

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet March 2017 No 50

Enhancing the Quality of Life in our Community

In recent months residents comments raised with the Community Council have highlighted:

Dog Fouling — Dog walkers please remember that you must pick up after your dog. It seems that a number of folk forget to do this. This can result in a fine — but anyone out walking a dog without carrying a bag may also be fined

Public Drinking near the School & Playpark — Many people have expressed concerns about drinking taking place in the school playground and playing fields evidenced by the mess left behind. This is a bye-law offence which, if seen, should be reported to the police and anyone known to be involved should be strongly encouraged to move indoors. There has already been one serious incident — a child requiring 14 stitches after falling on a broken bottle on the pump track.

Speeding & Parking— Whilst we recognise that most perpetrators will live outwith our community speeding remains a serious concern especially on the Campsie Road and Station Road. Whilst we wait for work to narrow the bridge on Station Road please slow down for the safety of all road and path users. If you do need to drive to the Coop or to pick up children from school please park with a thought for pedestrians and other road users.

Bins — the bin service is improving at last. The most common reason why bins have not been emptied is that their contents are 'contaminated' by the wrong kind of litter — often thrown in by passers-by. To help the bin-men if you use the pull-out service please make sure your house is clearly numbered.

Proposed Changes to the Planning System — Have your say

The Scottish Government is consulting on significant proposed changes to the Planning system. Comments have to be in by April 4th and anyone with an interest can have their say.

It is proposed to add to the role that Community Councils already have with the aim of “ **making communities central to delivering great places and a force for positive change**”.

Many will be aware, from the recent debate about proposals on Campsie Road, of the importance of the Local Development Plan (LDP). In future the development plan scheme (which states how a plan should be produced) would set out how the local community would be involved in developing proposals for change—LDPs should be prepared AFTER consulting Community Councils.

Community bodies, including Community Councils would be able to register an interest with their local authority if they wish to prepare a local place plan. This sounds good but will communities have access to resources to help us?

We are being asked for views on improving the consultation between developers and our community BEFORE submission of certain significant planning applications like the Campsie Road site. Interestingly if a site is brought forward which is not in the LDP, the local authority will (must) actively involve us in setting out further ways of consulting the community.

Within the wider strategic context we believe that communities are best placed to judge local development needs. In our community we have not behaved as 'nimbys' but continue to try to move development towards serving local needs.

To respond go to <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/01/3486>

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March Community Council Update *from Chair, Margaret Vass*

Our meetings seem to come round fast at this time of year! We spent a lot of time debating the **proposed changes to the planning system** that directly affect us. It all sounds very positive but real support (resources) will be needed to if communities are to be fully engaged.

Turning to **local matters** Old Mugdock Road continues to feature in our discussions for 2 reasons. **Firstly parking around the Coop** where Stirling Council are likely to be introducing parking restrictions to make the area safer while we work jointly with them to achieve new parking spaces.

Secondly we are concerned at the number of **planning applications** still being approved that increase the traffic on the section of the road between Milndavie Rd and Mugdock without any consequential improvement to the road itself. If it was a large development improvement would be insisted upon. The number of individual applications equate to a sizeable development but being individual infrastructure upgrades are not triggered.

We are hoping for an even closer **partnership with Balfour High**. Every pupil council meeting will have a standard item on what is happening in local areas. Next session there will be a prefect with responsibility for communities and 6th Year pupils will be able to gain an award for working in their local community.

Following yet another staffing restructure at **Stirling Council** they are gearing up to work closer with **communities using new boundaries**. We are Rural South all services including health, police, fire and ambulance will be operating to this boundary. I know

we have heard it all before but there does seem to be a determination to make this work this time. The first task is to improve communication. We wait with baited breath!!

We are about to begin some **joint work with the Council to review all assets within our community**. There will be a series of four workshops involving council service staff and representatives of all the community run buildings.

For this reason we need to change the date of our May meeting to TUESDAY 9th May.

The April SCC meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd in the Village Club.

Lynne Watson, Team Leader from Stirling Council's Contact Centre, will be there to hear our problems and explain how the Centre works. Please come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for the April BVB is

Tuesday 18th. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to mid-May to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

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

Edenkiln Surgery

Closed Good Friday & Easter Monday - April 14th & 17th.
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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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



Strathblane Bowling Club Opening Day

(Glasgow Road, next to Village Club)
Saturday, 15th April, 2.00 pm

Why not come along and see why bowls is an enjoyable social activity packed with fresh air & exercise – a sport for all the family, in the company of others!

