Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities.

My probationary period was in Alloa and my first charge took us to Woodside North Church, Aberdeen. From there, I moved to my present charge in

Cartsdyke in Greenock, where I have been for the past 20 years. I have three children, Jennie who is a senior nursing sister in Glasgow, Alison who works in fashion and design in Bristol, and Timothy who works in the Royal Bank of Scotland Mortgage Centre, Greenock. My wife, Pat, is a Principal teacher in Glenburn special educational needs school. My interests include bowling and curling as well as travelling, pipes and pipe smoking.

If you see someone resembling this picture looking lost in Portobello, please offer your help. I hope to get to know many of you over the years to come and to encourage the congregation of St James' in their involvement in the whole life of the local community.

PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP IN ACTION

FOLLOWING the well-attended public meeting on 'War on Terrorism - Is there an Alternative?' arranged by the Portobello Council of Churches Group in February, members met Gavin Strang MP for a discussion on strengthening the role of the United Nations, the proposed national missile defence system, and sustainable development. This was a local contribution to the Lobby of Parliament on March 6 arranged by Action for UN Renewal.

A further meeting is planned for June to put before him the aims of the Trade Justice Movement that is gathering strength within the churches and is supported by Christian Aid, Cafod, the World Development Movement and many others. It seeks to persuade the leaders of the rich nations to change the policies and rules on trade that put profits for the few before a fairer and safer world for all.

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LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITS PORTOBELLO PAINTINGS

LOCAL ARTIST Martin Fowler is exhibiting a group of paintings of Portobello at the Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh University, South Bridge from May 30 until the first week of July. Since starting his studies at Glasgow School of Art in 1991, Martin's work has been concerned with his hometown, his feelings of belonging and some of the people who once lived here - long ago or in his lifetime. The exhibition is titled 'Wish You Were Here'.

Martin says: "The paintings are in a realistic and colourful style, drawn on location and completed in my studio. The series took a year to complete and includes images of the promenade, beach and swimming baths. Also exhibited will be seascapes and other locations, which have a personal significance".

Martin has previously exhibited in Spain, Germany and Edinburgh. He is currently lecturing at Telford College, Cumbria College of Art and Design and HM Prison Saughton.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS

A NUMBER of groups from Portobello took part in the annual sponsored walk over the Forth Road Bridge in April. Their efforts helped to raise a grand total of over £54,000.

The Music Quiz At St James' Church Hall in May raised over £400.

AMNESTY'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS

LIKE MANY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUPS throughout the UK, the Portobello Group have been taking action in respect of human rights situations arising from the 'war on terrorism', based on people's experiences of the extent to which oppressive regimes in many areas are using the terrorism issue as a justification for the suppression of human rights in quite unrelated contexts - often quoting the example of the US in curtailing rights.

As part of the coalition of agencies promoting Respect for Refugees, the group has a continuing correspondence with Gavin Strang MP and other government figures, specifically on asylum seekers' lack of access to legal advice, unjustified detention and incomes well below poverty level.

David Turner

PORTOBELLO OLD PEOPLES PROJECT THANKS ASDA

THE PORTOBELLO Older People's Project recently received a donation of £500 from Asda Stores and its kind customers at the Jewel.

Following an appeal to the store for help with funds, the management put buckets at the checkouts and lots of customers donated their change. The money will be used for outings for those who attend Project sessions.

Rita Aitken, Project Organiser, says: "I would ask you to let your readers know about the good work that Asda does for local charities, who, without this kind of help, would struggle to do anything for the people who depend on groups such as ours".

WHAT'S ON

BOOK FAIR: Sat. June 15, 10am-1pm in the Old Parish Church Halls, Bellfield St. Entrance £1 incl. tea/coffee/biscuits./

1952-2002 - '50 YEARS ON' PARTY: An Evening of Reminiscence, Entertainment & Celebration: Thurs. June 27 at 7.30pm in the Old Parish Church Halls, Bellfield St. Look out for posters giving details, or enquiries can be made on 669 2425.

A GARDEN FETE will be held in the grounds of St Christopher's Parish Church, Craightinny Road, on Sat. June 8 from 1.30pm.

LAPLAND GEMS CLOSSES

SADLY, after gracing our High Street for nearly 30 years, Lapland Gems closed on June 1st; it will be greatly missed by local people and those who dropped in when visiting Portobello. A Lapland advert appeared in the first issue of this paper in June 1980 and has been a regular feature ever since. Kath and Kevin Thomson took over the shop from Bill and Betty Taylor who retired in 1997, but Kevin now has a job down south and although Kath will still spend some time in Portobello, she won't have the time needed to keep the shop open; her friendly smile and lively chat will also be missed.

