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Autumn Issue

Well all, I hope you all had a nice summer. Since I last wrote to you there has been no new members. However the Branch has been very busy over the last two months with fund raising and event organising. A lot of parents have been undertaking various tasks on behalf of the Branch. As you read through the newsletter you will see what everyone has been up to.

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2007 Family Weekend

This year's family weekend was held at the Abernethy Trust centre in Ardeonaig. It was great to meet so many new members and to see the regular faces. This year seemed

better than the previous ones... perhaps due to the Cant children not resorting to violence towards their mother on the high ropes.

However, it was sad to see the Kell children embarrassed by their parents' behaviour during the Raft Building endeavour. I was unfortunate enough to have been on the same team. Some of you may have heard rumours that I had some part in the design of this raft... I categorically deny any involvement in the design stages... It was ALL Pauline Kell's doing. Despite their children's insistence that the design would never work, Pauline and Geoff forged ahead. Their "cutting edge" raft was finally, carefully placed into Loch Tay...after several attempts to drag the death trap to the water.

Despite the poor design, which was marginally worse than the actual

building attempt, I can report that Geoff and Pauline nobly offered to be the first two to sail on the vessel.

It was a brave and selfless act.

The raft broke apart as soon as they boarded it (the canoe capsizing, the ropes unravelling, the barrels shooting up into the air) and the two intrepid mariners were left drenched.

Thank you to the other teams for kindly sharing their more successful attempts. It was a brilliant weekend and hopefully next year Adam will be there, now that his chicken-pox have gone.

Mention should also be made of Mary Pettigrew's "swim" in the Loch. This should serve as a warning to other, overly competitive parents!!!!

Ceilidh Night

The event of the year!!!! To raise funds, a Ceilidh Night is to

be held in the Seamill Hydro, West Kilbride on the evening of Friday, 9th of November. Ticket price is £10. On the night there will be the *Chittery Bite Ceilidh Band*, a Disco and a buffet... PLUS a fantastic raffle!! All the good-looking people will be attending. For tickets please fill in the attached form and return in the supplied envelope. I hope some of you may be able to attend as it was a huge success a couple of years ago. Thank you to Mary Pettigrew and my lovely wife Stacy, for all their hard work in organising this event.

Halloween Party

I have been unable to organise a Halloween party. I would like to make both a Halloween party and an Easter party annual events. This would allow the children more of a chance to meet friends throughout the year.

I am looking for volunteers to organise this. Preferable someone who knows a suitable venue where the children can play regardless of the weather. Also food availability and an area for parents to sit and chat are also necessary. I can pay all the expenses it would just be ideal if someone local was able to arrange the event. Any volunteers please get in touch with myself.

Christmas Party

Due to the success of last year's Christmas party it was agreed to have it in the same venue. So it will be held at the Snozone, Xscape, Braehead, on 1st December 2007. There will be a tobogganing session followed by a party. I have been informed by Michael, who organises this event, that Santa may even be coming again this year. If you are interested in coming, please let me know as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

Quiz night

Elaine Clark who organises the Jeremy Beadle Quiz Night has let

me know that Jeremy Beadle has kindly agreed to host another Quiz/Party Night on Saturday 9th February at The Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew, this time in aid of the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. This charity is very close to Elaine's heart and I wish her well with the fund raising.

Tickets are £25 each. There is a two-course meal, the Quiz and lots of Party fun. For tickets contact Elaine Clark

Family Weekend 2008

Next year's family weekend will once again be held at the Abernethy Trust Ardeonaig Centre. For those of you who have been at the weekends before, it will be along the same lines as the last three years.

For those who haven't been, there is a chance to see all the children performing daring deeds of bravery. There's also a chance to see the parents become extremely competitive, usually with the children.

The dates will be confirmed in the next newsletter. This is limited to 12 families. To secure your place a £10 deposit is needed, with the balance of £65 per family being required one month prior to the event..

Address Change

Just a reminder that our address has changed. Also our home number and our mobile numbers. The new details are listed opposite

Thank you

This section is to say Thank You to all those who have assisted the Scottish Branch recently, in various ways.

- Ciara and Niamh Roulston for raising £110 in sponsorship for the Great Wee Scottish Walk
- Derek Carr who walked the Lomond Hills with 30 of his

friends and raised approx £2,500

- Michael Moran and his Aunt for donating Michael's 40th Birthday Present Money - £20

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Kidz corner

Q: What do you get if Batman and Robin are smashed by a steam roller?

A: Flatman and Ribbon.

Q: When is a car not a car?

A: When it turns into a garage.

Q: How much do pirates pay for their earrings?

A: A Buccaneer!

Q: Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door?

A: He wanted to win the No-bell prize.

Q: Why did the atoms cross the road?

A: It was time to split!



A picture of Obi-Wan Kenobi for you to colour

Word Search

Find the words in the list below. The letters not used will reveal a hidden message... Once you have revealed the hidden message, write it in the box opposite, fill in your name and address and send it to Carl.

The first correct entry returned will win a prize!!!!

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