

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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Strathblane Primary School Eco Day Wednesday June 22nd

Eco activities throughout the day for the children to enjoy and **the community is invited to join them at 9.25am** in the playground or the main hall (weather dependent) for a 'Trashion Show' of outfits the children have made at home.

The children will then walk along the new railway path past the allotments (**everyone should be aware that there will be about 200 walking the path at that time!**) before splitting into mixed age groups groups to do **litter picking, pond dipping art using natural materials** in the small football park, visit the bring & buy sale (books and toys donations welcome) and games with giant Earth Balls.

The Coop are donating fruit and additional helpers for the day. **Any other community involvement ideas would be welcome.**

New Role for Strathendrick Care Home

Following several meetings between local community council members and representatives of the new Joint Integration Board the fate of Strathendrick Care Home has been clarified. It is no longer under threat of sale as part of the funding for the Stirling Care Village.

Instead, over time it will change from a residential care home into an intermediate care facility offering short term step up/step down care for vulnerable adults. This can apply either on discharge from hospital whilst a care package is finalised or when some additional care is needed during bouts of illness. No full time resident will be required to leave the home but over time more beds will be used for this or for respite care to support local carers. Over the winter four beds were used for intermediate care and one for short term respite care. Stirling Council will continue to maintain the building whilst the running costs will be borne by the Joint Integration Board. People eligible for support with their residential care costs will still receive that support but care will be offered in privately owned residential homes.

Work Starts on Playing Fields Drainage

SCDT has received grant funding from the Stirling Council's community test site initiative which is to demonstrate new ways of working with the Council. Amazingly the Council drew up a licence agreement within a week to allow work to start. The works consist of verti draining and ground probe aeration to the George V playing fields to enable the soil to be opened up to allow the existing drainage system to start functioning as it did when first installed. The verti draining will be done by towing the verti drain implement behind a small tractor. The Ground Probe Aeration has been done with a lightweight machine operated by a man walking behind it. The machine has a hollow probe about 30mm in diameter and about 750mm long which is driven into the ground and then has compressed air blasted through it to reverse the effect of the compaction which has occurred. So fingers crossed that it has worked!

The works include the application of selected weed-killer, fertiliser and grass seed to rejuvenate the pitch.

Path Projects Update

Danny's Brae Re-Opens

The new Danny's Brae—including a wheel ramp — is now open. Whilst one or two small items remain to be finished off, the Path Development Group hope that most of the problems (especially drainage) on this confined site have been handled.

Bridle Route & Benches for Railway Path

By the end of the summer we hope that with the help of the horse riding community we will be able to open up a route for horses along the whole length of the north side of the new path. It remains vital the any horses using the path itself keep to walking pace. Within the next few weeks we also plan to install some tables and benches (made from felled timber by Keith Vass and helpers) at two sites alongside the new path.

The Link Path to be Finished this Month

We only await the arrival and installation of new gates at the top of this path. Maybe by the end of June all three new paths will be done!

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@strathblainfield.org.uk for more details.

Community Council June Update — from SCC Chair Margaret Vass

2015-16 AGM

This month's meeting included our AGM. This allowed us to reflect on achievements and issues over the last year and gives me an opportunity to thank Community Councillors for their work over the year. Specific thanks were recorded to Eric Strachan, the external examiner for our accounts.

Succession Planning You will hear a lot about succession planning over the next year and the need for members of the community to step forward to replace 6 of us who will not be standing for re-election in 2017. We have started the process with a change of Secretary. Grace Edmonds has agreed to learn the ropes from Dick Arnold. The Community Council thanked Dick for his commitment as secretary over the last 7 years. The agenda for community empowerment and engagement is going to increase so having a strong Community Council will be increasingly important

June Monthly Meeting

We welcomed Ian Denvir to our meeting. He is our new Community Link Officer and replaces Pam Campbell, now promoted. Ian will be a good point of contact for any community groups that need information or help from the council.

Care Hub Our main discussion this month centred on proposals for the Strathendrick care hub (see page 1)

Community Partnership Event We have set up a small

group to work up our contribution to Balfron High School's community partnership event on the 20th September. We will be running a stall and talking to S3 and S6 pupils about opportunities available to young people in our community. There are 3 areas of focus: Community Councils and community groups; Volunteering opportunities; and Local businesses and work experience **Please contact us if your group could do with volunteers or if you could offer work experience.**

Roads We were delighted to see the road markings back on the main road and the solution to parking at the shops resolved. For the avoidance of doubt you should park on the area marked out including the red area, but not in front of driveways or the bus stop.

Tubs Thanks to Elspeth Neill and her team for planting up the tubs for the summer

War Memorial Thanks also to Dick Arnold for organising the work on the War Memorial,—now looking so much better and safer!

Strathblane PS 50th Anniversary The CC also agreed to apply for grant funding to support the primary school's 50th anniversary in October. The pupil's will be staging a play called "The Great Strathblane Story" a tale of 2000 years of history with the help of the Tapsalteerie Theatre. We also agreed to fund an afternoon tea for senior citizens in September to help pupils with their research on the history of the villages.

The next SCC meeting at 7.30pm on August 1st in the Village Club. Please come along and give us your views

Copy Date for the August BVB is Monday August 8th. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to late September to [cc@strathblanefield-](mailto: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

The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

www.villageclub1911.org
email — strathblanevc@gmail.com or
Contact — Fiona Murray 01360 771497
(Office hours only please)

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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INFORMATION SOURCES: Strathblanefield website at 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 or ring 0845 2777000

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

**Forth & Endrick
Old Crocks F.C.**

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**Coasters
Old Crocks (Oban)**

Charity Football Match

at 2pm on
Saturday 25th June 2016

kick-off at
**King George V Playing Fields
BLANEFIELD**

Home of Blanefield Thistle
SATNAV G63 9DW

in aid of
**THE beatson
care hospital**

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forth & endrick old crocks

Strathblanefield Showcase

coming soon to the

Mugstock Music Festival 29–31 July

On Sunday 31 July between 10am and 2.30pm a number of local bands and performers will be on stage at the Mugstock Festival. See them live.

