



CRAIGHALBERT NEWS

February 2011

20th Anniversary Celebrations 2011

Believe it or not, Craighalbert is 20 years old! We're planning a range of celebration events to mark this milestone, and we're keen for everyone to get involved to make it a truly special year.

Are you a former pupil, a member of family or extended family, or a family friend? Perhaps you used to volunteer your time to help the Centre, either individually or through your company?

If you'd like to attend a celebration event, get involved in helping with one of the Centre's events, or if you'd like to hold a celebration event yourself, please get in touch! Just contact Kirsten on 01236 456100 or email kirstenbruce@craighalbert.org.uk.

Craighalbert Golf Classic 2010

This year's Craighalbert Golf Classic took place on Thursday 2 September. Luck was with us weather-wise, with good conditions and a great atmosphere helping us to a fundraising total of over £4890.

The Craighalbert Team this year was generously sponsored by Semichem with the team made up of Centre Director Pat Salter, Real Radio presenter and Scotland legend Alan Rough, former Chair of Disability Sport Scotland Richard Brickley, and Staff Sergeant Billy Forrester from 124 Field Squadron (Royal Engineers) at Cumbernauld TA Centre.

The triumphant team this year were MoD Police Team 2, who are regular participants in the event.

Well done to everyone who took part or helped on the day and thanks to Dullatur Golf Club for their unstinting support. We're already looking forward to next year's event, which will take place on **Thursday 1 September 2011** at Dullatur Golf Club. To register your interest, please contact Kirsten on 01236 456100 or email kirstenbruce@craighalbert.org.uk.



Christmas Shopping Night

Thank you to everyone – visitors, donors and stallholders – who supported this year's Christmas Shopping Night. We managed to beat last year's total (£1039) by raising £1543 on the night!

It was a great night, and we're already thinking about how we can beat our fundraising total at next year's event. Watch this space for details!

Hooray for Harry!

Two Craighalbert children were featured on this year's Children in Need getting a very special surprise – to attend the premiere of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 and meet the cast!

Molly, who attends Saturday sessions and periodic placements, and her twin sister Rosie, who attends the Siblings Group, were surprised at school by John Barrowman (masquerading as Dougal the comedy paramedic). John then invited the girls to his concert in Glasgow, where he revealed their extra special VIP premiere surprise trip to London!

Both girls had a whale of a time, describing the whole thing as an unforgettable experience. Well done girls – we're glad you enjoyed it!



Volunteer Fundraising Committee – we need you!

Can you help us reach our fundraising target of £200,000 this year? We're forming a Fundraising Committee to give a much-needed boost to our fundraising income, and we're looking for people with all sorts of skills and experience to contribute to this. A role description and application form can be downloaded on our website at www.craighalbert.org.uk/vacancies. For an informal discussion, please contact Kirsten on 01236 456100 or email kirstenbruce@craighalbert.org.uk.

Fabulous Fundraisers!

Strathclyde Police employees took part in the Great Scottish Run and First Monster Challenge in September, raising funds both online and offline. Their total was an amazing £4,360.36!

Rebecca Carslaw held a coffee morning at Dullatur Tennis Club and raised £375.87 – well done Rebecca!

Alison Dalziel and friends Lynn, Lesley, Joanne, Jackie and Lindsey got sponsored to walk the West Highland Way and raised a fantastic £912!

Our friends at Star Refrigeration made a very generous donation of £3,000 in November.

124 Field Squadron (Royal Engineers) at Cumbernauld TA Centre raised £1,174 in sponsorship for taking part in the Hairy Haggis Relay 2010.

Cumbernauld Colts and Cumbernauld College both made donations of £500 – thank you!

Architectural Doors & Windows (ADW) Ltd made a Christmas donation of £1,500 – thanks for your continued support!

McKenzie School of Dance in Grangemouth raised a fabulous £1,500 at their Big Bash 2010 – well done!

Quayside Frozen Foods made a donation of £300.

Greenfaulds High Schools raised £774.55 from their Christmas show. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who were involved – we're looking forward to seeing you again at Easter!

Springboard Surprise

Our friends at the MOD Police at RNAD Coulport (pictured below) used their Sick Children's Fund to buy the Centre a Springboard Lite, a special device that children who can't speak can use to communicate with people around them.



Christmas Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal, which so far has raised £1,235. Special thanks goes to the Rotary Club of Callander and West Perthshire, who raised £500 for the appeal by doing a supermarket bag-pack.

Trusts & Foundations

Thank you to the following trusts which have recently supported our work:

A M Pilkington Charitable Trust; Children's Aid (Scotland); Merchants House of Glasgow; Noble Resolve & Temperance Society; Olam Hazeh Charitable Trust; Go Play.



Donation form

To help us make a difference to the lives of children with motor impairments, simply complete your details on this form and return it with your donation to Kirsten Bruce, Marketing & Fundraising Manager, Craighalbert Centre, 1 Craighalbert Way, Cumbernauld G68 0LS. Please make cheques payable to Friends of Craighalbert. If you'd like to donate by credit or debit card, please call 01236 456100.

I enclose a donation of (please tick) £100 £50 £25 £10 Other _____

Regular giving by **standing order** helps Craighalbert keep down admin costs. It also means we are able to make future plans, as we are able to estimate our monthly income. Please contact us to receive a regular giving form.

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