

# BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet June 2012 No. 3

## Community Council AGM & June Meeting

At its **monthly meeting** on June 11th in the Primary School the Community Council registered some progress on environment and health and welfare issues, noted and responded to concerns on 'fly-posting' and the licence extension application for the new Coop shop, and welcomed a Report from newly elected Cllr Ian Muirhead. Constable McNally reported a 'quiet' month. In reviewing the **Community Action Plan priorities** we noted some progress on all fronts except 'affordable and particular needs housing'; and decided that 'services to the vulnerable, including home care services' should be added to the priorities list.

The meeting focussed on **three significant issues**.

**Firstly, dog fouling** - a source of widespread concern in this community as elsewhere. The behaviour of professional dog walkers and a case of a £60 penalty imposed in Killearn were highlighted. All channels - including a future issue of the Bulletin - should be used to pursue an urgent educational campaign and a visit from the Dog Warden would be a necessary part of that. Dog owners should be aware that the only place their dogs may legally foul is their owners' gardens. **Secondly**, after some discussion on the issue of speeding in the villages the news that cheaper and more flexible systems using **average speed cameras**, which can focus on short distances and be easily moved, are now available led to the view that we should investigate the possibility of Strathblane and Blanefield piloting such cameras for Stirling local authority. **Thirdly**, the sudden **closure of the Kirkhouse Inn** - an issue of serious concern for the community on a number of fronts from lost jobs to the demise of the 'comfort partnership' - was discussed. The Community Council will closely monitor developments and keep the community informed.

At the **Community Council AGM** Chair Margaret Vass reported a busy and generally successful year's work culminating in the June celebrations featured on the next two pages. Office Bearers apart, from the Treasurer, were re-elected. Fiona Murray has decided to stand down from the Community Council. Her considerable contribution will be missed. Sue Rand takes over as Treasurer and we are delighted to welcome Susan Morgan as a co-opted member of the Council.

**Full minutes of both the June meeting and the AGM will be available on the website and the Village notice-boards.**

## MAKING CONTACT

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## INFORMATION SOURCES

Strathblanefield website;

Library; Noticeboards;

Shop windows;

Local press (weekly);

The Blane (quarterly);

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# Five Days of Celebration of the Community, by the Community, for the Community

The Jubilee Bank Holiday week-end provided an ideal opportunity to create a programme of community activities - some established annual events like the Summer Fair and the Ceilidh (the Big Lunch may yet come into that category); others like the Jubilee Afternoon Tea and lighting the Dumgoyne Beacon and Village Bonfire specific to the occasion. The official Opening of the Blane Valley Allotments added a happy culmination of a couple of years work. In the organisation of all this the Community Council was joined by the SCDT, the Primary School and Parent Council, Strathblane Parish Church and a host of individuals throughout the villages. The great weather helped bring out hundreds of participants of all ages (and an occasional midge). Below, in chronological order, is just a small flavour of a hugely enjoyable five days.

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Strathblane Primary School children with their **Jubilee Medals**.

**Village Ceilidh** On Friday evening the SCDT organised a ceilidh in the Edmonstone Hall. A real family affair it was led off by the Strathendrick Pipe Band, with songs from the Primary School Choir, music from a set of talented local singers and instrumentalists and, of course, dancing. A capacity crowd were sustained by burgers and sausages from Har-deep and a bar from the Blane Valley Inn.



**Opening of the Blane Valley Allotments** On Saturday morning a large crowd followed the Strathendrick Pipe Band to the official opening of the Blane Valley Allotments by Sir Archie and Lady Juliet Edmonstone,



## Community Summer Fair

Including a Dog Show, a Zumba demo, a Village home movie, the Pipe Band, refreshments, books, crafts plants, kids' amusement and an SCC consultation! Summer Fair tokens were being traded with much more confidence than the Euro.

## Big Lunch & Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Sunday Lots of kids enjoyed the Teddy Bears Picnic outside the Kirk Rooms whilst inside over 200 feasted on the Big lunch laid on by Wilma Dunbar and her team.





**Jubilee Afternoon Tea** — a very successful meeting of the generations between 22 primary school children and 40 senior residents with memories of the community in the 1950s at the start of Elizabeth’s reign. Two class choirs sang to their guests and the tea was provided by a group from the Community Council. Thanks to the School and the Parents Council and especially Sandra Logan and Derek Fabel.