Campsie Crooners (Community Choir) – Al Fleming State Blues Band – Dunbartonshire Wind Ensemble – traditional music with Sheila McFarlane and Feis Fhoirt – John Gray Jammers (from the Village Club Sunday sessions) – Mandy, Martin and Me – Strathendrick Pipe Band – Taylor Craig Duo – Looking for Lola (Katherine Orr) – Circle Dancing (Jenny Oswald) – Barulho Beat – Jo and Olivia Duo.

Full details of timings and tickets see the flyer in this month's Bulletin and watch for updates on the village Facebook page.

Come along and support the Festival and your friends and neighbours who are performing.

GARDEN OPENING

Sunday June 26th 2 - 4pm

Alastair Wallace will open his garden at The Old Manse off Glasgow Road. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge and any donations will go to Strathcarron Hospice.

Fit for a King Holiday Club

Five mornings of fun, drama, games, crafts and bible stories for all primary age children. From 10am to 1,30pm.
Cost £10 (includes lunch).

Email strathblanekirk@gmail.com for more information or pick up a registration form at the Library

.Thinking of growing your own?

Blane Valley Allotment Association

would like to hear from you.

Currently we have plots at the allotments for anyone wishing to grow their own vegetables, fruit or flowers. To find out more email linmackinnon@bt-internet.com or phone Linda on 07557 996520.

A big hello

from **Strathblane**

Out of School Care



We are village organisation that provides flexible childcare options both before and after school, and during holiday periods. Children aged between 4.5 and 16 years come to our relaxed and friendly play environment while parents are working - and quite often when they're not! Remember you don't need to be a regular user to book your child in.

Not only do the children learn through play, it also allows them to socialise with friends in a home-from-home atmosphere learning lots of valuable life skills. We have a busy summer schedule planned at SOSC and we like to be outdoors as much as possible making the most of what our beautiful village has to offer. Keep your fingers crossed for some good weather.

To contact us call the SOSC staff team on 07766337537 or 07720765998, or email

soscltd@yahoo.co.uk

Defibrillator Locator App

Trossachs Search and Rescue have created a new app to help you find a nearby public access defibrillator including ours at the Edmonstone Hall. It can be viewed at

<http://www.trossachsdefibrillator.co.uk/>

FREE to download to mobile phones.

They also report that recently a third life has been saved locally, this time by a defibrillator managed by them and funded by Thornhill Community Council



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

TUES 21st	7.30pm	Blanefield Thistle v Aberfoyle at King George V Playing Fields
SAT 25th	2pm	Forth & Endrick Old Crocks FC v Coasters Old Crocks (Oban) Charity football match at KGV Playing Fields in aid of the Beatson Care Hospital. More info. page 3
SAT 25th	7pm	Blanefield Thistle v Gartocharn at King George V Playing Fields
SUN 26th	2 - 4pm	Old Manse Garden Open All welcome. All donations to Strathcarron Hospice
SUN 26th	1 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
SUN 26th	7.30pm	Kathleen MacInnes, Mhairi Hall & Mike Vass in the Village Club. (see page 3)
TUES 28th	7.30pm	Killearn v Blanefield Thistle (away)

JULY

SAT 9th	7pm	Blanefield Thistle v Fintry at King George V Playing Fields
SUN 10th	2 - 4pm	Traditional Music Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
TUES 12th	11-12.30	Big Friendly Badge Making - part of this summer's reading challenge (See below)
THURS 14th	7pm	Service of Commissioning for Rev Richard Begg in Strathblane Church
WED 20th	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club
SAT 23rd	7pm	Blanefield Thistle v Gargunnock at King George V Playing Fields
WED 27th	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club
SAT 30th	7pm	Blanefield Thistle v Buchlyvie at King George V Playing Fields
FRI 29th	—SUN 31	Mugstock Music Festival in Mugdock Country Park — see flyer for more information
SUN 31st	10—2.30	Strathblane Showcase at Mugstock Music Festival

AUGUST

MON 1st	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome
SAT 20th	2 - 4pm	Blane Valley Allotments Association Open Day Come and meet us and see our plots.

SEPTEMBER

SAT 3rd	8pm	Strathblane Tennis Club Blues Night with Al Fleming's Blue Doo
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Summer Fair — Thanks

The Strathblane Primary School Fundraising Committee wish to thank everyone who attended the Strathblane Primary School Fair. We raised nearly £2000 and could not have done it without the support of all the parents, children and the whole community. Special thanks to Rural Stirling for their sponsorship, the Woman's Guild for the plant sale, the Campsie Crooners, the police and fire services, all the local businesses who provided donations and finally to all our tireless helpers who gave their time and energy to make this such a great event.

Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to read six books during the long summer holiday. Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays. Every year, the Challenge helps get three quarters of a million children across the country into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence. This year "The Big Friendly Reading Challenge celebrates the marvellous imagination of Roald Dahl. Children can read whatever they like—fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - as long as they are borrowed from the library. Every book finished earns a sticker and a reward and there's a certificate for all who finish. **Come along to Strathblane Library from 28th June onwards and join up to join in!**

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