

renews

reducing waste
reusing textiles
helping people

The newsletter of Nathans Wastesavers

special
rag bag
edition

Message from the Managing Director



Brendan O'Brien Nathans Wastesavers



Welcome to the fifth issue of **Renews**. Well here we are again and as the season changes we bring a few changes in this newsletter.

We will carry a double Charity Focus next issue but in this issue we bring news of a major School Recycling Scheme that we are developing. Olivia Doyle, who we introduced last time has become Olivia McLay and from a Recycling Officer that is no longer

single to shoes that still are, and our foray into the world of film, it is all here! One final thing that I should pass on is that Marie Doran, our Book Keeper who has kept not only books but also all of us on the straight and narrow, retires at the end of the year.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Let's get it sorted!

Brendan

Nathan's Hits the Silver Screen!!!

Nathan's hit the silver screen in conjunction with Falkirk Council in May 2006.

You can catch the Textile Recycling advert just before the trailers, at every showing on any of the 12 screens at

Cineworld, Central Retail Park in Falkirk. So get down to Cineworld nice and early, buy an oversized bucket of popcorn that you won't finish and enjoy the show. Just remember not to leave your jacket over the seat in front or it may end up at the factory!!!

For more information about textile recycling in Falkirk Council contact Robin Baird, Waste Strategy Co-ordinator on 01324 501 004.

Recycling is in the bag!!!

We are happy to introduce “Rag Bag” our new School Textile Recycling Scheme that will be rolling out across Scotland throughout 2006/2007.

The “Rag Bag” scheme has been developed to:

- Raise awareness about Textile Recycling in Scottish schools
- Raise School Funds
- Increase Textile Recycling rates, assisting Scottish Local Authorities to meet challenging Recycling Targets

Schools can benefit from 2-3 textile collections per year, raising valuable funds from unwanted textiles.

Money raised can help fund school trips, computer equipment, library books etc.



school recycling 

Ragbag website
www.rag-bag.co.uk



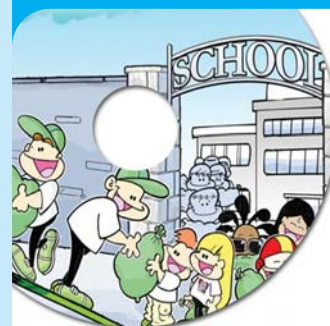
We have a fantastic dedicated website up and running at www.rag-bag.co.uk

You can check out the site to get all the details of the scheme and also to keep an eye on the best performing schools in the **TOP 10 SCHOOLS table** - this gives a list of the schools with the best weights collected in a single collection (kgs/pupil).

Local artist Jim Barker designed some fantastic cartoons that we have used for the site and for our marketing materials.

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Rag Bag DVD



Our promotional DVD shows the journey of a T-Shirt collected from a school in Scotland, to a little girl in Kenya, Africa.

School Collections

Working in partnership with the Local Authorities, we invited Falkirk and Fife schools to register for the “Rag Bag” scheme earlier this year.

This prompted a fantastic response: **47% of Falkirk schools** and **38% of Fife schools** signed up for a collection.

One of our local schools in Denny, Head of Muir Primary School was the very first school to register for the scheme and a successful collection on Thursday 14th September 2006 raised £42 for their school funds.

For more information about the School Textile Recycling Scheme you can browse the “Rag Bag” website at www.rag-bag.co.uk or alternatively contact:
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Photos > top to bottom:
St. Agatha's Primary School, Fife
Head of Muir Primary School, Falkirk
Denny Primary School, Falkirk
St. Paul's Primary School, Fife

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Announcement

Olivia Gets Hitched!

Our Recycling Officer Olivia got married at the silver sands of Morar on the West Coast of Scotland on the 'Glorious 12th', 2006.

Congratulations to the happy couple, Mr and Mrs McLay!!!

Announcement

Good Bye

It's time for Marie Doran, Book Keeper to say "Good Bye" to Nathan's as she slips gracefully into retirement at the end of 2006.

Marie has been a valued member of staff at Nathan's for over 15 years and we all wish her the very best for the future.

Remember On-line Returns!

Don't forget that returns can be made 'on-line' through our website. If you are in any doubt about how to use the site just contact Olivia McLay.

www.nathanswastesavers.co.uk

next issue

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If you have any comments or ideas for topics to be covered in the next issue of **renews**, contact Olivia McLay on 01324 826633.

single shoes market

For years our biggest waste to landfill has been single shoes, which until recently, we thought would be impossible to find a market for.

We are delighted to report that we have now found a customer who can use our single shoes, making a tremendous impact on the quantity of material that is now rendered useless at the end of the factory process and reducing our waste to landfill.

The problem of single shoes typically starts at the point of donation into a Textile Bank and whilst we have always made every effort to pair shoes that have become separated, there was always a proportion of shoes destined never to find their partner.

We are continuing to site more dedicated Shoe Recyclers across Scotland encouraging the donation of paired shoes (with an elastic band or by tying laces together). Coupled with the continued help of charities who pair donated shoes with rubber bands, this has vastly reduced the number of single shoes hopping their way into the factory.

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