

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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Council Confirm Plans for Cemetery Extension

As a follow-up to her attendance at the SCC this month Stirling Council Cemeteries Officer, Barbara Docherty, has sent us a statement confirming the Council's commitment "to proceed with a new burial ground to serve the community of Strathblane, at the location....outlined in the Local Development Plan" and noting that "the cemetery land purchase and development costs have been included in our Capital Programme."

Current Capacity: Ms Docherty reports that "42 lairs remain unsold (including the newly developed section at the entrance) within the existing burial grounds. Typically five lairs are sold each year". This remaining lair provision will last about eight years. Advance purchase of lairs is currently restricted to need, in order to conserve land resource". Any unforeseen increase in demand will, of course, reduce the land currently available.

Section for Cremated Remains: In addition a new section has been developed along the fence line to the rear of the grounds for the interment of cremated remains. When completed it will provide approximately 63 lairs. "The creation of this new section increases choice and will help alleviate pressure on more traditional coffin lairs, extending the life of the grounds while we try to secure new land."

Locating the Cemetery Extension: "Following a search of the district, and working with colleagues in Planning, an area of land off Campsie Road, adjacent to the Cala Homes development, was identified as suitable for burial purpose and allocated in the Local Development Plan, with the provision that the cemetery will prevent any further development to the east. Although approx. two hectares has been identified, the full site is unlikely to be developed from the outset (should we secure the land) however an area of this size would be required to ensure that future needs are met. Especially so as additional housing sites have been identified in the new LDP."

Edmonstone Hall

Stays Open

SCC Chair Margaret Vass offered the community's thanks to the 'brilliant villagers' who came forward, in response to the appeal in our November Bulletin, to enable a new Management Committee to be formed and to remove the threat of closure.

Mrs Vass also wished to record that "the community is greatly indebted to the retiring committee members for keeping the Hall going for such a long time".

We will have more information in our February issue.

Strathblane Primary School

P5 Pupils to attend

February SCC Meeting

Some representatives from P5 in Strathblane PS will be coming along to our next meeting to highlight speeding issues to the Police and Roads Dept. officials.

They will be mounting a campaign to reduce speed and, hopefully, achieve some traffic calming measures.

Priority Based Budgeting 2018/19

Stirling Council is giving us one opportunity to engage with the budgeting process — at Balfron HS on **Monday January 22nd at 7-8.30pm.** SCC members will attend, but the more local views are represented the better. Anyone can have an input — from local groups, businesses or just as individual residents. You can register at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/working-with-you-to-shape-stirlings-future-201819-tickets-39958409679

Modernising the Glasgow Airport Flightpaths

A consultation exercise on proposals to modernise the Glasgow Airport was announced this week. It is not yet clear what, if any, implications there will be for Strathblane.

For anyone interested detailed information including maps is available at:

www.glasgowairport.com/airspace

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 — free when you sponsor an issue.

Contact contact@strathblanecc.org.uk for more details.

December / January Community Council Update from Secretary Grace Edmonds

Gladman Application — In December we were pleased to hear that the Gladman planning application had been refused. Nobody was surprised when an appeal was lodged just before Christmas. At the January meeting it was agreed that the Community Council would make an additional submission to the Reporter based on new information that Gladman had submitted with their appeal.

Cemetery Extension — Stirling Council is still committed to building a new cemetery in the village on the site beyond Braidgate. It still hopes to be able to buy the land, but may have to consider Compulsory Purchase if the owner will not sell. At present there are 42 lairs remaining in the existing cemetery and an area is currently being developed to allow the interment of 63 cremated remains. (see Page 1 for details).

Police Reports — Police Scotland had little to report in our area in December. PC Craigie attended the January meeting. Police patrols in the village seem to have stopped the anti-social behaviour at the play park and football pitch. A number of cars have been stolen in the area and PC Craigie reminded the residents that cars should be locked at all times, despite the fact that we live in a country area. PC Craigie was pleased to report that there were no positive breath tests in our area over the festive period.

