

# BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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**The A81 WILL BE CLOSED from 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
from 9am until 6pm for a maximum of 2 weeks**

Note it will NOT be a 24hour closure. Letters will be sent to affected residents and there will be details of bus alterations nearer the time.

**Please help protect local business by walking (or even cycling!) to the shops and the BVI.**

## Integration of Health and Social Care

**The CC is being consulted on the plans to integrate health and social care. Are we getting the issues right?**

Three issues in particular have been raised at recent meetings about the way the integration of Health and Social Care is being taken forward after legislation in the Scottish Parliament.

— The plan to have a named individual such as a district nurse responsible for the care planning surrounding individuals this is often difficult to achieve in rural areas given the need to deploy staff as efficiently as possible. Individuals do not know from visit to visit who from the team will be delivering the care. Our local surgery does not know who would provide cover for the bi-weekly clinics either though there are no complaints about the care given.

— Another issue raised has been the response times to emergency help triggered by an individual using a care button as that care comes from Stirling. Recently an individual in the village was left lying on the floor for more than 95 minutes after a fall.

— Finally a continuing bugbear is the need for coordination between hospitals in Glasgow as well those in Forth Valley and the provision of continuing care, short or long term after release from hospital.

SCC Health & Social Care Correspondent Marian Lever is keen to receive comments on and examples of these issues so that she can raise them at future meetings.

There will be another **Heartstart Course**  
in Strathblane School in September.

Once confirmed the date will be publicised on the village website and in the BVB but places may be booked with Marian Lever at any time ([marian.lever@btinternet.com](mailto:marian.lever@btinternet.com))

Since the defibrillator has been installed at the Edmonstone Hall and local classes have been running we have four qualified and active first responders in the village.

## Local Development Plan (LDP)

### Review again!

Please do not panic if you receive a planning notification about possible development near you. Although the current LDP was only finally approved by Stirling council last September it is time for the process to be repeated again starting with what is called "the Main Issues report". This will include sites that owners or developers wish to develop. THESE SITES ARE NOT AGREED.

We understand that consultation will run from August until October. Stirling Council is due to agree to begin the consultation on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Sometime after that but before the next BVB issue neighbours of these speculative sites will receive notification.

After our annual recess the Community Council will be carrying out extensive consultation to ascertain the views of the community

## Sad Farewell to the Senior Citizens

*Lorna Young writes:* As most people will know the Senior Citizens has now unfortunately folded. We had our last outing on Saturday (13<sup>th</sup> June) to North Berwick which was enjoyed by everyone. We would like to thank our volunteer drivers for their very faithful support over the years.

Thanks are due to many people. Most of all we would like to thank Mrs. Emma Findlay for her unfailing and very faithful support and hard work over 17 years as Secretary. Thanks go to Terry and Helen Peters for the sandwiches and cakes they provided for every meeting we had. Finally thanks go to the members for their support over the many years of the Senior Citizens.

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# Community Council June Update — from SCC Chair Margaret Vass

## Annual General Meeting

A busier than usual evening on June 1st began with our AGM, at which reports were received and all office bearers confirmed in their positions. Philip Graves resignation from the SCC was received and the Council thanked him for his work over many years including a term as Chairperson.

## June Meeting

**Co-options** — the meeting opened with co-option of two members to the Council—welcome to Grace Edmonds and welcome back to John Gray. We now have only one vacancy.

**Roads Issues**— Iain Macdonald, roads area team leader, was present and discussion centred on the current pavement work and the imminent work to the A81 and road closure. We have been listened to although the road WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST for a maximum of 2 weeks it will NOT be a 24hour closure like last year. It will be closed from 9am until 6pm. Letters will be sent to affected residents and there will be details of bus alterations nearer the time.

We also reported on useful **discussions with roads staff about the Stockiemuir Road and Cuilt Rd junction area**. We await proposals from them which may mean that we are able to withdraw our petition. They are considering removing part of the high hump to the south of the junction to improve visibility and also plan to apply a special anti skid surface to the road but the road condition is so poor it will need to wait until the road is resurfaced next year!

We received a report on a meeting hosted by **Stirling Council chief executive, Stewart Carruth, along with Stacey Burlet, Director of Communities and Partnerships**, with the Community Councils of Strathblane, Killearn and Balfron along with our respective community development trusts. We had a frank airing of views of what is and isn't working and explored ways to improve relationships for our mutual benefit. We agreed to meet every six months. It is very pleasing to see the importance put on strengthening local democracy. This grouping of CCs has been identified by Stirling council as community test sites. We are still unsure of what this means and will hopefully have some more information by the August BVB.

