

IN BRIEF

Council fundraiser: FIFE Council employees got together for a night of fundraising for Guide Dogs Scotland on Friday. The quiz night, sponsored by the Royal Hotel, Dysart, was organised by local guide dog puppy-walkers. Over £1000 was raised through a series of games and raffles.

Art class: BUDDING artists will have the chance to get some hands on experience with expert watercolourist John Grifford in March. The artist will be holding workshops at Glenwood Library on Tuesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 31. Places are limited - call (01592) 583205 to book.

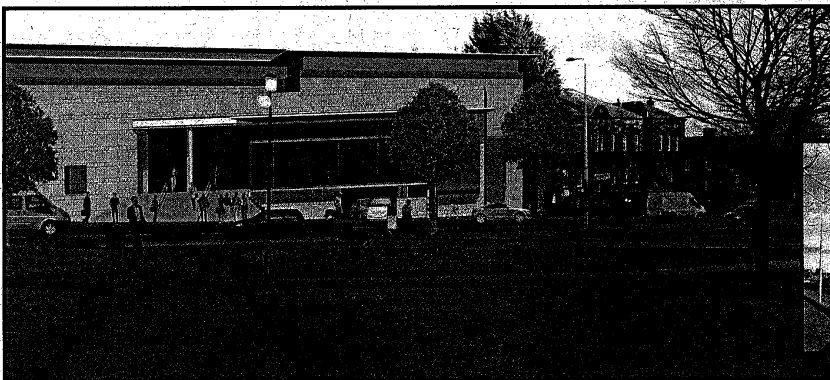
Recycling high: FIFERS are being thanked for helping Scotland's recycling rates sky rocket. Fife has become the second best performing council when it comes to recycling, with residents playing their part in recycling almost 50 per cent of waste which comes from the Kingdom.

In the bag: HEAD along to the Adam Smith Theatre for a delightfully heartwarming and interactive family-friendly spectacular. The 'Suitcase Circus' is a unique piece of object theatre focusing on Wobulous Discombobulous, an anarchic sock, and his line-up of talented objects. The show takes place on March 12.

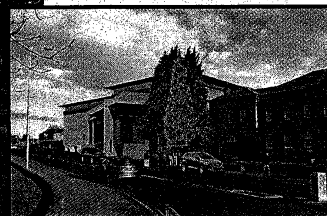
Musical treat: KIRKCALDY Orchestral Society presents 'The Spring Connection... with Contrasts'. The show compares morning and evening with Britten's 'Solres Musicales' and 'Matinees Musicales', Elgar's 'Chanson de Matin' and 'Chanson de Nuit'. It takes place on March 20.

Poetry in motion

THE PLOT: Developer's cinema bid needs OK to demolish hotel and then get operator ... council says 'no operator, no permission to knock down building' ... to be continued?



FUTURE VISION?: Could the old Station Hotel deliver a cinema for Kirkcaldy? The plans released this week show how it could have a whole new lease of life.



Catch22: A dilemma not a forthcoming movie ...

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DRAMATIC new images of a possible new cinema at the site of a former Kirkcaldy hotel have been published.

But the developer says he has been put in a catch 22 situation by planning bosses.

Robert Kilgour, chief executive of Dow Investments, which owns the former Station Hotel on Bennochy Road, says the plan is in development limbo because no cinema operator will confirm with him until he has received permission to demolish the hotel ... and the Council will not allow him to knock it down unless he has confirmed interest from an operator.

Mr Kilgour (pictured) wants to lodge a planning application for the five screen, 1000 seat cinema in the next few weeks.

He said it would create 25-30 full time

jobs plus work during construction. He said: "We haven't got an operator signed up."

"We're back to the some old situation where operators are not interested until they have assurances that we have permission to demolish the building."

"But there will be jobs created in the construction as well as in the operation of the cinema."

Dow Investments had applied for conservation area planning permission to demolish the empty hotel, most recently used as a care home, but were refused by the Council on the recommendation of Historic Scotland. An appeal to the Scottish Government was also overturned in November 2010.

Mr Kilgour also expressed concern that other plans currently in the pipeline

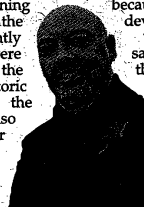
in Kirkcaldy - such as the Mercat expansion plan, which includes a cinema - could have an effect on his proposals.

He said: "I knew it would be an issue for us that an operator would want to assure themselves that the Mercat wouldn't go ahead before they confirmed with us."

"I have a slight concern because I don't want to find when we apply that they are tying it in with the Mercat because the cinema is part of that development"

"I just hope we don't get the same kind of non-decisions that Morrisons have been experiencing in Inverl."

"Despite the economic climate there are things which can be done in Kirkcaldy. They should be promoting this kind of investment rather than being a barrier to it."



Town without a cinema: IT'S BEEN over a decade since the ABC Cinema closed in Kirkcaldy.

Although the Adam Smith Theatre regularly screens films, the Lang Toun is the only town of its size in Fife without a dedicated cinema - a far cry from the days when it boasted a number of picture houses.

St Andrews has the New Picture House, an award-winning independent cinema. In Leven the 370 seat Regent Cinema opened in March following a community campaign and a £20,000 grant from Fife Council.

The Kino Cinema in Glenrothes reopened after 12 years in October. Past proposals to regenerate the old ABC failed to get off the ground, and a multiplex at Charlotte Street never materialised.

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Dom's was voted Scotland's fish 'n' chip shop of the year for 2010 and now fans of the long-established business can take away its signature dish for just £4.25 - 85p cheaper than usual - until the end of February.

The Main Street shop will mark 60 years of tickling the tastebuds this year, having originally been opened by Domenico and Mary Grilli in 1951.

Since the shop was knocked down and completely rebuilt in 2007 it has been a top

five Scottish chip shop every year, culminating in it being voted number one this year. But it's the ordinary 'punters' who are the mainstay of what has become an institution, long run by Sandy Grilli, who also has a popular shop at the Cadham Centre.

The award judges commended Dom's as a "people business" and also praised its preference for local suppliers, including Glenfisheries for fish and John Callum the shop's potato supplier.

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