

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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Gladman Application Refused

Councillors uphold LDP & protect Green Belt land from residential development

We print below the Stirling Council Press Release issued on November 8th after last Thursday's Planning & Regulation Panel at which Gladman's application was refused on a motion proposed by Cllr graham Lambie and seconded by Cllr Alistair Berrill.

"Stirling Council's Planning and Regulation Panel has protected green belt land in Strathblane by refusing plans to build 70 homes and a new cemetery.

The development was proposed for land south of Broadgate House on Campsie Road, and was being taken forward by Gladman Developments, which is part of the multi-million pound Gladman Group.

Today Councillors unanimously rejected the plans, agreeing with Planning Officers concerns that the development would negatively impact the area's protected green belt area. They also felt it would not protect the historic environment by encroaching on the focal point of the Broadgate Mound. The proposals were also not consistent with the Council's Local Development Plan and policy.

The Council received over 80 objections to the plans which included concerns about the impact the development could have on local services and infrastructure.

Planning and Regulation Panel Chair Alasdair MacPherson commented: "Councillors unanimously agreed that the plans proposed were simply inappropriate for the Broadgate site. Not only would this development have significantly impacted our green belt area, it would have also been detrimental to the historical site of the Broadgate Mound which must be protected. Building new properties, particularly affordable homes, is one of our top priorities but we must make sure that these developments are also right for local communities and the Stirling area."

A public consultation, including a public event at the Strathblane Village Club took place in 2016. The proposals were presented to the Panel as the application was classed as a 'Major' development as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009."

(The full 17/00434/PPP report can be found on the planning section of the myStirling website.)

We do not expect Gladman to give up at this stage.

STOP PRESS

Edmonstone Hall to Close at the end of January

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hall Management Committee which took place on Wednesday evening four (very) long-serving members, who between them have taken responsibility for the running of the hall since 1984 stood down. The community's thanks must go to them for all their efforts.

No-one has come forward to take their place and, without a Management Committee, the hall cannot function. The decision was taken to close the hall after the Burns Supper at the end of January.

The loss to many regular users of the hall is obvious. Perhaps there may be volunteers yet to come forward.

Anyone interested can email: contact@strathblanecc.org.uk and the community council will put you in touch with the committee.

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November Community Council Update from Margaret Vass

Scottish Power Networks and their contractor attended our meeting to apologise for the damage done to the Scottish Water bridge and railings at the bottom of the Ash Track. This was as a result of felling an old electricity pole that was so rotten that the ropes that were attached were unable to protect the railings. We have been assured that everything will be fully repaired and will be restored as new.

This month's **Police Report** covered three main issues. First, vehicles are still being damaged outside the Coop. Second, sheep worrying has been taking place at the top of Old Mugdock Rd near Moor Road resulting in the very painful death of a sheep—dogs **MUST** be under control, preferably on a lead when amongst livestock. And, third, it was reported that the remarkable number of 60 drivers have been caught speeding at Campsie Road in the last two months!

On the subject of **speeding** we decided to step up our campaign to put pressure on Stirling Council to come up with proposals to cut the speed of traffic through the village.

Planning — Our horizons are important! we need to be more vigilant about changes to the skyline when considering planning applications. Lessons have been learnt the hard way, our skyline is changing with the construction of a large house in the grounds of Aros House off Moor Road. We agreed to oppose an application for a new two storey house at The Retreat off Cuilt Brae because of its impact on the horizon.

Stirling Council's Scheme for Community Councils If you have views about the role of Community Councils there is still time to complete the survey monkey It is important that as many residents take part. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stirlingccreview> To find out more go to www.stirling.gov.uk/ccreview

The December Community Council Meeting is on **Monday 4th 7.30pm** in the **Village Club**.
Come along and gives us your views.

There is no December BVB
Copy Date for the **January issue** — the first of the New Year—is **Monday 15th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to early January to contact@strathblanec.org.uk

Strathblane Community Development Trust
At its meeting on November 13th the SCDT Board was updated on the conversion of the Bothy, on Paths signage projects involving the John Muir Way and the Allotments lease. The Board began a review of the Trust organisation and plans to bring proposals to the 2018 AGM — which marks our 10th Anniversary. *AH.*

Edenkiln Surgery
We have on-going 'Flu Clinics by appointment.
Surgery closed Dec 25 & 26 & Jan 1 & 2.
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
We wish our patients a Happy Christmas & a Good New Year

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@strathblanec.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.strathblanec.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 Village Club

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

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



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

This year the lights will be switched on at 7.30 pm at the Village Club on Tuesday 12th December 2017

We are really pleased that once again we will be joined by the Dumbarton Wind Ensemble, directed by our own Robert Baxter, playing Christmas music and carols.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Donations are welcome to keep this event self financing.
The usual high turnout is expected.



