



STANDING SILENT: All 11 Renfrewshire high schools were represented **PDE141110youth-02**

'INHERITORS OF PEACE' SALUTE OUR WAR DEAD

By JEFF HOLMES
PUPILS from all 11 Renfrewshire high schools paid their respects to the town's war dead at a Memorial service.

The initiative was the brainchild of campus cops Kerr Barr and Derek Jones, who arranged for the youngsters to lay a special wreath at Paisley's Cenotaph.

The wreath incorporated badges from each school, and included the poignant message 'Youth of Renfrewshire - Inheritors of Peace'.

PC Barr, campus cop at Linwood High School, insisted he was proud of each and every pupil who attended the ceremony.

He said: "The morning went very well indeed. It was a great success. We had a fantastic turn-out of pupils and despite it being a cold morning, more than 30 turned out in full school uniform. They totally embraced our idea of getting youngsters more involved with Remembrance Sunday."

The initiative was piloted last November, initially with Linwood High, St Benedict's and Castlehead

High taking part. But after the great success of the inaugural venture, PC Barr decided to roll it out to all 11 high schools.

He said: "All the schools thought it was a fantastic idea. And we even had a fantastic turn-out of senior staff members from several of the schools, and they remained in the background."

"Two pupils, Hannah Pearson of Castlehead High, and Derek Reid of Linwood High, were chosen to lay the wreath. I asked them how they felt afterwards and they were incredibly emotional."

"It was a moving experience for all involved and I know that the Provost and Lord Lieutenant were extremely proud of the pupils."

PC Barr added: "I want to thank John McColl, a religious studies teacher at Linwood High, and Lesley Hynde, who teaches art at the same school, for their help with the initiative."

"John came up with our slogan, while Lesley was responsible for the design of the poppy wreath."



STEPPING FORWARD: Hannah Pearson and Derek Reid with the unique wreath **PDE141110YOUTH-03**

Students think pink!

PAISLEY university students were thinking pink all in the name of charity.

Students wore pink clothing and donated money to the Breast Cancer Campaign.

The event at the University of the West of Scotland's Paisley campus, raised £200.

Garry Quigley from the Student Association, said: "Every year over 4,000 women in Scotland are diagnosed with Breast Cancer and even though students are not the most financially strong in society, we feel that we should all play our part in helping to raise awareness of the Breast Cancer Campaign."

"So students from all backgrounds and from all nationalities donned all forms of pink clothing to help raise awareness of the Breast Cancer Campaign."

"Some students wore pink hats, some wore pink shirts, and even the more radical students wore pink pyjamas!"

"We believe students should play an active part in the local community, and that is why the students of the University of the West of Scotland were more than happy to play their part in help to raise awareness of the Breast Cancer Campaign."

Andrew Taylor, welfare advisor from the Students Association, added: "For a number of years now we have supported causes like the Breast Cancer Campaign."

"This commitment towards charitable causes will continue. For example, we are running a School Uniform disco with Reid Kerr Students' Union as a fundraiser to send students to protest against the cuts that the UK government is planning."

● **RIGHT:** Garry Quigley at the Paisley students' union



Elderly raise cash for cancer charity

A GROUP of elderly Buddies were boasting success after raising a three-figure sum for charity.

Residents at the sheltered housing complex at Hanover Court in Paisley hosted a Big Coffee Morning on behalf of the Macmillan Cancer Care Nurses.

More than 50 folk turned up for the event, which included a tombola, home baking and an arts and crafts stall.

Delighted organisers praised all who attended the event for their generosity and kindness, helping to raise a respectable £472.

Bakers McHarg's also lent a hand by supplying 100 scones to ensure more dough went towards the charity's coffers.

Muriel Burden, chairwoman of the Hanover residents association, said: "It was a fantastic event and we raised an awful lot of money too."

"Everyone was very kind and extremely generous. And thanks must be expressed to local bakers McHarg's who generously donated the scones which were enjoyed with jam and cream on the day."

Millions of people across the country took part in the Macmillan's fundraiser called the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Hundreds of people in Renfrewshire joined the celebrations by organising coffee mornings for the charity.

The money raised will go towards funding Macmillan's vital services, ranging from specialist nurses and doctors to support and advice for people who have financial problems because of their cancer.

For more information, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246.

Free advice

NEW and expectant mums are welcome to go along to a special event to give them support and advice.

Renfrewshire's Breastfeeding Network is hosting a Winter Warner on Wednesday, November 24.

The South End Breast Buddies group, which meets in the Living Word Church on Shock Street, is keen to welcome new members to go along.

Running from 11.30am till 1pm, the event will take place in the café.

Joan Grassie from the network said: "As well as mums-to-be and new mums, local Health Professionals are welcome to come along to the event."

"There's going to be home-made soup, cakes and hot drinks on offer."

Toddlers will also be welcome on the day and other family members are invited to drop in.

There will be plenty of spaces available for buggies and prams for anyone going along.

Kids' website

THERE'S a new kid on the block at a neighbouring council's innovative child protection website.

Young people can take part in role play games as a boy or a girl on the East Renfrewshire site.

The games and quizzes are based on scenarios around the home, at school, in their street or in the park.

Visit the site at www.havefunfraysate.info and learn while having a good time.

Addiction aid

ANYONE who wants help to fight a cocaine addiction can go to a support group each week.

Cocaine Anonymous meets every Monday at 7pm in the YMCA Hall, New Street, Paisley.

You can also phone the helpline on 0141 959 6363 or visit www.cascockland.org.uk

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