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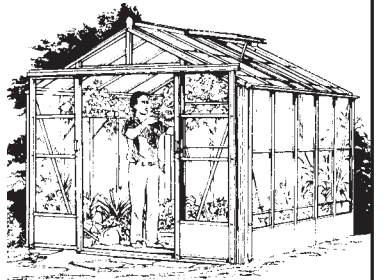
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THIS CREW REALLY IS CRUCIAL

'PORTOBELLO CRUCIAL CREW 2002' organised by our local Community Police Team ran from March 4 to 12, at the Eastern General Hospital, when 700 Primary 7 pupils in the Portobello and Craigmillar areas attended sessions on how to deal with emergency situations.

Personnel from several agencies had set up a scenario relating to a real life emergency which the pupils, in small groups, were encouraged to deal with appropriately. These realistic sets included: how to help someone in difficulty on the beach or in the sea – throwing a lifebelt or rope; how to act if a TV set started to smoke – call the Fire Brigade and alert neighbours; being aware of dangerous practices in the home, particularly the kitchen, and how to render first aid; and the dangers of playing on railway tracks or around water.

The enthusiasm of the instructors was more than equalled by that of the youngsters, and the 'Crucial Crew' programme, first run in Portobello last year, has already proved valuable here and elsewhere in getting the safety message across.

The event was made possible through the generous support, whether financial or by donated items and facilities, of many individuals and companies.



Charlie Black of the St Andrews Ambulance Association explains to St Ninian's pupils, Sean Reid and Kirsty Bath, how to deal with a domestic accident.

Photo courtesy of Lothian Primary Care NHS Trust

THISTLES ARE FLOURISHING

PORTOBELLO THISTLE Youth Club had a large membership and runs football teams for under-10 to under-18 boys, with a girls team about to be set up.

The under-14s enjoyed great success in the James Robertson Cup Final on May 12 when they beat Calder Boys Club 3-1 at the Olive Bank Stadium in Musselburgh; the goals were scored by Miles Seaton, Philip McPhail and Michael Smith.

The club, which is the longest standing member of the Lothian and Amateur Youth Football Association, now meet at the Pavilion in Hope Lane, at Portobello Golf Course, and play on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. They are also having a Fun Day from 12 noon on Sunday June 9, with various non-football events.

Anyone interested in joining can obtain further information from John Ferrier on 669 5137, and the club are particularly keen to recruit female leaders for the girls team.

WHAT'S ON FOR THE SUMMER

THE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB organised by a Church of Scotland Mission Team of young people from all over Scotland will be coming to the Old Parish Church Hall in Bellfield Street from July 15-25. They look forward to meeting children who have attended in the past, and those attending for the first time and their families. Look out for information notices in schools and shops.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL on Portobello beach, in front of the Swim Centre, on July 26 and August 2 and 9 for age groups P7/S1, S2/S3 and 16+. A 'come and try' event with coaching by Mel Coutts, the Council's Volleyball Development Officer and England's national team captain. U-16s should book in advance. Entry forms and details from Mel Coutts on 529 7972 or email: mel.coutts@edinburgh.gov.uk

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ACTIVITY CAMPS at Portobello Swim Centre – games and sports for 5-12 year-olds. Bookings from June 3. Call the Swim Centre on 669 6888.

YOUTH & FAMILY event at Fountain Park, July 19 from 1-5pm. Fun-based activities and youth information.

ST JOHN'S PUPILS SPORT TRIUMPHS

PUPILS AT ST JOHN'S Primary School have done really well in a range of sports this year. The school P7 football team has qualified for a national final in Soccer Sixes which will be played later this term. The team is hopeful of further success when the final comes round.

Three pupils - Liam McKenzie, Lisa McIntyre and Rebecca Allison have represented Edinburgh in a swimming competition against East Lothian, West Lothian and Midlothian. Lisa has also been chosen to represent Edinburgh at basketball along with her P7 colleagues Daniel Loup, Declan Slaven and Kimberley Meikle.

The school P5/6 team won the Edinburgh Schools basketball tournament for P6 and under pupils.

A large number of St John's pupils entered the Edinburgh Schools Cross Country Championship. They all did well especially Rebecca Allison who finished first in the P6 race for the whole of Edinburgh, which was an excellent achievement.

Ted Brack, Headteacher

FAREWELL TO SCHOOLDAYS!

HOLY ROOD's Sixth Year pupils have said farewell to their teachers and their school as they go off to university, college and the world of work.

They have been a great bunch of young people, who have made an outstanding contribution to Holy Rood. One of their great successes has been a project in which they have helped younger pupils with their reading. They have also pioneered the idea of 'departmental projects' where senior pupils help in subject departments in which they have a keen interest.

This year's Sixth Year have also organised a full year's calendar of events, including an overnight vigil to raise funds for Holy Rood's partner school in Tanzania.

The final event of the year will be a full-dress promenade ball in the Roxburghe Hotel. As these fine young people go off to follow their different career paths, the school wishes them every success for the future.

