

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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Transport Strategy Consultation

The draft Strategy documents highlight aims that are widely shared - in particular to increase **active travel**—getting people out of cars—especially within communities.

Through the Strathblanefield Community Development Trust, we have raised over £230,000 of external funding locally over recent years (with minimal resource provision from a cash-strapped Stirling Council) to enhance safe walking and cycling.

This consultation is an opportunity for us to push our claims against those of the city of Stirling and its 'travel to work area' for more help with footways, traffic calming, road maintenance, bus services and all the other issues that support safe, convenient and healthy travel.

A list of further projects might include re-opening footpaths along the A81 towards Milngavie and along the A891 to Ballagan, as well as safe off-road cycling routes to Milngavie and towards Killearn along the Blane Valley. But you may have other priorities.

Go to the Council website to register your views:

<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/transport-policy/local-transport-strategy-consultation>

A Reminder - Parking on Pavements and Hedges

Community members continue to raise concerns with the Community Council over these issues.

The problem of parking on pavements causes most concern near the Primary School and the Surgery. Footways are for pedestrians and there are very few circumstances where parking vehicles on them can be justified.

Can we also remind residents that when they cut their front hedges to trim the side which may overlap a public footway.

Thanks — Strathblane Primary School is very grateful for the generous gift of £1,000 from the Blane Valley Players to enhance drama within the school. We aim to buy mobile microphones to help with the sound in the hall.

A81 Resurfacing begins again in October Significant Disruption Likely

The next stage of resurfacing the A81—at the Devils Elbow on Glasgow Road—will take place in the week beginning October 17th. Whilst we do not yet have the full details we expect the road to be closed during the day in that week. Work on the footway will start earlier on October 3rd and is likely to require traffic lights.

The official diversion is likely to use the Cuilt Brae up to Carbeth and the Stockiemuir Road. All possible alternatives routes are on narrower less suitable roads and motorists are asked to have patience and take particular care. The improvements will be worth it in the long run.

Strathblane PS 50th Anniversary

Planning is well underway for the 50th Anniversary of the current school site.

The children have learned lots of information already through an assembly with David Smith. He will be working with the school to prepare our performance of "**The Great Strathblane Story - A tale of 2000 years of History.**" There will be **two performances on 27th October** to which residents of the village and families will all be invited.

There will also be an **Open Afternoon on 28th October** to show off all the work that the children have been doing in their classes.

If anyone has any information, photos or memories that they would be willing to share with the children the school would welcome your input.

Each class will be creating a museum in their classroom to share on the open afternoon. They will be looking at changes through the decades. Here are the topics that the children have chosen:

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| P1 - My School Today | P2 - Toys |
| P3 - Games | P4 - Pop Culture |
| P5 - Transport | P6 - Home Life |
| P7 - School through the decades | |

Please check the website regularly for more information about the 50th anniversary celebrations.

www.strathblaneps.com

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.

September Community Council Update *from Chair, Margaret Vass*

We have had two meetings now where **attendance** from the public has been very low. This is unusual and we will do more to remind you of our meetings. Please put the first Monday of the month in your busy diaries. The major issue where community involvement is vital is the local transport strategy (see page 1). You have been brilliant in submitting your personal views to the consultation but it is important that the CC knows about your views so that we are able to add weight to them in our response

The **police report** highlighted that there has been a spate of thefts in our area, mainly from out buildings, and several road traffic accidents. After an absence of police at recent meetings we will work to encourage a presence in October.

Health and social care integration remains an important issue. Marian and Grace have visited Blenheim Care home to see how the refurbishment is progressing. The rooms are nice and the residents appeared happy. The home is keen to be involved in the village; they have a dementia cafe and hope to be able to offer day care soon.

The group that saved Strathendrick Care home for use

as a local care hub will continue so that communities can have their say about the locality plans (how services will be delivered) that have to be developed by March 2017. Neighbourhoods of Care are being introduced, based on a Danish model, "Burtzorg". Each area is developing a multi-disciplinary team. Currently some people being supported at home by as many as five different people. The team wants to cut this number by having multi-tasking staff. They acknowledge that in some cases a specialist helper may be needed but in many instances multi-tasking is possible.