Neighbourhoods of Care — The importance of having a Power of Attorney was emphasised by a representative from Solicitors for Older People Scotland. Everybody should have one of these in case they become incapacitated and relatives have to make decisions about their care. Solicitors for Older People Scotland can be contacted for advice about this on 0800 152 2037.

We want to remind people that it is acceptable to call 999 in a medical emergency and that there are first responders in the village who can be contacted for help while waiting for an ambulance.

Broadband—There is an ongoing problem with Broadband provision in the village and Mike McNulty is looking into this on behalf of residents. He asks that anybody experiencing problems keep a log of when and where these are occurring so that he has details to quote when contacting BT. He can be contacted on contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

The February Community Council Meeting
is on **Monday 4th at 7.30pm** in the **Village Club**
when we will be joined by some
P5 pupils from Strathblane PS.
Why not come along and have your say.

Copy Date for our **February issue** is **Monday 19th**.
Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to the end of March to contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Strathblane Community Development Trust

The SCDT Board Agenda continues to focus both on a number of current projects (Link Path, Signage & the Bothy) and a review of the Trust organisation with proposals to be put to our 10th Anniversary AGM in May.

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 111

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

<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	07580539492	John Gray	771031
Willie Oswald	770497	Sue Rand	770630	Grace Edmonds	770800
Julie Hutchison	770791	Mike McNulty	770076	Evelyn Macdougall	770757

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

STIRLING COUNCIL

Councillors' Surgeries
are usually at 7pm on
SCC meeting nights in
the Village Club

Report faults at
info@stirling.gov.uk or
ring 0845 2777000

Join My Stirling at
www.stirling.gov.uk for
updates

Library News

from Beth Crossan

Fun with Textiles at the Library!

The Library is delighted to announce that monthly 'Fun with Textiles@Strathblane Library' sessions for 9-11 year olds will **start Saturday 27th Jan and thereafter the last Saturday of the month.** These will be run in conjunction with the Strathendrick Embroiderers Guild.

Places limited to 10, to book please contact

01360 770737, or

strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk

Blane Valley Burns Club Burns Supper

Edmonstone Hall, Blanefield

Saturday 27 January 2018

Doors Open 6.15pm for 7.00pm

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BYOB and Glasses

An evening of song, poetry, and laughter to celebrate our National Bard. The event funds our cultural activities and projects with Strathblane Primary School and Strathblane Library.

Loch Ard Sailing Club is 50 years old !

The club would like to involve past members in events this season. We have the names of some of you, but not all and addresses may be obsolete. If you would like to be involved in the celebrations please contact: publicity@lochardsc.org.uk

The Campsie Crooners meet on

Wednesdays at 7.30 for 7.45 from Jan 17

usually in the Village Club but

on Jan 24 & Feb 28th in the Kirk Rooms.

On Feb 7 we have a Workshop with Siobhan Millar

New members are always welcome

Why not join your (no audition) community choir when we restart on Wed January 24th at 7.30 in the Kirk Rooms

Linda Barclay, mother of former Strathblane resident Owen Britton who died aged 17 on 28 January 2016, is doing 70.3 Dubai Ironman on 2nd February in his memory.

Owen died from SUDEP, sudden unexpected death in Epilepsy patients, despite having had just one known seizure a year earlier; he was not diagnosed as an epileptic. Had they known about the risk of SUDEP his death could have been avoided because Owen knew the night before that he was going to have another seizure.

Eighteen months after Owen's death, Linda and her husband Dave resolved to start tackling some of the issues around SUDEP and the failure by the medical profession to properly acknowledge and communicate information on this risk. In consultation with the SUDEP ACTION charity, they realised that it was imperative to establish the statistics on SUDEP deaths. Unfortunately, it is rarely, if ever, attributed as a cause of death, including in Owen's case where the death was recorded as "unascertained". However, SUDEP ACTION has been compiling a database from interviewing relatives and the detailed records are now getting towards a thousand.