Willie Oswald has had some success with **parking at the Co-op**. It has been agreed that the lines will be redrawn to provide three spaces and, we hope, a bike rack.

We are monitoring the implementation of the council budget cut to change the **refuse collection points** for those who live on private roads. We have been assured again that we will be consulted and that there are no imminent proposals for our area.

Finally **thanks to all those people who helped plant our tubs** with summer bedding plants especially Elspeth who organised it all.

**The Village Club** —Following our AGM the Village Club Management Committee has changed. Our new chair is Sheila Hall and for hiring the club you should now contact either Fiona Murray ([murray-fiona@sky.com](mailto:murray-fiona@sky.com), 771497) or Keith Vass ([keithvass13@gmail.com](mailto:keithvass13@gmail.com), 07778 181 175).

The Reading Room (£8 / hour) is ideal for small meetings. Broadband to be installed soon, but don't have a date yet..... We are always keen to have more regular events, especially for younger or older villagers

**The next Community Council meeting** will be on **Monday August 3rd** at 7.30pm in the Kirk Rooms. Agenda items will include the Local development Plan exercise. Come along and give us your views.

**Copy Date for the August BVB** is Monday 17th. Please send Calendar items up to late September and other news to [cc@strathblanefield.org.uk](mailto:cc@strathblanefield.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:cc@strathblanefield.org.uk)

### Get in touch with your Community Councillors

<i>Blanefield Ward</i>		<i>Strathblane Ward</i>		<i>Mugdock Ward</i>	
Margaret Vass	770131	Alan Hutton	770537	Richard Arnold	770006
Avril Keen	07799261297	Marian Lever	770536	John Gray	771031
Willie Oswald	770497	Elspeth Neill	771653	Grace Edmonds	770800
Julie Hutchison	770791	Sue Rand	770630	<b>ONE VACANCY</b>	

**INFORMATION SOURCES:** Strathblanefield website at [www.strathblanefield.org.uk](http://www.strathblanefield.org.uk)  
Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; and the **Facebook** Strathblanefield Group

### STIRLING COUNCIL Councillors' Surgeries

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

**Report faults** at [info@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:info@stirling.gov.uk) or ring 0845 2777000

**Join My Stirling** at [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) for updates

# Strathblanefield Community Development Trust

## The SCDT Annual General Meeting

At a well-attended AGM outgoing Chair Robert Davy reported on a successful year's work—including the WW1 Project; more Playpark developments; Walks Information Boards and Path projects; and the recent community takeover of the Gravediggers' Bothy. Robert got a hearty vote of thanks for all his work as Chair.

Although leaving as Chair Robert remains on the board, but three other stalwarts — ex-Chair Gordon Ash, Dai Hutchinson and Ian Hamilton were retiring. Again Trust members expressed great appreciation for their respective contributions. Four new members were elected—Edward Pickard, Alf Young, Ian Bain and Alan Morris—who together add significantly to the range of expertise and experience that the Trust can draw on

Guest speaker Andy Orr gave an fascinating account of the struggles and successes of Blanefield Thistle FC..

## Alf Young Elected as New Chair

The new SCDT Board met after the AGM and elected Alf Young as Chair. Alf's qualifications are well known:

he, Carol and their young family moved to Strathblane in 1987. Both their sons attended the village primary, then Balfron High. Alf retired from a career in journalism in 2009, having previously been a teacher and college lecturer. He is currently a visiting professor in the University of Strathclyde's public policy unit, IPPI. In recent years he has chaired the boards of Social Investment Scotland (which lends money to not-for-profit enterprises, many of them community-led groups) and Riverside Inverclyde, an urban renewal initiative for the communities around the Greenock waterfront, where he grew up.

## Record-breaking Library News for Summer

This year's Summer Reading Challenge for all Primary Aged children is a real record breaker. This Summer you can come down to the library "pledge" to try to read six books and collect your Record Breaker folder when you return your first book. From 20th June until 27th August, you can collect stickers each time you read and return a book and, if you manage to read six books in nine weeks, you will be presented with a medal and a certificate at a special celebration in the library in September!

This year libraries all over the UK are hoping to get into the Guinness Book of Records with the number of pledges signed, both by kids themselves and adults pledging to promote the joy of reading.