This month's **Planning** discussion was around the application for two houses at the far end of the Kirkhouse car park. As the application had taken into account the comments made on earlier proposals we agreed no objections would be offered.

Local Issues: We have asked roads to look again at the traffic calming measures on Campsie Road. As we will be getting new bins soon we will be asking Stirling to remove the paper bins opposite the library and redesign the space for the clothes bin to prevent dumping

The next SCC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Monday October 3rd** in the Primary School.
Please come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for the October BVB is **Monday October 17th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to late November to cc@strathblenheimfield.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

Edenkiln Surgery — FLU CLINIC OPEN DAY

Wednesday October 5th 7.30-12.30 & 2-5.30pm
Come along if you are: 65 or over;; pregnant, a carer; or if you have diabetes or suffer from chronic respiratory, heart, kidney, liver or neurological disease, incl. stroke.

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@strathblenheimfield.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

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Strathblenheim Ward

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Elsbeth Neill 771653

Sue Rand 770630

Mugdock Ward

Richard Arnold 770006

John Gray 771031

Grace Edmonds 770800

Rob Davies 771921

INFORMATION SOURCES: Strathblenheimfield website at www.strathblenheimfield.org.uk

Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; and the **Facebook** Strathblenheimfield 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

Past Times Coasters

Following the success of the *Strathblane & Blanefield Now & Then* book, the SCDT has taken delivery recently of 60 sets of attractive drinks mats, just in time for the Christmas market!

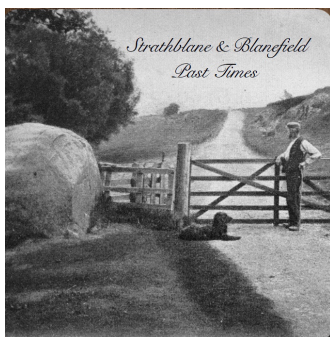
Each set of coasters contains six scenes from the community in days gone by, all featured in the book. They are Strathblane Church as it appeared in 1897, the Village Club, Daniel and Mary Muir as newly-weds in 1911 standing proudly outside their house in Glasgow Road, Blanefield Printworks in the 1880s, the last passenger train to stop at Blanefield Station (in 1958) and a delightful old postcard of the Gowkstone. (See examples below)

Each set comes boxed with a free leaflet by *Now & Then* author Anne Johnstone, explaining the historical background of the scenes in the photographs. Proceeds will go towards future local history projects in the area.

Strathblane & Blanefield Past Times coasters can be purchased from Strathblane Library, Pestle & Mortar Delicatessen and the Smithy Art Gallery for £12 per set.

As well as pleasing today's residents, the development trust hopes they will be snapped up to send to those who have moved away but look back on their time here with nostalgia. The shape of the box is designed to fit through even the smallest letter box and First Class post to anywhere in the UK is just £1.27p. They will also make excellent stocking presents. Santa, are you listening?

Enquiries to anne@annebalfour.com



New Film Group meets on October 4th at 7.15pm

Librarian Lynne James writes: "this new venture in Strathblane Library is a discussion group — exactly like a book group but with films! Members watch a chosen film on DVD (available in the library) and meet to chat about it over a coffee. The first month's film will be 'Bridge of Spies'. All welcome"

Free Housing Advice for Private Tenants

If you are a private tenant in the Stirling Council area, **Shelter Scotland** can offer free confidential, independent help and advice on a range of housing issues including rent queries, rent arrears, eviction, tenancy rights, unlawful fees, deposits, repairs and shared accommodation. If you need to know your rights, need some help to resolve a housing issue or just need some information, you can speak to our dedicated adviser on 0344 515 2483 or email us at stirlingprsproject@shelter.org.uk quoting the name of this publication. Further advice and information can be accessed at our website www.shelterscotland.org.

Rural Innovator Awards 2016

All those involved in **The Strathblane Community Care Model** set up by Strathblane Parish Church, are excited that the project be one of four nominated in the Health and Social category for a Rural Innovators Award.

The Community Model Care Day held in the Kirkrooms last year, the PlayList For Life Training Day and Cuppa Time form part of this project.

