

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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Playing Your Part in Our Community's Resilience

How good is your memory? Don't recall what you had for dinner last Thursday? Do remember who pushed you off a swing when aged eight? Apologies if what you are about to read is vaguely familiar. It is very similar to a piece published in the BVB in August 2014. And it is asking the same questions. We, that is your Community Council are in the process of revising the village **Emergency Plan**. We wish to know what physical and human resources can be called on in the unlikely event of a emergency Incident being declared.

Some Background— First a brief resume on the background. Following two severe winters in 2009/10 and 2010/11, Stirling Council hosted a conference on how to improve the resilience of our communities in the event of exceptional weather or other extreme events. As a result Stirling Council recommended that all communities develop a local Emergency Plan. As part of this process, in 2013, SCC was supplied with 40 Hi-Viz vests and a set of snow shovels for use in an emergency. Following on from that in the spring of 2014 communities were supplied with an **Emergency Resilience Kit**, containing a multi-purpose outdoor radio, a 12km range walkie talkie, 10 LED Dyno Torches, 10 Foil Blankets, 10 pairs of snow/ice shoe grips and a small first aid kit.

Revising the Emergency Plan — We are now almost three years on from the last time the Plan was revised. This is not just checking what contact person has changed and confirming their details. It is about ensuring the viability of the Plan in the unlikely event of an extreme set of circumstances. None of us has a crystal ball, but your community council and Stirling Council would like to be prepared, and to ensure that YOU have the necessary awareness to participate if you are able.

Part of our preparation is for SCC have a **register of human and equipment resources** that could be made available for the benefit of the community should the need arise to activate our Community Emergency Plan.

A list of the **skill sets** and types of **equipment** that have been identified so far in this exercise is provided in the box on the right.

This is not an exhaustive list. SCC will be happy to receive any further suggestions.

You can contact the Community Council by email at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk by getting in touch with individual SCC members. Contact details are provided at the bottom of Page 2.

Details of those who make themselves or their equipment available will be held by the Chair of SCC and will not be published in the actual Plan.

From: Community Councillor Willie Oswald

What you might be able to offer:

On the human side we would like to know of people with the following skill sets are:

- Medical professionals and care workers who normally work out with our community.
- Fire and rescue workers and police officers.
- Registered first aiders and mountain rescue personnel.

Equipment that could be deployed would be:

- 4 x 4 vehicles
- Generators
- Emergency cooking equipment.

Why not join the growing number of local businesses and individuals who SPONSOR issues of the Bulletin?

Businesses can include an advertising flyer which will go to every household.

Contact cc@strathblanefield.org.uk for more details.

February Community Council Update *from Chair, Margaret Vass*

Action Since January meeting - In *Matters Arising* it was reported that refuse collection has been getting better; action in the form of white lining has been taken on Campsie Road; and Stirling Council will consider the issues relating to parking on Old Mugdock Road in March

Gladman Consultation — It was reported that SCC Chair and Planning Correspondent have met with Mark Richardson who manages Connell Estates property interests and had a good exchange of views. Gladman and the landowner are currently assessing the feedback from their community consultation exercise.

Other Planning Matters— Focus on the planning front was on two items, one specific and the other more general. First it was reported that Strathblane Country House Hotel has dropped its application from four flats to three—although it was noted that there remained the possibility of sub-dividing to end up with four. More generally, concern is growing over the accumulation of housing applications in the Old Mugdock Road/Moor Road area because of the increasing volume of traffic on an already overloaded and, in places, dangerous road. It was agreed to make further comments to SC on Old Mugdock Rd and relate them to the comments in the LDP.

Community Resilience —local Emergency Plans established in 2014 are now in process of updated and Willie Oswald has taken the lead role for SCC in that task. See his piece on Page 1.

Dementia Day Funding - Money left from Test Site funding, currently held by the Church, is available for local groups to apply for. There is about £1000 remaining. It is up to each organisation to use the money how they can. This is a one off grant, once it's gone, it's gone.

Social Care — a number of developments relating to the care of the elderly were reported on, some involving pupils here and in Balfron High School. For a fuller account of these and other items discussed last week see the Minutes of the meeting, available on the Noticeboards and on the SCC Website at www.strathblanec.org.uk.

The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

www.villageclub1911.org
email — strathblanec@gmail.com or
Contact — Fiona Murray 01360 771497

The next SCC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Monday March 6th** in the Primary School. Please come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for the March BVB is **Monday March 14th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to mid-April 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

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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Grace Edmonds 770800

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Or via our website at www.strathblanec.org.uk. **Other Information Sources** —

Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the **Facebook** Strathblanefield Page

Current & past issues of the Bulletin can be downloaded from the village website.

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

Urgent: Help Required!

Your Guide/Scout Hall needs you!!!

To ensure we can continue to effectively run the many children's services from the Hall, we urgently need volunteers to fill the following office bearer posts for the Hall Management Committee - Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Ideally these posts would suit anyone not currently actively involved in the running of any of our clubs (Guides, Scouts, SOSC) and who would be willing to spend some of their spare time managing the Hall on behalf of Guides and Scouts.

