

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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Please Note SCC has a new email address — contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

SCDT AGM — Monday May 22nd

8pm in the Village Club

A Trust for the Community—Our community development trust was established over 10 years ago with the objectives of helping improving the quality of life in Strathblane, Blanefield and Mugdock, and preserving and developing community assets. It works as an ‘umbrella’ organisation in partnership with other groups and individuals to help raise grant funding community projects. It also co-operates closely with the Community Council, and the community at large, in creating and updating our Community Action Plan first agreed in 2011.

Bringing Resources into the our Community—Over the last six years over £300,000 has been raised for projects in our villages and amongst the things the SCDT has supported:

- new paths, walking brochures & information boards;
- the publication of a “Then and Now’ book;
- Improvements in the play-park;
- a renewable energy project;
- drainage work on the football park.

And there is more in the pipeline including, this year, taking ownership of the Gravediggers Bothy in Strathblane and converting it to a Heritage & Information Centre, and the creation of an additional link path at Station Road. Use of the ‘community right to buy’ is once again on our agenda. (see right)

A *Non-Profit-making Registered Charity*, the SCDT is a membership organisation with well over 150 individual members. All income goes to improve the quality of life in our community and the Directors are volunteers. The more members SCDT has the greater its ability to represent community priorities. If you are not already a member please consider joining. It only costs £5.

The SCDT AGM on Monday evening at 8pm in the Village Club presents a great opportunity for everyone to come along and contribute to the planning of the SCDT’s activities in the coming year. Membership forms will be available.

Edenkieln Surgery — The Surgery will close at 12 on June 12th - a Forth Valley public holiday.

We can be contacted at 01360 770340. For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at www.edenkielnurgery.com For out of hours help contact NHS24 at 111

Community Council Vacancy

Volunteer Required

to join the SCC by co-option
to fill the vacancy left by retiring SCC member Elspeth Neill

Please contact the Chair (770131) or email: contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Invasive Species

Volunteers Needed Urgently

Himalayan Balsam must be cleared from the ground alongside the Blane near Station Road. Work must start soon before the plants seed. Any time you can give would be appreciated.

Please contact Joan Hoggan on 770181 or joanhoggan@btinternet.com

Community Right to Buy & the Blane Valley Inn

The April Bulletin featured an article on the process involved in the Community Right to Buy with particular reference to the Blane Valley Inn which at that point was expected to come on to the market with the clear risk that it might be lost to the community as a pub and restaurant.

For the moment that risk has receded but the SCDT continues to monitor the situation.

The general issue of our approach to registering a Right to Buy community assets is just one of the important issues for discussion at the SCDT AGM on Monday 22nd at 8pm in the Village Club.

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 contact@strathblanecc.org.uk for more details.

May Community Council Update *from Chair, Margaret Vass*

Resignation & Co-option

Robert Davies has resigned from the CC following his election to Stirling Council. The CC was delighted to unanimously co-opt Evelyn MacDougall to replace him. Evelyn is warmly welcomed to our team. We are likely to need another volunteer next month to fill a likely vacancy.

Roads and Land Services

Continuing with our theme of holding Stirling Council services to account, this month we heard from Roads and Land Services. David Crighton has provided us with an updated map of the state of our roads. In the programme for work this year are:

- A81 at Duntreath for surface dressing to maintain the quality of the surface , *early July*;
- A81 at Ballewan new surface (likely to be a road closure), *mid August*;
- Station Rd new surface from Cuilt Farm to the A81 this will be a road closure, *early July*.

Disappointingly, Stirling, unlike other local authorities does not have a general policy of **20mph speed limits in residential areas**. They are only used where a 'safer route to schools' is affected. Surely a speed limit is cheaper than traffic calming—although that is rarely done either.

Funding has been identified to narrow the **Station Rd bridge** if the community can raise the funds for a link path from the railway track. The Path Development Group is already engaged in that task.