The Rural Innovator Awards are run by **Scottish Rural Action** and seek to recognise and publicise some of the most innovative and effective ways in which rural challenges can be addressed. The awards, which will be presented at the **Scottish Rural Parliament** in Brechin on 6th-8th October, are decided on the basis of a public vote.

You can vote online at <http://www.scottishrural-parliament.org.uk/get-involved/ria-2015-16/>

Voting closes at midnight on the 18th September 2016.

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Autumn Faye — October 1st 11-1pm

in the Scout & Guide Hall

Donations gratefully accepted: Jumble (in good condition) incl. toys, books, bric-a-brac & electrical items (no white goods); also for home baking & jar jamboree stalls. No clothes except Gude, Rainbow & Brownie uniforms, dancing kit and school uniforms. No videos or items too big for a car boot.

The hall will be open for items on Thurs 29th & Fri 30th 7-9pm, and Sat 1st 9-10am. If you need items uplifted phone Trish Taylor on 07887382325, Karen Kennedy on 07887382325 or Pamela Smith on 07920048510.

Thanks for your support.

Strathblane Bowling Club Presents

The Sensational Voice of Alan Parker

Music from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s

Saturday October 22nd 7.30 for 8pm

in the Village Club

Tickets £10 for members and non-members include snacks, sandwiches & nibbles

Wine will be sold at £10/750ml bottle

Please contact Don Jackson for tickets at any of the following phone 01360 770535

mob 07738449787

email: jacksondonald@sky.com

The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

www.villageclub1911.org

email — strathblanevc@gmail.com or

Contact — Fiona Murray 01360 771497

(Office hours only please)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

TUES 20th	7.30pm	Book Group - Enright 'The Green Road' in Strathblane Library
WED 21st	2 -3pm	Official Opening of Affordable Housing in Campsie Road by Scottish Housing Minister. Between 2-3pm there will be a chance to view some of the new homes.
WED 21st	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners session with special guest leader Hilary Brooks. Come & join us.
THURS 22nd	2 - 4pm	Stirling Citizens Advice Centre - Outreach Centre in the Kirk Rooms. Open to all.
SUN 25th	1 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
MON 26th	9.30- 10.30	Tap Dancing for the over 60's with Zoe Bell in the Village Club. Every Monday.
THURS 29th	10.30am	Bookbug - Songs & Stories for Pre-school toddlers and their families. Now back in Strathblane Library
FRI 30th	1.30pm	Storytime - in Strathblane Library

OCTOBER

SAT Oct 1st	11 - 1pm	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Autumn Fayre in the Scout &* Guide Hall (see page 3)
MON 3rd	7.30pm	Guild — Dunblane Cathedral Handbell Ringers in Strathblane Church. This is an Open Evening. Refreshments will be served. All welcome
MON 3rd	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Primary School. All welcome
TUES 4th	7.15pm	Film Group in Strathblane Library (See P3 for details)
WED 5th		Flu Clinic Open Day at Edenkiln Surgery 7.30—12.30pm & 2—5.30pm (see p. 2)
FRI 7th	1.30pm	Storytime - in Strathblane Library
SUN 9th	2 -4pm	Traditional Jam Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
MON 17th	7.30pm	Guild — Strathclyde Charities Christine Donald in the Kirk Rooms
WED 19th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - Liz Dempsey 'The Parish of Campsie' in the Village Club
SAT 22nd	7.30 for 8	Bowling Club Music Night with Alan Parker (see page 3 for details)
SUN 23rd	1 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
TUES 25rd	7.30pm	Book Club in Strathblane Library
FRI 28th	1.30pm	Storytime - Special Story & Craft Session in Strathblane Library
MON 31st	7.30pm	Guild — Exalt Choir in Strathblane Church. All welcome

NOVEMBER

SAT 5th	7.30pm	Folk Concert - Duncan McCrone Band in Village Cub. Tickets: from Strathblane Library or Dick Arnold - 01360 770006.
SAT 12th		Bowling Club Jazz Night - look out for details Contact Don Jackson (see P.3)
SAT 19th	7.30pm	The James Honey Band with Jane Button on vocals live at the Edmonstone Hall to raise money for School for Life Romania. Tickets £12 Katie Goodier 07985 970890

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