Patrick Sweeney, Head Teacher

NO POLLY'S – IT'S RODGER!

AT A RECENT meeting of the Portobello Library (Avian Nomenclature) sub-committee, Jim's parrot was named Rodger.

Congratulations go to competition winner Scott Harrison, aged six, of Bellfield Street, whose excellent suggestion this was. Scott was delighted with his prize - a unique Parrot T-shirt. Rodger still lives under the counter and seems very happy with his new name.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOR TOWERBANK

CONGRATULATIONS to the Towerbank Primary 7 team after a fantastic year of hard training and great success. They were delighted to reach the final of the Edinburgh Cup at Meadowbank in March having won all their games on the way, but after a riveting game, they were heartbreakingly beaten by Duddingston by just one point.

Not surprisingly, six of our players have been chosen to play in the Edinburgh team: Annie Rowan, Ellen Bonnar, Amy Mancini, Kirsty Myles, David Riley and Liam Dignan. Well done, and good luck for the future to them all.

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Tricia Morrison, Class Teacher.

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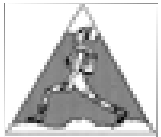
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The Edinburgh Life Saving Club trains on a Thursday night at the Portobello Swim Centre. It can offer club members and the public various courses in life saving as well as in life support. If you cannot swim, but want to learn basic life support (adult/child/baby resuscitation and first aid techniques) the club can show you how. Should you wish more information on courses, including the Bronze Medallion Golden Jubilee, please write to Paul Forsyth, c/o 13 Northfield Park, Edinburgh, EH8 7QT - Tel 669 2788 or email Paul at thomas.enterkin@genie.co.uk

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The courts will be open to the public as usual during the school holidays and will be supervised. We ask that parents encourage their children to abide by club rules and tennis etiquette.

As a taster, the courts hope to open from June 13 on Thurs/Friday from 4-8pm and Saturday 2-6pm. No charge will be made at this time.

Junior Coaching has been taking place on Friday afternoons and has proved very successful. If there is a demand we will try to put further coaching in place.

For details of how to join phone Marjorie Shepherd on 669 1777; for coaching details phone Wilma Irvine on 669 1212.

M.T.

RUGBY CLUB WILL TRY HARDER

PORTOBELLO RUGBY CLUB did not have the best season last year (relegated to National League 4), but we are already looking to next year and aim to bounce straight back up again.

With a tour to Canada and a Rugby League campaign over the summer, we hope to keep fit and be ready for next season and we are, as always, on the lookout for new players.

Training will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during July and August and the season starts on Saturday August 31. Newcomers of all ages and abilities are more than welcome. We are also having an open day on August 25.

For more information about the club, please check out our website at www.portrugby.com or just come along!

Ed Henderson

THERE is always the risk-factor in spring when planting out bedding plants. If you took a gamble and planted your summer bedding this year in early May, your plants should have survived and will be showing some colour by now. If you waited until June, however, there is less risk of your plants being checked by late frosts. Plus they will, as likely as not, catch up with the earlier planted ones. On the road to success, a little patience does no harm.

To ensure a succession of blooms, remember to deadhead regularly, and give the plants a feed with a general fertiliser. Roses will be revealing their beautiful blooms this month; a good feed now will ensure top quality flowers, so don't delay and enjoy the fresh colours and sweet scents. Remember to check the garden over regularly for pests and diseases and treat accordingly before they get a hold.

Feed vegetables also – beetroot, carrots, onions and parsnip - after thinning, with nitrate of soda at 1/2 oz. to the yard run, and transplant field-grown leeks this month (June).

Have a good summer in the garden!



with Bill Thomson

PROM RACES STILL RUNNING

PORTOBELLO Running Club will hold their Annual 4-mile Race and Children's Fun Run on Thursday June 20, this year in aid of the Eric Liddle Centre in Morningside.

The senior race starts at 7.15pm, following the children's one mile race at 6.45pm; both start and finish on the Promenade in front of Towerbank Primary School.

The adult entry fee is £4 (affiliated) or £6, and the children's is £2. Entry forms are available from the Library, and late entries will be taken on the night in the school playground, with a £1 surcharge (adults only). Changing and toilet facilities will be available in the school.

HEALTHY EATING

OOP! LENTIL SOUP

THIS recipe for their popular lentil soup comes from OOP! café, exclusively for Reporter readers! It serves eight.

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 medium-large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cm piece root ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 250 grams red lentils
- 300 grams carrot, coarsely grated
- 2 litres vegetable stock
- salt and freshly ground pepper

1. Heat the oil in a good sized pan and soften the onions with the garlic and ginger.
2. Add the lentils, stirring well.
3. Add the carrot, stir again and allow to cook for a few minutes.
4. Pour in the stock, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the lentils start to break up.
5. Season to taste and serve with warm crusty bread.

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