Pressure on Old Mugdock Rd was raised. The number of cars using the road continues to rise as more houses are built in gardens. Interestingly roads development officers are part of planning not the roads service! So we need address another silo, it is not much wonder that we don't gain sufficiently from

planning applications that are looked at in a piece-meal fashion. Temporary double yellow lines on Old Mugdock Rd at the Coop are expected this year to ensure access for blue light vehicles and gritters.

Land services do grass cutting 15 times a year and the street cleaning team are in the village twice a week. The play park is checked regularly, please report broken glass to the call centre. SC is keen to see more daffodils and fruit trees planted this year.

Broadband

Douglas Baillie spoke about Broadband and urged those who do not have adequate speeds to contact him at the Council. There is funding for our outlying areas that are not close to cabinets to come up with a solution.

Police Report

PC Steven Graham attended our meeting for the first time for over a year. As usual crime centred around Mugdock Country Park. Worryingly a local resident highlighted that there is regular racing of vehicles on Campsie Road. If anyone knows anything about this please contact 101. If you see vehicles preparing to do this take their number and phone 101. This is highly dangerous.

Please note our new email address

The SCC AGM followed by the June SCC meeting will be on **Monday June 12th** in the Strathblane Primary School starting at 7.30pm

Copy Date for the **June BVB** is **Tuesday 20th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to late-June to contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Emergency Phone Numbers

Ambulance — 999 Fire — 999 NHS 24 — 111 Police — 999 [for non-emergency calls - 101]

MAKING CONTACT with the SCC Email us at contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

Blanefield Ward

Margaret Vass 770131

Avril Keen 07799261297

Willie Oswald 770497

Julie Hutchison 770791

Strathblane Ward

Alan Hutton 770537

Marian Lever 770536

Elspeth Neill 771653

Sue Rand 770630

Mugdock Ward

Richard Arnold 770006

John Gray 771031

Grace Edmonds 770800

Evelyn MacDougall 770757

Or via our website at www.strathblanecc.org.uk . **Other Information Sources** — Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the **Facebook** Strathblanefield Page

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

Getting it right for Hearing

Ideas for ears are looking for local people to review customer environments such as cafes and other public places as venues for people with a hearing impairment, an increasing number these days. They have an online review form for comments on venues at www.ideasforears.org.uk

Strathblane Tennis Club 1960's Music Night with Al Fleming's Back Beat

**Saturday May 27th 8pm in the Village Club
(music at 9). BYOB**

Tickets £10 (Children £5) from Alastair Balfour 770750,
Sally Gray 771031, or Strathblane Library.

Strathblane Church Holiday Club!

Join us again this Summer for our week long holiday club, running from **Monday to Friday 14th-18th August**.

Five mornings of fun, games, drama, crafts & bible stories in the Kirk Rms.

Open to all children age 5 to 11 years (or 4yrs if P1 in August).

More details will be available soon - join us on Facebook 'Strathblane Kirk' for updates.



Blanefield Thistle FC

After a mainly successful pre-season the thistle season, belatedly, got underway on Tuesday May 9th with a solid 4-0 victory at home to Deanston.

A few new players have joined the squad this year and we are hopeful that it will be a successful year.

Since Fintry pulled out, the league now has 11 teams. The fixtures for May and June are listed below and we have games against Killearn and Balfron to be rearranged. Any changes will be posted on the Strathblanefield web-site.

Sat 20th May..Home to Gargunnock(7pm)

Tues 23rd May..Away to Aberfoyle(7.30)

Tues 30th May..Away to Buchlyvie(7.30)

Tues 6th June..Home to Kippen(7.30)

Tues 13th June..Away to Thornhill(7.30)

Tues 20th June..Away to Deanston(7.30)

Sat 24th June..Away to Drymen (7.00)

Tues 27th June..Home to Killearn(7.30)

Sat 13th may..Home to Drymen (7pm)

Anyone interested in playing or needing information on the team can contact Craig Dunn (07920584604)

Start Up Stirling: Donation Box

Please remember there is a donation box for the food bank in the library. Always needed are tinned items, rice, pasta & sauces, cereal bars.

