

year's airshow will include aircraft that have never displayed in Scotland before and a further four that are new to the National Museum of Flight.

Air Tattoo Event Services (ATES), a department of Royal Air Force Charitable Trust Enterprises (RAFCTE), which organises the Royal International Air Tattoo, has been appointed to organise this year's flight programme. The ATES team has already secured an impressive line-up of aircraft for the airshow, which attracts about 10,000 visitors each year.

Hawker Hunter military jet, Seahawk and Seaforce fighter planes, the Pitts Special high performance aircraft and the formation display team, Twister Duo.

A first for Scotland is the event's OV-10 Bronco, an aircraft originally designed for American use in Vietnam. Other aircraft displaying at East Fortune for the first time include a Bucker Jungmann biplane – the German equivalent to the Tiger Moth – a De Havilland Dragon, a Jet Provost training aircraft, and acrobatic display team the RV8tors.

fair, Haddington Pipe Band, the Cockpits to view as well as a host of food and drink stalls.

All of the National Museum of Flight's hangar will be open for visitors to explore with highlights including supersonic icon Concorde.

Meanwhile, volunteer stewards are required for the event – as well as local craft fair traders to part of the airshow's East Lothian-only community craft and culture marquee. Call Linda de Costa 0131 247 4238.

## Chris to Packham in at SOC

BBC Springwatch presenter Chris Packham will help Aberlady-based Scottish Ornithologists' Club (SOC) mark its 75th anniversary by delivering a special lecture.

His talk, entitled 'A Wild Life Exposed', will be given at the Queen's Hall in Edinburgh on Saturday, September 24 at 7pm.

Tickets are on sale from SOC headquarters at Waterston House in Aberlady.

Formed during 1936 by George Waterston and the 'good ladies' Evelyn Baxter and Leonora Rintoul, the SOC and its members are active throughout the country, learning more about Scotland's birds and contributing to the key surveys that inform conservation.

The SOC organises the recording network throughout Scotland, helping to produce local bird reports and the recently published award-winning book *The Birds of Scotland*.

David Jardine, SOC president, said: "It is tremendous for the Scottish Ornithologists' Club to be celebrating its 75th anniversary and we are delighted that Chris Packham will be helping us mark this milestone. This is a year to celebrate the achievements of the SOC in promoting the enjoyment of Scotland's bird life. We hope others interested in birds will join us during the year."

As well as welcoming Chris Packham to Edinburgh, the SOC is continuing with its regular series of talks and art exhibitions throughout the year at Waterston House. See [www.the-soc.org.uk](http://www.the-soc.org.uk) for details.



● Lisa and Neil Johnson of Humble Pie cook school

# A tasty piece of Humble Pie

IT'S all go for the proprietors of the county's newest cook school.

Not only have husband-and-wife team Neil and Lisa Johnson thrown open the doors of Humble Pie event catering and cook school, they are also looking forward to the birth of their second child in just a few months.

Last month Humble Pie event catering and cook school opened its doors – appropriately enough – at the Old School House in Kingston, near North Berwick, after outgrowing the the kitchen of the couple's Belhaven home.

Neil told the *Courier*: "It's gone very well. We opened at Kingston for a number of reasons. Lisa was basically cooking on the AGA at home up until then so it means we can cope with much

larger events, weddings, christenings, etc.

"We've actually had our first class with some children who are on half-term, then we have another kids' course on June 13 and an adult course will follow on from that.

"You'll be able to book a place online and buy vouchers as a gift for friends and family."

### Investment

Neil is a former chartered surveyor while for 10 years Lisa was a radio producer for the BBC.

"The Old School House is great," continued Neil.

"We've done quite a lot of work, put in a whole new kitchen and spent the thick end of £40,000-£50,000.

"It's been a substan-

tial investment."

And with the imminent patter of tiny feet, the couple have even more to look forward to.

"It's a very exciting time for us both," said Neil.

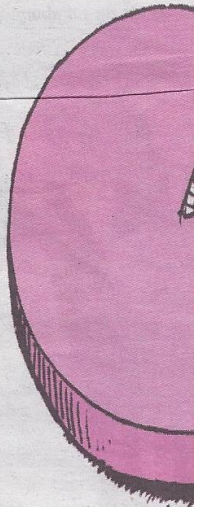
"My background is in chartered surveying so this is a departure but I'm thoroughly enjoying it.

"Lisa is very talented and creative and we're both enjoying the challenge but it's a lot of hard work."

The couple started Humble Pie five years ago and since then have built up an impressive list of clients including Sir Robert MacAlpine and Boden.

They source all their produce from East Lothian such as from Phantassie Farm and Dunbar's Crunchy Carrot.

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