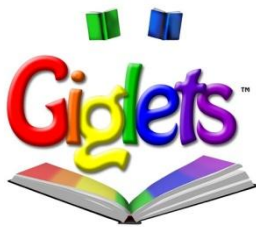

NEWS – NOVEMBER 2011

October event

Well, what a terrific evening we enjoyed at this bi-annual student event. Many thanks to our event sponsors Mark and Jo of [Laird Smarthomes](#) – it was a real eye-opener what can be connected or installed in the home now and for a gadget woman like myself, extremely tempting!

Three groups of students from St Matthews, Grange Academy and Kilmarnock College attended along with the Directors of Education from East and North Ayrshire – Graham Short and Carol Kirk.



Craig Johnstone of [Giglets](#) was the after-dinner speaker talking about the growth of his new e-book business. He answered many questions from an enthusiastic audience and stressed the importance of Social Media to the growth of his business. A lovely evening which I thoroughly enjoyed – there was a great buzz in the room. (Each of the books can be read in 15 minutes and can be downloaded for just 99p.)



Some of the adults present demonstrated a new way of participating in an ice-breaker – they stood still and the students ran around them! It worked – both ice-breaker prizes were won by students. Well done to them. Thanks also to member Sarah Plant for the wonderful Halloween gifts.

Calendar Girls

The female members of my family have decided to form a new club in 2012. It involves purchasing a Scottish calendar (we're using the Ayrshire Hospice one) and meeting once a month to re-create that month's picture with ourselves in it as well.

It **will** involve lunch somewhere with possible overnight stays in Arran, afternoon tea at Turnberry, a spa day in the Pebbles Spa at Lendalfoot and a visit to Largs. Now doesn't that all sound wonderful. Feel free to copy the idea (we did).



Committee News

Congratulations to Alison Tait on her new appointment as Interim Chief Executive at the Burns Federation.

Membership

The 2011 Competition winner to introduce the highest number of guests and/or new members to AABW will be announced at the November event. Our membership is 30% higher than last year – well done everyone.

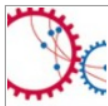
Art Exhibition

I love visiting art exhibitions and I do hope you all managed to get along to Rozelle to the wonderful “Save the Children” Show held during the month of October.

I will be going along to the Christmas Exhibition in The Framework Gallery, Portland Street, Troon. 10% of sales and all raffle proceeds are going to the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. The exhibition is on from 4-30 November.

Association of Scottish Businesswomen (ASB)

AABW is affiliated to the Association of Scottish Businesswomen, so please do take the time to check the [ASB](#) website. Here are some of the news items of interest at the moment.



Free Personal Development Workshops

The Scottish Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology (SRC) are running two Personal Development Workshops, one in Edinburgh and one in ... [Read more](#)



Your Invitation to Pension Q & As

There will be an informal event on how the Pensions Act 2008 will affect you and your business in Edinburgh on Nov 3. ... [Read more](#)

Other interesting news



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Wanted - Retail Manager (involves chocolate!)

The Highland Chocolatier seeks an enterprising individual with retail management experience. [Read more](#)

ASB offers & adverts



Tayfusion Business Systems

Exclusive to ASB members - Tayfusion offers 20% off all web design and bespoke business tool development.

<http://www.tayfusion.com>

There's lots more just a click away!

PSYBT

Stewart Thomson, Ayrshire Regional Manager, will be making a return visit to AABW in 2012 but, in the meantime, he would love to hear from any member interested in mentoring young businesses or volunteering in some other capacity with PSYBT. For more information contact Stewart on stewart.thomson@psybt.org.uk



Member News

You won't mind me repeating this information from last month's newsletter – I love these type of events.

Sarah Plant of Sarah's Creative Occasions is holding her own Creative Gift Fayre locally in Prestwick in time for Christmas, bringing to you a variety of unique gifts on sale by a wonderful array of personally selected suppliers from in and around Ayrshire.

Sarah would love it if you could join her for some shopping, enjoy some seasonal carols and all whilst the children busy themselves with a free treasure hunt. Please spread the word to family and friends. Further details on the event can be found on-line at www.sarahscreativeoccasions.com/blog or at Sarah's Creative Occasions on Facebook".



A second Creative Gift Fayre, will be held on Saturday 11th February 2012 again from 11am until 4pm and at the same venue in Prestwick. This Fayre will be at the right time for those buying gifts for Valentines and Mothers Day. If, like me, you've already purchased next year's calendar – then get this date marked in now.

Chamber Events

FREE – Networking and Duty Free Shopping on Thursday 1 December at 5 pm in the Aviator Suite at the Airport.

2012 events are planned at the new Ayr Campus and West FM - check out the [Chamber](#) website for details.

Volunteer as a Zero Waste Volunteer in Ayrshire

The Volunteer Centre in Kilmarnock is running the Zero Waste East Ayrshire volunteer group whose task is to spread the word within East Ayrshire to their local communities about reducing waste and increasing recycling in their area.

They are especially interested if your organisation has a sustainability policy as having a volunteer can enhance your drive towards a sustainable business.



If you, your employees or friends would like to know more about volunteering as a Zero Waste Volunteer then contact Ian Parker:

Phone: 01563 544 764 (or) email: zerowasteeastayrshire@eav.org.uk

North and South Ayrshire also are developing a Zero Waste Volunteer group and your interest will be passed on if a prospective volunteer lives in those council areas.

Recognised as a Scottish Charity: SC030266 Company Number: SC384410

October's been a hectic month. I said goodbye to my younger son who is now in California working for Apple. I also said goodbye to quite a lot of furniture – courtesy of the other son who hired a van and cleaned out 1.5 bedrooms worth to help furnish his first flat. Ah well – guess I'll just have to go shopping. Oh, the joys of parenthood – I trained him so well!!!



I'm looking forward to your company on at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 15 November for our Cashmere Evening in [Beggs of Ayr](#) (a wonderful shopping opportunity right on our doorsteps). This event will cost just £10 a ticket with all proceeds going to Butterfly Events (in aid of Cancer Research). There is no limit to the number of guests you can bring along (male and female) – the more the merrier. The evening will include a fascinating tour of the manufacturing process, a quiz, wine and canapés, and SHOPPING.

Have a safe Fireworks Evening.

Bye for now – Best wishes *Liz*