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A VIP TRIP TO HAMILTON PARK RACECOURSE!



Hamilton Park Racecourse and VisitLanarkshire have teamed up to offer Evening Times readers the chance to win an exclusive VIP package to one of the social horseracing events of the year.

Hamilton Park's famous Silver Bell Night, in association with Cash for Kids, takes place on Wednesday June 10, featuring live entertainment from pop starlet Pixie Lott.

ONE LUCKY WINNER AND THREE FRIENDS CAN WIN:

- 4 VIP passes worth £112, including Club entrance, race programme, racing guide, free pint of lager/glass of wine, free burger or hog roast roll, a £2 tote betting voucher and a tipster talk from renowned racing expert Gordon Brown.

- Bed & Breakfast for four at the four star Alona Hotel set in the idyllic surroundings of Strathclyde Country Park, including a complimentary bottle of champagne on arrival.

- Free taxi from the hotel to the racecourse and back again.

Plus, three lucky runners up will also each receive a pair of Silver Bell Night VIP passes (worth £28 per person).

TO ENTER email the answer to the question below, along with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to great.giveaways@heraldandtimes.co.uk putting **HAMILTON** in the subject line.

Closing date for all entries is Tuesday June 9 at 9am. Usual Evening Times competition rules apply. The editor's decision is final. Competition open to over 18s only. Prizes and tickets are non refundable and non transferable and are valid only for the dates and races shown.

To buy tickets for Hamilton Park's Silver Bell Night, in association with Cash for Kids, log on to www.hamilton-park.co.uk or call 01698 283 806.

For more information about the Alona visit www.alonahotel.co.uk and to find out more about all great attractions in Lanarkshire visit www.visitlanarkshire.com

Q Which entertainer will be singing at Silver Bell Night?

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FACES IN THE NEWS

Uni honours top businessman



TYCOON and philanthropist, Ian Galloway CBE is to be awarded an honorary degree from Glasgow University.

Chairman of meat production firm JW Galloway Group with a turnover of £110million, Ian will receive a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery honorary degree in recognition of his contribution to food safety and animal welfare.

Architectural art exhibition



HND Computer Art & Design students at Central College Glasgow will

today launch their free end-of-year exhibition, Time, Space and Place. The exhibition, at the Charles Oakley Campus, will be open from 9am to 5pm until June 12, will feature work based on Glasgow's rich architectural environment.



RACE FOR LIFE 2009

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Reel cash drive helped by Paul



CELEBRITY angler Paul Young wants people to cast off their inhibitions and compete for

chance to win £1000 or a day's fishing with the TV star.

Macmillan Cancer Support's Big Fish contest is on at fisheries across Scotland on Saturday.

Go to www.macmillan.org.uk/thebigfish or call 0141 952 0085 for more.

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GOING THE EXTRA MILE We meet more

STARS IN THE SOUTH

By MAUREEN ELLIS

THEY'RE the people who make the South-East shine – and we want to hear about your neighbourhood heroes in the latest stage of the Glasgow Community Champion Awards.

Today we meet three more champs from the Langside and Linn area – all committed to making their neighbourhood champion.

There's the nurse who has been a friend to senior citizens for over 30 years, a youth facility with humble origins, and a group of history enthusiasts who have clubbed together to celebrate their area's heritage.

Without them the city would be a poorer place.

The Glasgow Community Champion Awards is aiming to unearth more unsung heroes like these and give them the recognition they deserve.

Fill in a form today to tell us about the stand-out stars living and working around Langside, Battlefield, Kings Park, Camphill, Mount Florida, Cathcart, Simshill, Croftfoot, Castlemilk and Carmunnock.

There's only a few days left to

nominate your heroes in one of six categories before the deadline on Thursday, June 11. You can download a form from our website, or enter their details on our website, www.eveningtimes.co.uk

What's more, everyone is invited along to the eighth gala ceremony in the campaign. It will take place at Langside Hall on Langside Avenue on Tuesday, June 23 from 6pm onwards. It's also a chance to meet the awards partners over tea and sandwiches and find out plans for the area.

Langside councillor Archie Graham said: "I think there will be a tremendous amount of excitement. I would expect people to be talking to each other about the different projects and programmes."

The Glasgow Community Champion Awards are a partnership between Glasgow City Council, Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue, Glasgow Community Planning Partnership and the Evening Times.

All 60 city-wide winners from the ten city areas will be invited to a gala final held at the City Chambers in October, where the overall Community Champions will be crowned.



■ Cath Christie outside the Victoria infirmary where she has been caring for people for 31 years



JEELY PIECE CLUB

TO BORROW a slice from Adam McNaughton's much-loved skyscraper ode, all the weans in Castlemilk have found a "Piece brigade" in the staff of one lively family centre.

The Jeely Piece Club was formed in 1975 as a mother and toddler group, but has grown to encompass a nursery, out-of-school clubs, a cafe, as well as providing learning and training opportunities for parents and adults.

Its recently-appointed – and only second – director Tracey Black took over from co-founder and 2008 International Scotswoman of the year Mary Miller, who now works in Zimbabwe with husband Very Rev Dr John Miller, a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Tracey said: "If you speak to people across Glasgow, everybody knows about the



■ Mary Miller co-founded the club in 1975

Jeely Piece Club. It has touched so many people's lives.

"It's a fantastic building because everything is based around fun for the kids – the art room, games sessions, everything like that."

The Club now occupies two buildings – it has a wing in the Castlemilk Community Centre for its nursery, and its HQ is the purpose-built Playzone within The Tower complex. It had risked closure in 2001 when the four-storey tenement

where it had been housed since 1982 was earmarked for demolition.