To gain a better understanding of the prevalence of SUDEP deaths Linda has decided to fund a PhD student in data-science, who would spend 6 months on developing methods to extract information from this dataset. Reverting to an earlier, more athletic, stage of her life to raise the money, on the 2nd February (two years after Owen's death) Linda will compete in the Dubai 70.3 Half Ironman (1.9km Swim, 90km Bike, 21.1 km Run) The goal is to raise £10,000.



Linda is currently off her £10,000 target. If you would like to sponsor her, you can go to the Owen Britton Tribute Fund.

owen-britton.muchloved.com

If you would like to learn more about SUDEP go to SUDEP Action.

<https://sudep.org/>

Blanefield resident and former Balfron High School pupil, Ailsa Lindsay (23), heads out to Nepal in March.



Ailsa will be part of a group of young volunteers on the government programme ICS as part of the Voluntary Services Overseas charity. The volunteers will work on an education project for three months improving the lives of the children and the wider community in the Kavre District of Nepal.

Ailsa has to raise £800 before placement, as the programme is fully funded the donations will go direct to the charity. On return from Nepal, she will be carrying out an 'Action at Home' programme in the local community, raising awareness of the trip and carrying out a project which aims to bring about positive social change in the local area.

Please see Ailsa's JustGiving page to find out more and to donate:
www.justgiving.com/ailsalindsay

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

MON 22nd	7.30pm	Guild — Talk by Ruth Box entitled Africa Bound
TUES 23rd	11 -12.30	Needle & Natter Group in the Library — all needle-workers welcome
TUES 23rd	10-11am	Seasonal Flow Yoga Classes in the Village Club. Facebook: The Strathblane Yoga Club; Call: 07432650396 or email: elainelovesyoga@live.com
TUES 23rd	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Book Club
WED 24th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the KIRK ROOMS tonight.
WED 24th	7-8.30pm	Youth Sports resumes in the Edmonstone Hall for children in P5-P7
THURS 25th	10.30-11	Bookbug at the Library -Songs & rhymes for wee ones & their carers
SAT 27th	10.15.11.45	Fun with Textiles @ Strathblane Library (see box on P.3)
SAT 27th	6.15 for 7	Blane Valley Burns Club 38th Annual Burns Supper (see PI for more details)
SUN 28th	2 - 5pm	Popular Music Session (Electric) in the Village Club (1.30 set-up). All welcome. Popular tunes: pop, blues, country. Words & tunes on O/Hd, Contact: gethom@me.com for info.

FEBRUARY

SUN 4th	6.30pm	Praise Night the Kirk Rooms
MON 5th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council Meeting in the Village Club . All welcome.
MON 5th	7.30pm	Guild — Healthy Bones with Dr Morag Thow
TUES 6th	11 -12.30	Needle & Natter Group in the Library — all needle-workers welcome
TUES 6th	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Film Club meets to discuss ‘Gifted’. New members welcome.
FRI 9th	1.30 -2pm	Storytime in the library — for pre-schoolers
THURS 11th	7.30pm	Traditional Music Session in the Library — contact Sheila on 770824. All welcome. Tunes on Dropbox. Contact gethom@me.com for access to Dropbox or for information.
MON 19th	7.30pm	Guild — An evening of Art - by Ourselves
TUES 20th	11 -12.30	Needle & Natter Group in the Library — all needle-workers welcome
WED 21st	7.30pm	Heritage Society: Simon Jones ‘The National Park our Neighbours’ in Village Club
TUES 20th	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Book Club
THURS 22nd	10.30-11	Bookbug at the Library -Songs & rhymes for wee ones & their carers
THURS 22nd	7 - 9pm	Traditional Acoustic Music Session in the Library — contact Sheila on 770824
SAT 24th	10.15.11.45	Fun with Textiles @ Strathblane Library (see box on P.3)
SUN 25th	2 - 5pm	Popular Music Session (Electric) in the Village Club (1.30 set-up). See above for more.

The Village Club —for enquiries & bookings:

check schedule at www.villageclub1911.org
email strathblanevc@gmail.com or Contact
Fiona Murrav at 01360 771497 Office hours only)

The Edmonstone Hall — for enquiries or bookings

contact Anne McKellar on 01360770555 or
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