**Dumgoyne Beacon and Village Bonfire** On Monday night two teams of fire-raisers, led by Dick Arnold and Richard Begg, created two magnificent blazes - a bonfire in the village (left) and, as part of the national network, a beacon (right) on top of Dumgoyne. A large crowd of residents (and midges) warmed themselves at the bonfire whilst both Beacon and Bonfire made media headlines—Herald, Evening Times, Radio Scotland and Radio Clyde.



**Village Expo in the Village Club** After four days of great events - attended by over 1000 people in total - things finally wound down on Tuesday afternoon with a display in the Village Club of organisations involved in the community from the Church Guild to the Heritage Society, from the Tennis Club to the Scottish Wildlife Trust.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JULY

<b>1st - 22nd</b>	11 - 5pm 1-5 Sunday	<b>Carlo Rossi Memorial Exhibition - Smithy Gallery</b> More information: <a href="http://www.smithygallery.co.uk">http://www.smithygallery.co.uk</a>
TUES 3rd	All day	<b>Off the Page Festival Programme Launch</b> - Collect your copy of the programme for this September festival—and get a free cup of coffee—at Strathblane Library
TUES 10th	7.30pm	<b>Blanefield Thistle v Drymen</b> - King George V playing fields
TUES 17th	7.30pm	<b>Blanefield Thistle v Thornhill</b> - King George V playing fields
SUN 22nd		<b>Loch Ard Sailing Club - Open Day</b> for friends & family - non-members welcome <a href="http://www.lochardsc.org.uk">www.lochardsc.org.uk</a> for details.
TUES 24th	7.30pm	<b>Blanefield Thistle v Kippen</b> - King George V playing fields
SAT 29th	1.45-4pm	<b>Junior Nature Club - No Parents Required</b> - Mugdock Country Park. For more information: <a href="http://www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk">http://www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk</a>
<b>July-Aug</b>		<b>Strathblane Library - Story Lab</b> Summer Reading Scheme for 4 -11 year olds

## AUGUST

MON 6th	7.30pm	<b>Strathblane Community Council</b> Kirk Rooms. All welcome
THURS 9th	11 - 12 pm	<b>Community Walk</b> - meet at St Kessog's Church Car Park (10 mins early if it's your first time) for more information <a href="http://www.actvestirling.org.uk">www.actvestirling.org.uk</a> or 07849 919847
11th - 12th		<b>Loch Ard Sailing Club - Club Regatta</b> -Visiting sailors welcome
AUG 15th	7.45pm	<b>Talk Night: Puffers &amp; Para Handy</b> - Mugdock Country Park £5 Booking essential: 0141 956 6100 or <a href="http://www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk/makeabooking.html">www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk/makeabooking.html</a>

This month's Calendar includes a couple of events at **Mugdock Country Park**. The Park's own Calendar (<http://www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk/cgi-bin/calendar/calendar.cgi>) includes 32 events for the period covered by this Bulletin - walks, talks, nature study outings, films and music.

### August Bulletin

Sorry if we missed your event in this month's Community Calendar. Please let us have details of events for **September onwards** for inclusion in the next issue - copy date of Monday 13 August - by email to [cc@strathblanefield.org.uk](mailto:cc@strathblanefield.org.uk)

### Summer Break

Both the Community Council and the Blane Valley Bulletin take a month off in July.

### EDENKILN SURGERY NEWS

Please note that the Surgery closes at 12.30 on June 25th (Forth Valley Bank Holiday) but is open on 16th July - Glasgow Fair Monday

The surgery now closes from 1pm to 2pm - for urgent help use normal phone no. 01360 770340.

Prescriptions can be ordered online at [www.edenkilnsurgery.com](http://www.edenkilnsurgery.com)

### Minutes Secretary

The Community Council still urgently needs a Minutes Secretary to cover its eleven Monday night meetings at a rate of £30 per meeting. It could be an ideal opportunity for a young person wishing to gain experience and enhance her/his CV. Anyone interested, or wishing to know more, should contact Margaret Vass at [cc@strathblanefield.org.uk](mailto:cc@strathblanefield.org.uk)

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