In addition, we are looking for a handy-man willing to give up some of their time to help us with small repairs and maintenance issues throughout the year

If you'd like to know more about these roles or to put your name forward please get in touch with either Helena Smith (07730 301302), helena-smith250@outlook.com or Paul Heather (07568 094028), p.heather469@btinternet.com by 3 March 2017. Our next meeting will be held at the Hall on Tuesday 7th March at 8.00 pm and all parents, carers and interested members of the local community are invited to attend.

Scout Spring Sale

Saturday 18th March 12-2pm

in the Scout Hall, Dumbrock Road
Entrance £1.50

Jumble Sale, tea, coffee, cakes, burgers and hot dogs. Raffle Donations of 'surplus stuff' and home baking gratefully received 7-9pm 16th & 17th March or on morning of the sale

Library News – Lynne James

Recollections Week

From **Monday March 6th until Friday March 10th** the library will be hosting Recollections Week. There will be a display of local photographs we already hold with a chance for any one who might be able to, to help us name some of the locals pictured. Charlie Kerr, who has been of such tremendous help in tying together a large amount of our local history will be on hand on Wednesday 8th when we will be holding a special drop in session with coffee and cake. Neil Davidson, from Stirling Archives Office will be around on that day and is hoping to see any local photos from the 50s,60s, 70s and 80s and to hear any accompanying memories of the village that you might wish to share.

Library Book & DVD Sale

25th February Saturday 10 am until 12.00 noon

Library Book and DVD sale..great bargains to be had, and Jamie Carruth and Hamish Leven will be on hand with **refreshments** for sale to help raise funds for their upcoming Ecuador Project. Last year the boys supplied absolutely delicious food to sustain all the bargain book hunters, so come along and help support a good cause AND get a pile of books and DVDS into the bargain!

Balfron Barracudas Swimming Club

Training for swimmers at Balfron Campus on Monday, Thursday and/or Saturday. Spaces available. Contact info@balfronbarracudas.org.uk for more details or see Website or Facebook page

JoJo Gnome's Easter Story Fun

Join Jo and JoJo Gnome at Mugdock Country Park on Saturday 15th April 2017 at 1.30pm or 3.30pm for JoJo Gnome's Easter Story Fun. Hear Spring JoJo Stories, plant some 'magic' seeds and make Easter eggs dance in a film! Jo will send you a link to your film, to share it with your family and friends

Only 25 places available for each workshop. 15 bookable in advance – book your tickets quickly to avoid disappointment. The other 10 will be available at the door on the day. An adult must accompany children to the event and remain with them (adults require a ticket). Tickets are available from the Country Park (0141-956-6100). All tickets £5.50.

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MAD MARCH
FUNDRAISING
CEILIDH

with Balfron High School Ceilidh Band
and live world music from DJ Jack on vinyl

7.30pm till late

Saturday 4th March 2017
Edmondstone Hall - Blanefield

POSTCODE/SATNAV G63 9BP

YOUTH
SPORTS

Edmondstone Hall
Wednesdays in term time
P5 – S2 girls & boys
7pm – 8.30pm
£1 + tuck shop

Run by Strathblane Church
strathblanekirk@gmail.com
Scottish Charity No: SC007261

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

SUN 19th	6.30pm	Songs of Praise style evening service in the Kirk Rooms
MON 20th	7.15pm	Guild — Glasgow Street Songs in the Kirk Rooms
TUES 21st	7.30pm	Book Group - this month's book 'The Gravity of the Birds' - in Strathblane Library
WED 22nd	7 -8.30pm	Youth Sports in the Edmonstone Hall. Every Wednesday during term time Hall. For P5 - S2 girls and boys, 7pm -8.30pm. Cost is £1 and there is a tuck shop too.
WED 22nd	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club — * 7.30 for 7.45pm.— and every Wednesday
THUR 23th	10.30am	Book bug @ the Library - 'Animal Rumpus' - bring a soft toy and join us.
SAT 25th	10-12	Book & DVD Sale in Strathblane Library. Refreshments. See Page 3 for more.
SUN 26th	2 -5pm	Electric Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome. Contact: George Thom - gethom@tiscali.co.uk
TUE 28th	7pm	Traditional Music Jam Session in Strathblane Library Come along and join in - All welcome. See Strathblanefield Sessions on Facebook.

MARCH

MON 6th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Primary School. All welcome
MON 6th		Guild — Spring Outing o Ross Priory
MON 6th	- FRI 10th	Recollections Week @ the Library — See Page 3 for details
TUES 7th	7.15pm	Film Club @ the Library. This month 'Room' - the award winning film based on Emma Donohoe's book of the same name
SUN 12th	2 - 4	Traditional Jam Session - an acoustic session of traditional Scottish Tunes. All welcome. Contact: George Thom - gethom@tiscali.co.uk
WED 15th	7 -8.30pm	Youth Sports in the Edmonstone Hall
SUN 19th	3 -5pm	Messy Church in the Kirk Rooms. Drop in for family fun with music, crafts, games, stories and a meal. Suggested donation of £6 per family.
FRI 27th	7pm	Film Night in Strathblane Kirk Rooms - with popcorn! All welcome
WED 15th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - Callum Christie 'Goodbye Colonialism' in the Village Club
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TUES 21st	7.30pm	March Book Club @ the Library - As last month's book ended up being Everland, this month the group really WILL discuss The Gravity of Birds!.
FRI 24th	1.15pm	Craft & Storytime @ the Library Please book a place in advance strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk or just let a member of staff know in person!

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