

CRAIGHALBERT NEWS

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WELCOME TO THE NEW-LOOK NEWSLETTER

Hello, and welcome to the new-look Craighalbert News!

In case you haven't met me yet, I'm Kirsten Bruce and I'm the new Marketing & Fundraising Manager for the Craighalbert Centre. That's me on the right, picture courtesy of the Cumbernauld News.

Since I started in September I've been busy meeting and getting to know children, parents and supporters, and I'm having a great time doing so! If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet, please do ask for me next time you're in the Centre, or feel free to call or email. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the newsletter. If you have any comments or contributions to make, please get in touch with me at kirstenbruce@craighalbert.org.uk

Wishing you a happy festive season!



JUST GIVING — GET FUNDRAISING ONLINE!

We're now registered with for a fundraising event? online fundraising site www.justgiving.com! All you need to do to make a donation directly to the Centre is visit the site and in the 'Find A Charity' box, just type in Craighalbert. This will take you to our page - just follow the easy steps to make a donation using your credit or debit card.

Or why not take a leaf out of Friends Trustee John Horn's book and set up your own page to get sponsored

John's doing the Glasgow Santa Dash on Sunday 14 December and raising money for Craighalbert in the process. Just visit www.justgiving.com/johnnyhorn to sponsor him and see just how easy www.justgiving.com really is. If you're a UK tax payer, don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box to make sure we receive an extra 28p per pound, at absolutely no extra cost to you.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

If, like me, you haven't quite been able to face the shopping hordes on a Saturday and still have a Christmas present list as long as your arm, why not try shopping online with www.easyfundraising.org.uk and raise money for Craighalbert at the same time - without spending a penny more?

To use the site, click on the 'Find A Cause' button and find our listing under 'F' - Friends of the Craighalbert

Centre. Just click on our name, complete the registration form (this is so they can track who is supporting us and send us the right donation amount), and off you shop! The donations are made by the retailers on the site when you make a purchase. With over 600 retailers to choose from, including Amazon, Next, Argos, John Lewis and HMV, you should find a present for everyone without having to brave the crowds or the weather!

VROOMING MARVELLOUS: ALAN REID & EATON

This summer, Alan Reid and his Yamaha Fazer motorbike travelled the 3200 miles round Britain's coastline to raise a tremendous £1350 for the Centre. Alan's employers, Eaton Ltd, in Glasgow, not only footed the bill for Alan's fuel costs for the mammoth trip, but they also chose Craighalbert as their charity of the year, presenting us with a cheque for £1436.58! Pictured on the right is Alan presenting his cheque to us on 18 September. And we all got a shot on the bike, too!

Photograph courtesy of Cumbernauld News



FABULOUS FUNDRAISERS

Since September we've had some very keen supporters raising money for the Centre.

Karen Hooman and friends completed the Great Scottish Run Half Marathon and Junior Run in September, raising £628. The Cumbernauld 10K had two Craighalbert runners - Kyle Mulholland raised £220 and David Moran raised £140. Well done to all our energetic fundraisers!

Another way of raising money is to ask for donations in lieu of gifts, as demonstrated to great effect by Jessie Thomson. Jessie, whose great granddaughter Ciara attends Craighalbert, recently celebrated her 90th birthday and received £150 in lieu of gifts, which she donated to the Centre. The picture on the right shows Ciara receiving the cheque from her great gran on behalf of the Centre. Thanks, Jessie!

We've also had generous support in recent months from the Children's Aid Committee, Goldfish and Architectural Doors & Windows Ltd.



BARGAINS BAGGED AT LADIES' EVENING

The 2008 Pre-Christmas candles, handbags and Ladies' Evening, held on cards. A special thank you goes to Ann Erskine, whose grandson Ellis attends the Centre, for donating all proceeds from her hand-made card stall.

Hazel McIntosh from The Body Shop entertained guests with her beauty demonstration, and other product stalls included jewellery, gift items,

We're hoping to hold another event, this time for all the family, in spring/summer, so watch this space for details.

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!

In 2009 we'll be launching a new-look Craighalbert website packed with information about the Centre, including a dedicated fundraising section with the latest news on forthcoming events. You'll also be able to download the newsletter in PDF format, and make donations online via the 'Donate Now' button, which

will take you to our aforementioned Just Giving page.

We also hope to create the newsletter in email format, so if you have an email address and would like to help us keep our costs down, please email me to let me know.

THE SCHOOL GROUP WARMS THINGS UP

The School Group children certainly know how to kick start a winter's day, no matter what the weather! Come hail, rain or shine, they are to be found having fun outdoors as they enjoy a variety of games – skittles, the parachute game (pictured), hide and seek – and the livelier, the better!

During these sessions the children enjoy exploring the new garden grounds, recording the weather, playing co-operatively in teams and also competing against one another. And there's one thing they all agree on: learning is great fun!



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