

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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Community Talent Impresses at Mugstock

A big crowd of visitors and locals hugely enjoyed a four-hour **Strathblanefield Showcase** at the Mugstock Music Festival on 31 July. This collection of musical talent assembled by a group led by George Thom included:

Campsie Crooners; Al Fleming Blues Band;

Dumbartonshire Wind Band; Sheila McFarlane & Feis Fhoirt;

John Gray Jammers; Mandy, Martin & Me (George Thom);

Strathendrick Pipe Band; Taylor Craig Duo;

Looking for Lola (Katherine Orr); Barulho Beat;

Circle Dancing (Jenny Oswald); Jo and Olivia Duo

Overall Mugstock seems to have been a big success. Helped by the weather it attracted more people than the inaugural 2015 event.

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Community Council August Update — from SCC Secretary Grace Edmonds

Our August meeting started with Margaret Vass congratulating all of the members of the community who took part in the **Mugstock Festival** for their excellent performances and thanking the organisers for showcasing local talent.

Police Report: There have been a number of thefts of tools in recent weeks, mainly from unsecured outbuildings. A motor cycle was stolen from a lock up in the village and subsequently recovered from the river. There has also been an increase in bike thefts from campsites around Loch Lomond.

Several motor vehicle accidents have also occurred during July, although fortunately there were no serious injuries. Police Scotland are continuing to conduct speed checks in Blane field and the surrounding villages.

There was also a reminder that The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act comes into effect on December 31st 2016.

Draft Local Development Plan: Much of the meeting was spent discussing this. There are no surprises for our area as we have already agreed the zones marked for development. Discussion about the development of the Killearn Hospital site is ongoing and we intend to ask Killearn Community Council to include us in their discussions as we believe that any development on the site will also affect our village.

Primary School 50th Anniversary: The school plans to hold several activities to mark this anniversary and the children want to talk to some of the older residents to collect information about the history of the village. The Community Council has agreed to host an afternoon tea for older people to meet the children. More details about this can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Broadband: No more information is currently available about the expansion of high speed broadband in the village, despite a member of the Community Council repeatedly asking for this. He will continue to pursue BT for answers but believes that we need a Blane field & Strathblane Broadband Group similar to that in Killearn to take this forward. Any volunteers to join such a group will be most welcome. We will continue to report on any progress

Proposed Blane field & Strathblane Broadband Group

As reported above SCC is keen to establish a group to pursue the interests of the community in the timely arrival of high-speed broadband. Anyone with a keen personal interest and/or relevant expertise is invited to contact Rob Davies (resdavies@googlemail.com)

The next SCC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Monday September 5th** in the Primary School.
Please come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for the September BVB is **Monday September 12th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to late September to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

Edenkiln Surgery.

We can be contacted at 01360 770340. For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at www.edenkilnsurgery.com
For out of hours help contact NHS24 at 202

The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

www.villageclub1911.org
email — strathblanecv@gmail.com or
Contact — Fiona Murray 01360 771497
(Office hours only please)

Emergency Phone Numbers

Ambulance — 999 Fire — 999 NHS 24 — 202 Police — 999 [for non-emergency calls - 101]

MAKING CONTACT with the SCC Email us at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

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INFORMATION SOURCES: Strathblane field website at www.strathblanefield.org.uk
Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; and the **Facebook** Strathblane field Group

STIRLING COUNCIL

Councillors' Surgeries
are usually at 7pm on
SCC meeting nights in
the Primary School

Report faults at
info@stirling.gov.uk or
ring 0845 2777000

Join My Stirling at
www.stirling.gov.uk for
updates

Football Park Drainage Work

The SCDT team leading the exercise to open up the drainage of the football park report that the work is now complete. We must wait and see if it has been successful. If not, further aeration will be undertaken.

Policy Consultations —Have Your Say

Stirling Council is consulting on two policy areas:

Local Development Plan — The adopted Stirling Local Development Plan 2014 is currently under review and, in this regard, a Proposed Plan, draft Action Programme and Environmental Report were approved for consultation at a meeting of Stirling Council on 30 June 2016. The formal consultation period will start on 11 July 2016 and end on 23 September 2016. (See SCC Report on Page 2)

A Drop-in Information Event for both areas will be held on Thursday August 5th in Killearn Village Hall from 3 to 8pm. All relevant documentation can be found on the Stirling Council website.

Transport Strategy. At the same Drop-in event you can find out about the SC's proposed Transport Strategy. There will be an additional event Transport Strategy drop-in event on Wednesday September 7th from 3pm to 8pm in Strathblane Library.

Community and Customer Access and Services

SC is considering "how we work with our customers, families and communities". They "will be providing more and more opportunities to access services, report a fault or make a payment online, so we are looking to redesign our customer services to take advantage of these benefits for" citizens.

They are keen to get your views. The Survey is available at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCcontactus Paper copies are available in local libraries.

