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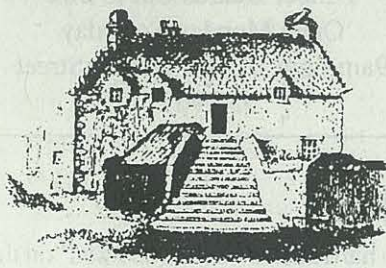
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We welcome details of forthcoming local events. Deadline for our March issue is Friday 21st June.

Monday 3rd June Community Council meeting, Drummond Community High, 7.30pm.

Saturday 8th June Car Boot Sale in aid of Sport for Drummond in Drummond playground, 11am to 2pm. (Cars must be in place by 2.30pm) Home made cake stall, bring and buy, entertainment, raffle.

Sunday 16th June Scotland Yard Summer Festival. The Big Tenth Birthday Party. Music, entertainment, a café - with the main attractions being aimed at the family.

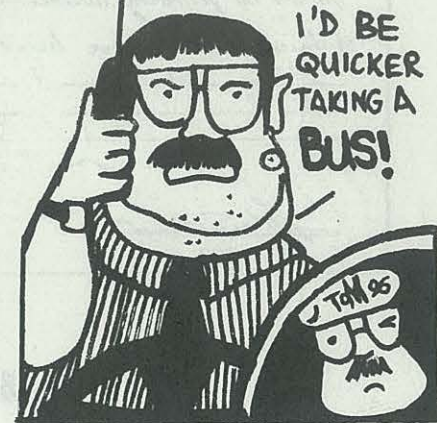
Monday 17th June Broughton Local History Society- Inaugural Meeting. Guest speaker Fay Young on the history of Broughton Primary School. Drummond Community High School, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 26th June meeting of Bellevue and Claremont Residents Association to discuss revised plans for East Claremont Street with City Council officials. Drummond Community High School, 7pm.

Every 1st Thursday of the Month Vigil for women's rights outside St. Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm.



THIS TRAFFIC CALMING'S DRIVING ME WILD...



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JOHN GOTIP - DEPORTED?

We first covered the story of John Gotip last September. The saga continues.

John was a senior pupil at Drummond Community High in the late '80s, having come from Nigeria with his diplomat father. After nearly ten years in UK he was picked up by police and immigration officers because of a problem over his visa,

and spent weeks locked up in Saughton Prison. Eventually the clamour for his release brought results, and he was able to start fulltime study at Napier University.

But his future in this country was still undecided. And last month came the news that all arguments put forward by his lawyer had failed: he was to be deported on 17th May. The Edinburgh

campaign on his behalf was intensified, with local activist Eileen Dickie, Drummond staff and MP Malcolm Chisholm playing leading roles.

Following good media coverage, John's deportation has been put on hold while immigration minister Timothy Kirkhope gives his case special consideration on humanitarian grounds. The result should be known by the time you read this: phone 556 0903 for an update.

Broughton Cup 1996

A group of locals plan to organise an annual charity football competition - the BROUGHTON CUP. Local bars and cafes are being asked to put forward teams, both male and female, with matches to be played at Inverleith and Warriston on Sunday afternoons during July, August and September.

If you are interested in sponsoring or taking part in this event, contact Mike Small on 556 0067.

Claremont U turn by Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Bellevue and Claremont Residents Association was held on 22nd May. A team led by Alan Cooper from City Development, the old Regional Council Transportation Department, was invited to give an update on traffic

calming measures in the area and to explain the workings of their department. It transpired that immediately before the meeting City Development had no knowledge of the commitment made regarding the perceived imminent implementation of traffic calming in East Claremont Street. It appeared to be a catalogue of disasters and confusion. Disbelief reigned! So much so that the Association's chair appeared to be having a catatonic seizure and briefly was at a total loss for words!

"I tell thee" - said Madame - "that although it is a long time on the road, it is on the road and coming." (Dickens, 'A Tale of Two Cities')

However, plans previously agreed would need to be revised as they were flawed. Many at the meeting were floored by this suggestion, which has many implications! It would be encouraging to believe that Alan Cooper and his team have a genuine commitment to not only consult with local communities but take any findings seriously. It might make us feel our council taxes are in more capable hands - watch this space! Meet Alan Cooper to discuss revised proposals for East Claremont Street - Wednesday 26th June, 7pm in Drummond Community High. All are welcome.

