Bonfire Success!
Everyone who came to the Bonfire Night seemed to have a really good time. Many thanks to Mick Wilson, his family and friends, for making it such a success despite the really wet wood they had to work with – and to the people who provided and served the soup & rolls, managed the gazebo, brought the fairground organ and helped to clean up the following morning. Some of you also gave cash donations – thank you – and those go into our funds to support improvements on the estate.

Daffodils, Anyone?
There’s a proposal to plant daffodil bulbs in the wildflower area at the Newbattle Road end of the estate. If you would like to help with this project (maybe one with your children or grandchildren?) please contact Margaret Cameron at No 222 (663 5411)

Don't Forget :-
50% Discount at Basically Tool Hire.
This special offer to residents in and immediately around Newbattle Abbey Crescent is still running. Up to three 50% discounts on hires from Basically Tool Hire on presentation of evidence of your address.
(Thanks, Colin Cassidy!)

King’s Gate Path.
Some residents are concerned at the condition of the path between the west end of the estate (where the pavement has recently been resurfaced) and the A7, through the King’s Gate arch.
It’s often muddy, pot-holed and wet – which is a particular concern as it’s used by a lot of people including schoolchildren going to and from buses.
This isn’t a council-owned path; it belongs to Lawfield Estates, as far as we know – a branch of Lothian Estates. If you would like the path improved, you can write to the local agent of Lawfield Estates, at the following address: Kathileen Kirkpatrick, Davidson & Robertson Rural, Riccarton Mains, Currie, Edinburgh EH14 4AR. Tel: 0131 449 6212. Email: kathleenkirkpatrick@davidsonandrobertson.co.uk.
You can also contact your local councillor – find out who they are from Midlothian Council at 0131-270 7500 or on their website, www.midlothian.gov.uk.
Keep a copy of your letter or email in case you need to refer to it again, by the way.

Get Ready for Winter!
Midlothian Volunteer Action (MVA) have produced a very good leaflet on preparing for winter. You can find it on their website www.mvacvs.org.uk or call in at their offices next to the Dalkeith Library. Another useful website is this Scottish Government one: www.readyscotland.org/are-you-ready/winter-weather/essential-contacts/. If you don’t have access to a computer, and can’t get to the office in Dalkeith, phone David on 663 2372 for a copy.
Financial Update.
NACRA is in good financial health generally, and we have a small fund – thanks to your extra subscriptions – to bring on snowclearing equipment if there’s a heavy fall.
If your subscription hasn’t been collected yet, please contact a member of the committee – details over on the right.
But we’re not making a lot of progress towards our £2000+ target for repairing the wall at the east (Newbattle Road) end of the estate and could use some more fundraising projects and people to lead them. Suggestions so far include:
- a late summer fair
- a pub quiz night
- a come-and-sing/concert night
- a matched-funding scheme (you agree to give say 20p for every £1 raised by a fundraising event, up to a limit you choose.
If any of these float your boat, and you want to put something back into this community, please contact Margaret at 222, David at 220 or any committee member.

Christmas at Newbattle Church.
Sunday 9th December: The Rough & Ready Choir, from Newbattle Abbey College and this community, will perform Christmas songs and readings in French, Italian, Latin and, yes, English, at 6.30 p.m.
Mulled wine and mince pies to follow – admission is free and everyone will be welcome.
Sunday 16th December: Family Nativity Service led by the Junior Church, 10.00 a.m.

Christmas Eve: Watchnight Service, 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day: Informal service, 10.00 a.m.
Everyone – including their children! - will be made very welcome at all of these services.
More information from Rev. Sean Swindells at 0131-663 3245
or minister@newbattleparish.org and on Twitter @newbattleparish

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We are looking for additional committee members: you can come aboard just for a year to see how it works; you can help to influence how we look after this estate, give something back to the community and learn more about how we solve problems and make the most of opportunities.
Talk to Margaret at 222 or David at 220, or any committee member.

Justinles Inn :
Special Offer to NAC Residents.
Mark, the new manager at “The Just”, is offering NACRA members a 20% discount on food at the Justinles during January 2013.
To take advantage of this great offer, please bring with you this newsletter and proof of address in Newbattle Abbey Crescent, the Stables, or one of the houses between Newbattle Bridge and Newbattle Church.
Thanks, Mark, and welcome to Newbattle.

Receiving NACRA News and alerts by email.
If you are interested in receiving this newsletter in the future, and alerts (for example, on planning issues) via email, please send your email details and house number to dwardropwhite@yahoo.co.uk