The group secured £300,000 through a mix of Lottery and council funding to develop the council-owned Tower complex in Machrie Drive.

Between 400 and 500 young people attend the Playzone building every week, while its seven-week summer programme attracts around 5000 kids, in a centre operated by 50 staff.

A mini bus transports children to and from the centre, which has just secured £10,000 from Children in Need to set up a holiday camp, taking 40 kids aged 8-12 away on a residential summer break.

"That for us is vital because some of these local kids have never been out of Castlemilk," said Tracey.

People and organisations championing their area



CATH CHRISTIE

In sickness and in health

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH

ONE dedicated nurse at the Victoria Infirmary has been making a difference to people's lives for over three decades.

Cath Christie, 50, who has lived in the south side all her life, is a dedicated staff nurse who has built up strong relationships with the patients in her care over a career spanning 31 years.

Described as an "excellent nurse and a very kind and caring person" by her colleagues, Cath specialises in dermatology.

Since the skin conditions she treats, such as severe eczema, can mean many patients return repeatedly over several years, building bridges is key.

Cath is modest about being nominated for a Community Champion award, saying that she's "sure there are plenty of other people who are just as deserving", but admits it's a "pleasant surprise".

Cath says the experience she's built up over the years has made her a better nurse.

"I've learned how to be patient with people. You have to treat people with privacy and dignity, bearing in mind religious and cultural beliefs - that should be respected. I use all the knowledge and experience I have to provide an efficient and effective service."

In recent years, Cath has taken the opportunity to boost her skills by taking a year-long course in minor surgery at Caledonian University, which means she is now able to treat more people and assist surgeons in their work.

Cath has worked in the Victoria Infirmary her whole career. However, she is still looking forward to moving into the New Victoria, which opens today.

The switch will allow her to do even more to help the community, giving her the best possible surroundings to do her job.

She says: "I do one session of minor surgery a week at the moment, but I hope to expand that when we move, because we'll have better facilities."



LANGSIDE, BATLEFIELD AND CAMPHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

JUST one neighbourhood meeting every month is generating change in the Langside area of the city.

The members of the Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council have had an influence on local planning, social and environmental policy since its early origins in 2002.

The group of residents take a particularly active interest in historical issues. In 2006 they

launched a Langside Heritage Trail around the site of the Battle of Langside, buildings by Alexander 'Greek' Thomson and Stan Laurel's Queen's Park School, which he and Oliver Hardy visited in 1947. The 40-page booklet is still available from Langside library.

In 2007 they successfully blocked advertising hoardings at the roundabout of the Battlefield Memorial, and in February saw off later opening hours and nightclub use at the Church On The Hill bar, housed in a Greek Thomson landmark. Just this week they received confirmation that a pedestrian crossing would be created to ease crossing between Langside library and the Victorian Infirmary after months of lobbying.

Dr Evelyn Silber, a former director of the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery, is chair of the community council, which meets at 81 Carmichael

Place in Battlefield on the first Monday of each month.

She is also chair of a committee incorporating four local community councils to lay the foundations to create a new performance space in Queen's Park. The committee have secured £15,000 from the Scottish Government to canvas local opinion, provide designs and costings for a new arena, and begin grant applications. More than 700 people responded to their questionnaire on the subject at last month's South Side Festival.

Dr Silber said: "We probably have a little bit more influence than we give ourselves credit for."

"We are quite active in the community but we would welcome more involvement. The public are welcome to attend to voice particular issues that they've got or just to find out what is going on."

•www.lbccc.org.uk

THERE are six categories:

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

People who give up free time to make a contribution to other people's lives or to a community.

TEAM AWARD

This recognises the work of community teams, organisations, charities or a group of volunteers.

PUBLIC SERVICE

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
This will be presented to people working for a public service in a local community who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

PUBLIC SERVICES

TEAM AWARD

This is for a remarkable public service team that has made an outstanding contribution to help those they serve.

NEIGHBOUR AWARD

We're looking to recognise those unsung heroes who make a big contribution with no expectation of reward.

YOUNG COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

People or groups aged 17 and younger who have shown inspirational behaviour.

HOW TO ENTER

TO download a Glasgow Community Champion Awards entry form, go to www.eveningtimes.co.uk and follow the link to Community Champions. Or call or e-mail Gayle Cooper on 0141 302 7319, or

gayle.cooper@heraldandtimes.co.uk, and request a form. You can also write to: Glasgow Community Champions Awards, Evening Times, 200 Renfield Street, Glasgow, G2 3QB.

Aid campaign calls for river daredevils

THRILL-SEEKERS are needed for a whitewater rafting challenge in aid of deafblind and disability charity Sense Scotland.

Teams of six will battle it out over several miles of the turbulent and highly-rated rafting waters of Perthshire's River Tummel on Sunday, August 30.

One of the highlights for daredevils is a two-tier 18ft drop down a waterfall into Loch.

The Team Rapids fun event, which last year raised £33,000 is open to everyone. No experience is necessary as training will be given on the day.

Tea and food will be provided for those taking part.

For further details call 0141 429 0294.

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Hotel expects Open to drive up business

BOSSES at a new hotel in Ayrshire hope next month's Open Golf Championship at nearby Turnberry will tee up last-minute bookings from sports fans.

Opening on July 11 and only six miles from the course, the four-star Woodland Bay Hotel near Girvan hopes to be full when the tournament gets into swing.

Open packages at the hotel - a £1million-plus investment by the Forbes family, include accommodation for two - full Scottish breakfast, packed lunches and transport to and from Turnberry.

Director Gillian Forbes said: "We've already taken bookings from as far afield as New Zealand and the US."

VISIT the Evening Times' dedicated community websites at:
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