Strathblane Primary School and Nursery Class

STRATHBLANE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 3rd June 12pm - 2pm

REFRESHMENTS	CAMPBELL CROONERS - 12pm	BEAT THE GOALIE
HOME BAKING	STORY TIME - 1.30pm	FORTUNE TELLER
BBQ	BOUNCY CASTLES	PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT
CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN	SUMO SUITS	COCONUT SHY
RAFFLE	FACE PAINTING	TEST YOUR STRENGTH
TOMBOLA	TODDLER AREA	LEGO COMPETITION
	PONY RIDES	



12th - 18th June 2017

Carers Week is an annual campaign to:

- raise awareness of unpaid carers
- highlight the challenges carers face
- recognise the huge contribution that carers make to families and communities throughout the UK



For more information call **01786 447003** or visit www.stirlingcarers.co.uk/carers-week-2017

Tuesday 13th June

INFORMATION STAND

**Strathblane Library
10am - 12.30pm**

Meet the Rural Officers from Stirling Carers Centre and find out more about the free services available to unpaid carers.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

SAT 20th	7pm	Blanefield Thistle at home to Gargunnoch — for all May & June fixtures see page 3
SUN 21st	1.30-4pm	Push the Boat Out - Try Sailing at Loch Ard Sailing Club, Kinlochard Refreshments, games for young people. Bring waterproof jacket & trainers.
MON 22nd	8pm	SCDT AGM — all members (including new members) welcome to hear about the Community Development Trusts activities and to debate our community's future..
UES 23rd	7pm	Traditional Music Session in the Library. Contact Sheila on 770824
WED 24th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. All welcome (+ Weds. through to the next BVB)
THURS 25th	10.30pm	Bookbug Week Special Session - Come and have a wee giggle. In the Library
SAT 27th	8pm	Strathblane Tennis Club 1960s Music Night with Al Fleming's Back Beat - See p3
SUN 28th	2 - 5pm	Electric Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome. Contact: George Thom - gethom@tiscali.co.uk

JUNE

THURS 1st	11.30 - 12.30	Library Drop-in IT Session - help with computer/Ipad queries. Drop in any time, contact library for info. 770737 — Also on Thursday 8th 11.30 - 12.30
FRI 2nd	2 - 4pm	Library Stories & Crafts for 3 -5 yr olds. Please phone 770737 to book
SAT 3rd	12 - 2pm	Strathblane Primary School SUMMER FAYRE — see page 3 for details
SAT 3rd	2 - 4pm	Family Digital Showcase Event in Strathblane Library. See below for more details.
SUN 11th	2 -4pm	Traditional Music Jam in the Village Club. All welcome
MON 12th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council AGM followed by the June Meeting in the School
TUES 13th	10 - 12.30	Carers Information Event in Strathblane Library. See Page 3 for more details.
TUES 20th	7.30pm	Library Book Group discussing 'Olive ketteridge' by Elizabeth Stout
MON 26th	3.15-4.15	Chatterbooks - the Library's Book Club for P5-P7s. See Library for details

DigiKnow Showcase, Strathblane Library, Sat June 3rd 2pm – 4pm.

Fancy finding out how to design your own 3D model? Come and take a look at our 3D printers in action. Want to have a shot at Coding? Come and investigate some new digital activities. Bring your little ones along and see some Apps especially for using with pre-school children. Have a go on the smart devices and explore Stirling Libraries e-services – thousands of books, magazines & comics free with your library card!

Free, hands-on, family friendly event _ just drop in.

The Edmonstone Hall

for enquiries or bookings contact Anne McKellar on 0136077055 or anne.mckellar@outlook.com

The Village Club

enquiries & bookings: - check schedule at www.villageclub1911.org
email strathblanevc@gmail.com
or Contact Fiona Murray at 771497 Office hours only)

A Thank You from the Guild to the huge range of people and groups (too many to name) who contributed to a very successful Plant Sale—lots of smiling faces despite the downpours! We raised almost £1100 on plants alone and all monies raised will benefit Water Aid and the church. We will be selling plants at the School Fair. *Susan Kelly*

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