Mr. Cooper told Spurtle's reporter he was confident this reinstatement would take place.

Fringe Poster success

Last month we reported that Dawn Exley of Bellevue Road had won her way through to the last four in this year's Fringe Festival poster competition - out of 3,500 entries.

We are delighted that she turned out to be the outright winner. Congratulations to Dawn, and to Drummond's Art department!

THE BROUGHTON **SPURTLE** aims to:

- provide a contact point for local people who want to get together and change things
- help local action groups publicise their work
- make connections between "the news" and people's own lives in Broughton
- and generally stir things up a bit!

We'll support people looking for a fair deal, but not protect privilege. We're not connected with any political group or party. And we don't get a grant from anyone.

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If you'd like to help write, produce or distribute the BROUGHTON **SPURTLE** please contact us as soon as possible! We publish about once a month.

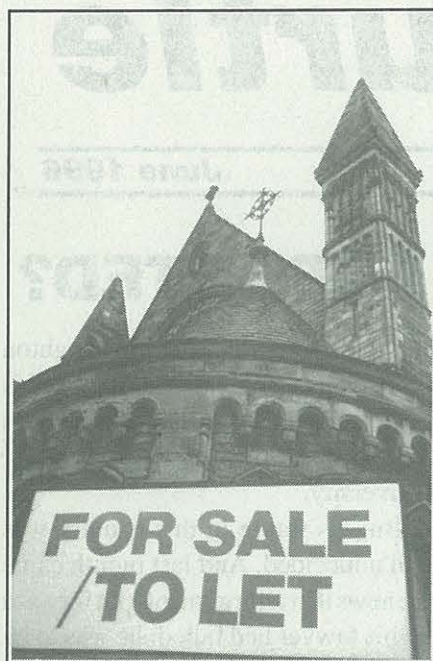
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What is happening to Mansfield Place Church?

What's going on at Mansfield Place?

You may have noticed recent activity at the Mansfield Place Church. This Norman French style former Catholic Apostolic Church, with the beautiful murals by Phoebe Traquair, has been empty for some time but there are moves afoot concerning its future use.

There are two interested parties involved. One is Pete Simpson, organiser of Cafe Graffiti, a cabaret style venue held during the Edinburgh Festival. Pete is at the moment caretaking the building for the owners 'London and Edinburgh Enterprise', formerly the 'Edinburgh Brick Company'. He is tidying the garden area and the trees with a view to creating a local community garden for the public to use and enjoy. He has applied for a 'change of use' licence for the lower rooms, and here he hopes to create a local resource centre for community activities and events all year round. He will install heating and toilets. He will know by July if this application is successful or not. The main upper church area with the murals would stay as it is and Cafe Graffiti will be back this coming Festival. He hopes to have a long lease from the present owners.



The other interested party is the Mansfield Traquair Trust Ltd., with Ian Dunn as one of its trustees. He told us that the Trust has applied to the Lottery Heritage Fund and the new City of Edinburgh Council for funding. They plan to use the lower rooms for offices and the main church as a conference centre, theatre and classical music venue. The Trust hope to buy the Church from the present owners and lease it to "a Scottish non-government body".

Spurtle will try to keep you up-to-date on this prominent local site.

Broughton Youth Initiative

This group continues to look into provision for teenagers in Broughton. Results of a survey questionnaire completed by young folk at Drummond Community High have been studied, and there are plans for further fact-finding and discussion with teenagers.

The group will concentrate on building up the clearest possible picture of what teenagers in Broughton want, and develop ideas about how

their needs could be met. Rather than becoming an organisation that seeks funds and makes provision itself, it will feed information and ideas to existing organisations likely to be interested in making informed decisions about provision for teenagers - such as Drummond Community High, the Hopetoun Village project, the City of Edinburgh Council's Community Education service. (contact - Stephen Fischbacher, 556 6212)

Local school brings a touch of Spring

Those of us moving along East London Street recently will have noticed a seasonal sign of new growth in the playground of St. Mary's RC Primary School. Trees have been newly planted there, joining the existing planters and the lively surface decoration - welcome addition to a city 'streetscape'.

The School's Head Teacher, Mr. McCulloch reports that an active group of parents (which happens to include some handy professional skill!) has been hard at work planning and fundraising to pay for a feature which will enhance both the school premises and the overall environment.