Farewell Evening for Richard Begg & Family

Friday August 19th at 7pm in the Kirk Rooms
Light finger buffet (Please sign-up at the library to help determine catering numbers)

Strathblane Church

The following church activities will be starting up again in a few weeks time:

Community Cafe - Tuesday mornings in Kirk Rooms

Cuppa Time - Thursday afternoons in the Kirk Rooms

Youth Sports - Wed evenings in the Edmonstone Hall

Messy Church - monthly on Sunday afternoons

Film Nights - monthly, Autumn to Spring

Updates will be posted on the 'STRATHBLANEKIRK' facebook page, the church Cornerstone magazine and next month's Blane Valley Bulletin.

Strathblane School 50th Anniversary

Afternoon tea for senior citizens

Our primary school pupils will be busy as soon as they return to school this month. October sees the celebration of the school's 50th anniversary. Whilst pupils will engage with teachers in planning the programme in which, a central theme will be 'a trip down memory lane' that — with the help of Tapsalteerie Theatre Group—will culminate in three performances of 'The Great Strathblane Story'

The school and community members—including the Community Council, Heritage Group, the local library, and the Church—have met with school staff to discuss the plans for a week of music, drama and presentations skills development across the senior classes.

Senior Community Members Needed !

To assist the process the Community Council will be helping pupils host an **afternoon tea for senior citizens**. If you would like to attend please **contact Lorna Young (01360 771705)**

Stirling Citizens' Advice Bureau Outreach Centre

18th August and 22nd September

2- 4pm in the Kirk Rooms

After the success of the Community Dementia Care

Model day in April, Stirling CAB are piloting an outreach centre on 18th August & 22nd September.

These Information Sessions are open to all and if well used will become a regular feature.

Scout and Guide Registration Night

Tuesday 30th August 6:30—7:45pm

Please come along and register your child(ren) for Scouts and Guides - this helps us greatly by getting all the paperwork done in one night.

Beavers - for boys and girls aged 6 to 8

Cubs - for boys and girls aged 8 to 10½

Scouts - for boys and girls aged 10½ to 14

Rainbows - for girls aged 5 to 7

Brownies - for girls aged 8 to 9

Guides - for girls aged 10 to 14

Blues Night with Al Fleming's BlueDoo

presented by **Strathblane Tennis Club**

Saturday 3rd September Doors 8pm - Band 9pm
in the Village Club Tickets £109 - BYOB - Raffle

Contact: Alastair Balfour 01360 770750 or

Sally Gray 01360 771031

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

SUN 14th	2 - 4pm	Traditional Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
MON 15th		Fit for a King Holiday Club - Places still available (contact: lynnej1257@gmail.com)
THURS 18th	2 - 4pm	Outreach Centre in the Kirk Rooms Open to all. (see Page 3)
FRI 19th	7pm	Farewell to Richard Begg and family in the Kirk Rooms. All welcome (see page 3)
SAT 20th	2 - 4pm	Blane valley Allotments Open Day Come and meet us and see our plots
SUN 21st	3pm	Pure Brass - Concert in St Mary's Church Aberfoyle. Further details from Mark Seymour (01786 870710) or book at concerts0310@yahoo.co.uk . Tickets £10
TUES 23rd	7.30pm	Book Club ('The Green Road') in the Library
TUES 23rd	3 - 5pm	Lynda Turner School of Dance - Enrolment in the Edmonstone Hall (see flyer)
THURS 25th	3 - 8pm	Stirling Local Development Plan - Drop-in Information Event in Killearn Village Hall
THURS 25th	3 - 8pm	Stirling Council Local Transport Strategy Consultation - Drop in, learn more and give your views in Killearn Village Hall
SUN 28th	1 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
TUES 30th	6.30-7.45	Guides/Scouts/Cubs/Brownies Registration Night (See P.3 for details)

SEPTEMBER

SAT 3rd	8pm	Strathblane Tennis Club Blues Night with Al Fleming's Blue Doo (See Page 3)
MON 5th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Primary School. All welcome
WED 7th	3 - 8pm	Stirling Council Local Transport Strategy Consultation - Drop in, learn more and give your views in Strathblane Library
WED 7th	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners new season begins in the Village Club (TBC) Come and join us.
SUN 11th	2 - 4pm	Traditional Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
WED 14th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - Bob Sharp 'A Lifetime of Mountaineering' in Village Club. All welcome
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Library Events & Activities — Bookbug, Storytime and other Library based activities restart in September! contact Lynne James at Strathblane Library. jamesl@stirling.gov.uk, 01360 770737

Purse Found in Blanefield

Enquiries to Lynne James at Strathblane library



Benches Installed beside Railway Path

As many will have seen, two beautiful benches and a table designed and made by Keith Vass from an ash tree felled during the path project have now been erected alongside the path.



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