**Why not come down to the library on Friday 10th July and try to be a "Record Breaker"!**

## Strathblane Kirk Summer Events

**Children's Holiday Club** runs for five days from Monday 10th to Friday 14th August, 10am to 1.30pm. The theme is Mega Makers and children from age 5 to 10 years old are invited to come along and join in with crafts, games, drama and bible stories in the Kirk Rooms. Places are unlimited and booking forms are available at the school until the end of term and afterwards from the library. The Kirk Rooms office can also be contacted to receive a form by email [strathblanekirk@gmail.com](mailto:strathblanekirk@gmail.com). The Holiday Club costs £10 per child and includes lunch.

**Summer Cafe** in the Kirk Rooms will run every Tuesday from 10am, commencing Tues 30th June until Tues 4th August (apart from Tue 21<sup>st</sup>) All are welcome to come along for tea, coffee & baking. Toys will be available for younger children and activities for older kids.

**A Cuppa with Music** in the Kirk Rooms will run each Thursday from 2pm, starting 2nd July running until 30th July.

## 'Summer' Fayre Great Success

*Suzy Ure of the Parent Council reports:*

The summer FAYRE, in spite of the awful weather, managed to raise an amazing £2542.12!!

The Campsie Crooners who, along with the School Choir, gave an incredible performance to open the event, along with the presence of the Community Council, CDT, the First Responders and the fabulous plants on offer courtesy of the Women's Guild and the Allotments Association helped to make this year's fayre a real community event!!

The School & Strathblane Primary Fundraisers would like to say a huge thanks to all who braved the elements to ensure the day was such a huge success!

The funds raised will contribute to the playground sports floor markings which are in place and well used by the pupils and also will help to fund much needed IT equipment for the school.

**The Dog Show, Inflatables and long awaited Duck Race have been rescheduled for a Family Fun Day which will take place on Sat 15th August.**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JUNE

TUES 23rd	7.30pm	<b>Blanefield Thistle V Gartocharn</b> at George V Field. Come and support your local team.
TUES 30th	10am —	<b>Summer Cafe</b> in the Kirk Rooms - every Tuesday until Aug 4th — see P3 for more details

## JULY

THUR 2nd	2pm	<b>A Cuppa with Music</b> in the Kirk Rooms - every Thursday until July 30th. (see P3 above)
SUN 19th	1-5pm	<b>Village Music Jam Session</b> in the Village Club. Bring an instrument, your voice, or a song you might like to do! All welcome. Contact <a href="mailto:gethom@tiscali.co.uk">gethom@tiscali.co.uk</a>

## AUGUST

MON 2nd	10.30-11	<b>Summertime Bookbug</b> in Strathblane Library. Rhymes and stories for babies & toddlers.
MON 2nd	7.30pm	<b>Strathblane Community Council</b> in the Kirk Rooms. All welcome.
THUR 6th	1.30pm	<b>Craft &amp; Storytime</b> for 5 to 8yr olds in Strathblane Library. Please book a place.
MON 10th	10 - 1.30	For 5 days - <b>MEGA-MAKERS HOLIDAY CLUB</b> .— see P3 above for details
TUES 11th	3pm	<b>Mega Games in the Park</b> - for 9 -11 yr olds organised by Strathblane Church. No need to book just turn up ready to play.
THUR 13th	3pm	<b>Mega Games in the Park</b> - for 9 -11 yr olds organised by Strathblane Church.

### Blanefield Thistle FC Fixtures - Support Your Local Team !

Sat June 20th	7pm	Aberfoyle	A	Tues July 21st	7.30	Balfron	A
Tues June 23rd	7.30	Gartocharn	H	Sat July 25th	7.30	Gargunnoch	H
Sun June 28th	2.30	McGregor Ferguson Cup Final (opponents not yet known)		Tues July 28th	7.30	Buchlyvie	H
Tues June 30th	7.30	Deanston	A	Sun Aug 2nd	2.30	Margaret White Trophy - Final	
Sat July 4th	7pm	Drymen	A	Tues Aug 4th	7.15	Thornhill	A
Tues July 7th	7.30	Killlearn	H	Sat Aug 8th	7pm	Kippen	A
Tues July 14th	7.30	Fintry	H	Remaining fixtures from Aug 16th to Sept 20th in Cup competitions.			
Sun July 19th	2.30	Margaret White Trophy Semi-finals					
Home fixtures played at King George V Field (drainage permitting!)							

#### EDENKILN SURGERY NEWS

The surgery will be closed on Wed June 24th from 12.30 for staff training.  
For help contact NHS24 at 0845 4242424  
The surgery can be contacted at 01360 770340 For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at [www.edenkilnsurgery.com](http://www.edenkilnsurgery.com)

#### Mugdock Country Park

Lots happening & lots to do over the summer. Check the website at <http://www.-mugdock-country-park.org.uk/>

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