Mr. McCulloch finds that, not surprisingly, playground facilities rate high with the youngsters and improvements, even in times of stringent official financing, remain important. This is particularly so located as it is on a busy main road where problems of general traffic control are a real concern. **Spurtle** is all too aware of local feelings about proper road management - never more necessary than where young children are involved. With St. Mary's roll due to increase next session to over 200 with a full agenda of in-school and out-of-school activities, here is yet another instance of the need to create an acceptable living environment in our community.

The return of the three day week!

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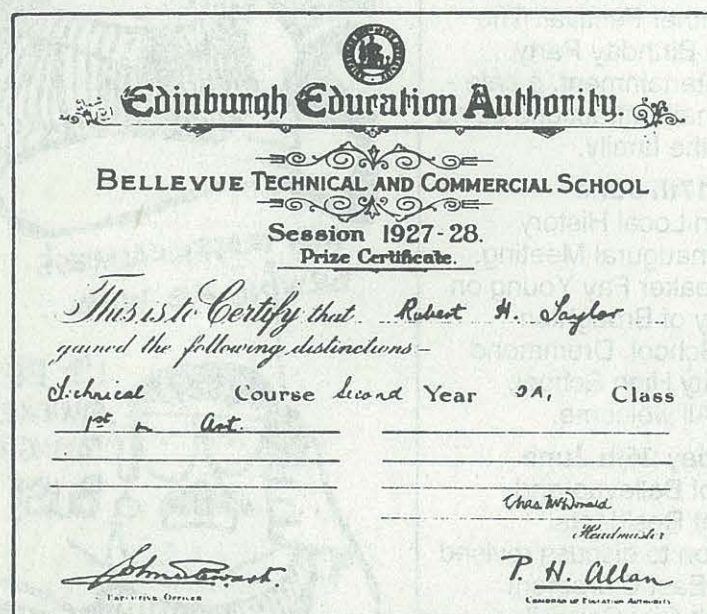
Thurs (1-7), Fri (1-7), Sat (11-6),
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Bellevue Anniversary Celebration

It's now 70 years since Bellevue Technical and Commercial School opened in the building now occupied by Drummond Community High. Drummond plan to celebrate this anniversary with an open evening in early October, to which all former Bellevue pupils and teachers will be invited. The idea is to offer tours of the School, opportunities to meet old friends and an exhibition of Bellevue memorabilia.

Funds raised from the event will be used to erect a permanent tribute to Bellevue in the form of a Bellevue mural on the School's library corridor wall.

Former pupils and teachers who would like further details are invited to send a stamped addressed envelope to Head Teacher Frank McGrail, by the end of July (Drummond Community High School, Cochran Terrace, EH7 4BJ).



Our local language

Sometimes, on the **Spurtle**, we lighten up from the rigours of Council cutbacks, traffic calming and other assorted ills, to ponder the changes that have come about in our neighbourhood. Not so much the physical ones as the language used - names of places, games, everyday objects, shops, people - probably everyone remembers old familiar words that are no longer heard. And, just as important, probably our youngsters are introducing new ones that are unfamiliar to older ears.

Anent this, recently I got to reading the splendid 'The Singing Street' by James TR Ritchie, who wrote in 1964:

"The language that the great majority of Edinburgh people speak is still almost a hundred-per-cent Scots. At least that's what you hear in the playground, shops, pubs, buses, on the football terrace and in most colloquial talk. But what you hear on the radio is 'Morningside English' or 'Kimely Benk'."

We want you to tell **Spurtle** the words you don't hear on the radio!

As I write, I can look out the window to 'the longie' (the stretch of long grass at the back of Mansfield Place Church), or out the other window to the playground with its 'peeveerie-bed', where youngsters are 'stotting' a ball,

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too hard and it will be 'dowsed' on the roof. Later, I'll need to go for the 'messages' - I could go 'doon the Walk' via the 'Coo's Lane', but probably I'll 'stravaig' down by 'Puddocky' to Tesco's where I'll 'hurl' a trolley to pick up a 'forpit' of potatoes and maybe some rhubarb - trouble is it can be pretty 'wersh'. If it wasn't for the shopping, I could 'dreep' the wall for a short-cut.

Enough - it'll be a right scunner if you're too dumfoonert to do better. Let's hear from you - phone 556 7727 or, better, take a couple of minutes to jot something down and deliver it to us at Broughton Books, Broughton Place.