

## Vote Early: Peoples' Millions - Forest Schools for Fife

Forest School provides outdoor classroom learning and if the television vote on 22 November goes in favour of Scottish Native Woods then a further three schools will benefit across Fife this year and many more in the future.

Scottish Native Woods have been delivering this service at Gateside Primary School for a year now and Maureen Andrews, the head teacher, said "It was good to see the children in a different setting, learning new skills and helping each other... they were competent when working in groups. All had a role to play and they knew what it was. The older pupils took responsibility when working with younger ones and guided them. Quieter children had the opportunity to develop confidence and self-awareness they might not otherwise have had."

The telephone number for voting will be broadcast on **22 November** in the Scottish Daily Mirror and on STV. This project will go head to head for the public vote against a youth project from Ayrshire. STV will show a short

film about each project after the evening news and voting lines will be open from 9:00am and stay open until midnight. **PLEASE VOTE FOR FIFE SCHOOLS.**

### Binn Eco Park

The Binn Farm Community Engagement group met on 26th October at the Bein Inn. The purpose of this group is to allow the communities surrounding the Binn Eco Park to discuss problems and concerns relating to the waste management activity at Binn. The bad odour coming from the composting plant has been a major issue for many of the local villages including Gateside; TEG, the composting company, reported on further action they are taking to filter the air coming from the plant to reduce odours. The group will meet again in January 2011 and, as each community is to present their concerns to the group, if anyone has any issue they would like to add please communicate this to the Community Association. SEPA have produced a newsletter regarding this site (attached as a PDF for those receiving this by email and on the website), copies of which will be available at the next Community Association meeting. The SEPA newsletter publicises their 24hr pollution hotline for reporting smells or other pollution issues: 0800 807060.

### Armistice Day Wreath Laid

A wreath to commemorate the fallen of both world wars and the many conflicts since was laid on 11th November, Armistice Day, in Gateside Memorial Hall. David Cowling led a small act of remembrance. The wreath, which was kindly provided by Fife Council through the good offices of our Councillor Donald Lothian was appropriately laid inside the Hall under the plaques which name the members of this community who lost their lives in these wars.

## Forthcoming events

### Community Association Meeting and AGM -Thurs 9th December at 7.00 and 7:30 pm

The next meeting of the Gateside and District Community Association is Thursday 9th December at 7pm in the Gateside Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

Immediately following this meeting Gateside and District Community Association will hold its AGM on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Hall.

### Gateside Christmas Fayre - Sat 27th November

Gateside's Christmas coffee morning will be held on the 27th November from 10.00 am - 12 noon in the Memorial Hall. This will be a great opportunity to shop for Christmas and this year we have many exhibitors with original gifts and homemade cards.

There will of course be a Cake & Candy stall, tombola and a raffle (donations gratefully accepted). We are also lucky to have some locally made crafts, exhibits from some local businesses and a performance by the children from our school at 11am. All welcome and pay at the door.

Volunteers to help run stalls should contact Teri Gillan (01337 860577).

## OTHER NOTICES

- **Gateside Memorial Hall Improvements.** New blackout blinds have now been installed in the main hall thanks in part to a small grant from Fife Council as well as fundraising by the Association. Blinds are also due to be fitted to the room behind the stage. Another grant from O2 has allowed us to order a sign for the outside of the Hall. As well as giving the Hall's name and website, there is space on a blackboard to advertise upcoming events.

## Hall Booking

### Events

- Birthday Parties - for children or adults
- Wedding Receptions
- Anniversary Celebrations
- Concerts
- Classes
- Coffee Mornings
- Meetings
- Band Practice

### Facilities

- Stage
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Trestle Tables and Chairs
- Toilets
- Car Parking

### Hire Charges

Hire charges are very competitive and should be agreed and paid prior to the event.

### How to Book

Check availability and book on-line at [www.gateside-fife.org.uk](http://www.gateside-fife.org.uk) or Contact: Jane Macnaughton Telephone: 01337 860884

### Cancellation

If you have to cancel your event, please contact Jane Macnaughton as soon as possible.

#### Office Bearers

Jane Macnaughton - Chair

Teri Gillan - Vice Chair

Kate Fernando - Secretary

Emma Morgan - Treasurer

Committee Meetings

Alan Wright - Hall Convenor

Annette Petrie - Hall Keeper

2nd Thursday of Month

#### Committee Members

Susan Jack

Sue Whisler

Valerie Weir

Alan Stewart

7:30 p.m.

David Jones

Bobby Thompson

Michael Williams

Memorial Hall