Membership available – substantial discount for first year

Strathblane Tennis Club

OPEN DAY Saturday April 29th at 2pm

Leddriegreen Road (Behind Village Club)

Non-members of all ages and abilities welcome to join in some informal play.

SPRING COACHING

Starts for children and adults on Sunday 30th April for 8 weeks. Class groups and times to be confirmed once we know likely numbers.

For further information contact:

Jane McCallum (jane@dumgoyne.net 01360 771281)

Mark Roberts (mrob4444@gmail.com 07739 144072)

1960's Music Night with Al Fleming's Back Beat
Saturday May 28th

Village Club 8pm (music at 9). BYOB

Tickets £10 available from Alastair Balfour (01360 770750) or Sally Gray (01360 771031), or from Strathblane Library.

Strathblane Kirk— Regular Events

Community Cafe — every Tuesday in the Kirk Rooms from 9.15 — 12 noon

Cuppa Time — every Thursday in the Kirk Rooms from 2pm to 4pm.

Come along for fun & fellowship; tea, coffee, home-baking; painting, board games, Jigsaws. Carers & those they care for are especially welcome.

Scout Spring Sale

Saturday 18th March 12-2pm
in the Scout Hall, Dumbrock Road
Entrance £1.50

Grow Your Own This Year?

We would like to hear from you. Currently **Blane Valley Allotments** have plots for anyone wishing to grow their own vegetables, fruit or flowers. To find out more email linmackinnon@btinternet.com or phone Linda on 07557 996520.

"Loch Ard Sailing Club

opens for the 2017 season on
Sunday 9th April at 1.30.

New members always welcome.

The club has been awarded a £1500 grant from Club Sport Stirling to help purchase new Optimist sailing dinghies to encourage more youngsters to take up the sport.

www.lochardsc.org.uk/membership

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.

Why not become a

Friend of Mugdock Country Park?

Help sustain and develop this great facility on our doorsteps. Membership will provide you with many benefits within the Park, including :

10% discount on Visitor Centre Shop

Priority Booking for Theatre tickets

Exclusive offers from all other Park businesses

A membership card valid for one year costs £15 per person or £25 per family. For more information go to www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk or pick up a leaflet at the Visitor Centre.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

SAT 18th	12 - 2pm	Scout Spring Sale in the Scout Hall. Entrance £1.50
SUN 19th	2 -5pm	Electric Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome. Contact: George Thom - gethom@tiscali.co.uk
MON 20th	7.15pm	Guild — AGM in the Kirk Rooms
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!
SUN 26th	7pm	Strathendrick Singers 40th Anniversary Concert — Carmina Burana in Killearn Kirk Tickets £10 (under 16s Free) available from Choir members or at the door.
TUES 28th	7.15pm	Film Group — this month's film is 'Captain Phillips'
FRI 31st	7pm	Film Night in the Kirk Rooms

APRIL

MON 3rd	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome.
MON 3rd	7.30pm	Cinema Club at Mugdock Country Park - ' Gentlemen Prefer Blondes ' £4 Booking essential, 0141 956 6100
WED 5th		Campsie Crooners — Easter Break
SUN 9th	2 -4pm	Traditional Music Session in the Village Club
WED 12th		Campsie Crooners — Easter Break
THURS 13th	2pm	Cuppa Time Easter Extravaganza in the Kirk Rooms
SAT 15th	1.30pm or 3.30pm	JoJo Gnome's Easter Story Fun - 25 places, 15 bookable in advance, 10 at the door. Tickets £5.50 available from the Country Park (0141 956 6100)
SAT 15th	2pm	Strathblane Bowling Club — Opening Day (see Page 3 for details)
SAT 22nd	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners — Ali Burns Workshop in the Village Club
SUN 23th	2 - 5pm	Electric Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome. Contact: George Thom - gethom@tiscali.co.uk
SAT 29th	2pm	Strathblane Tennis Club — Open Day (see Page 3 for details)
SUN 30th	2 -5pm	Strathblane Tennis Club — Spring Coaching begins (see Page 3 for details)

MAY

SAT 13th		Guild Spring Fayre and Plant Sale (Details in our April issue)
SAT 13th	10 -12.30	Plant Sale in Aid of Crossroads, in Gartmore Village Hall
SAT 27th	8pm	Strathblane Tennis Club — 1960's Music Night with Al Fleming's Back Beat Village Club 8pm (music at 9) (see Page 3 for details)

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