Library News

from Beth Crossan

— **Tues Nov 28th 'A Good Night In' at Stirling Library with local comedy writers Ian Hopkins & John Duigan.** Tickets free but must be booked at the Library.

— **IT Help:** If you need some help with your iPad or computer please contact the library. We can arrange a session here with one of our I.T. volunteers'

T: 01360 770737, or E: strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk

— Just a reminder that the Library is a donation Station for the 'Start Up Stirling' food bank.

Community Keyboard

The Strathblanefield Community Fund has purchased a Yamaha P45 digital piano for the use of groups and organisations at events in village. It comes with a full set of accessories – seat, stand, sustain pedal, headphones & carry bag.

It will be stored in the Village Club and you can find out more and make a booking through the library. There is no charge for this, it's a community resource so please use it.
Christmas is coming so get your booking in early!

Strathblane Kirk Events

Wed Dec 6th — **Light up a Life Service**
at Strathblane Church, 7.15pm. A chance for everyone to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who lit up their life with theirs.

Fri Dec 8th — **Festive Church Film Night**
in the Kirk Rooms, 7pm.
Seasonal treats in the interval!

Sun Dec 17th — **Lessons and Carols by Candlelight**, Strathblane Church, 6.30pm

Thurs Dec 21st — **Cuppa Time Christmas Special**
at the Kirk Rooms, 2-4pm.

Sat Dec 23rd — **Christingle Service**,
at Strathblane Church, 4.30pm.

Sun Dec 24th — **Watch Night Service**

Dates for the Campsie Crooners

Friday Dec 1st 6pm — Carols to open the

Strathblane Primary School Christmas Fayre

Wed 6th Dec 7.15pm **Light Up a Life Service** (see above)

Our term ends with a 'Have a Go Night' on Dec 13th

New members are always welcome

Why not join your (no audition) community choir when we restart on Wed January 17th at 7.30 in the Village

Strathblane Tennis Club Quiz Night

Friday 24th November at the Village Club

Doors open 7.30, Quiz starts promptly at 8. BYOB Raffle

Tickets: Tables of 6, £6/head

Sally Gray; sally@kirkburndrive.net; 07801456092

Jojo Gnome's

Christmas Story Fun with Jo Hall

for ages 3-6

Mugdock Country Park
Sat 16th & Sat 23rd
December
1.30pm & 3.30pm

- Festive Stories
- Meet Jojo Gnome puppet
- Quizzes
- Rhymes
- Make your cupcake puppet dance in a film

ALL TICKETS £6.50

available from
Mugdock Park (0141-956-6100)

Please note an adult with ticket must be present at the show with children
1.30pm show on 16th Dec for Stathcarron Hospice funds



Blanefield Thistle Quiz Night

Sat 20th January 7-30 till 11-30

in the Village Club

Tables of 6 — BYOB

Tickets are £6 and can be bought from John Pllu (john_pllu@hotmail.com)

or any committee member.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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| THURS 23rd | 10.30am | Bookbug at the Library - All your favourite rhymes songs and stories |
| FRI 24th | 1.30-2pm | Storytime in the Library for pre-schoolers |
| FRI 24th | 7.30pm | Strathblane Tennis Club Quiz Night in the Village Club (see page 3 for details) |
| SAT 25th | 7.30pm | Dave Arcari, Scottish Alt-blues troubadour in the Village Club (see p3 for details) |
| TUES 28th | 11 - 12.30 | Needle & Natter Group in the Library all needle-workers welcome |

DECEMBER

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| MON 4th | 7.30pm | Strathblane Community Council Meeting in the Village Club . All welcome. |
| WED 6th | 7.15pm | Light up a Light Service at Strathblane Church (see Page 3 for more details) |
| FRI 8th | 1.15pm | Story and Craft Time at the Library |
| FRI 8th | 7pm | Festive Film Night in the Kirk Rooms. Seasonal treats at the interval ! |
| TUES 12th | 11-12,30 | Needle & Natter Group in the Library all needle-workers welcome |
| TUES 12th | 7.30pm | Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On in the Village Club. (see page 3 for details) |
| TUES 12th | 7 - 9pm | Traditional Music Session in the Library Contact Sheila (770824) or see on Facebook 'Strathblanefield Sessions'. |
| THURS 14th | 10.30-11 | Book bug - Sparkly Christmas Rhymes at the Library |
| SAT 16th | 1.30+3.30 | Jo-Jo Gnome's Christmas Story Fun with Jo Hall for ages 3-6. See P.3 for details |
| SUN 17th | 6.30pm | Lessons & Carols by Candlelight at Strathblane Church |
| TUES 19th | 7.30-9pm | Strathblane Library Book Group Christmas meeting |
| THURS 21st | 2 - 4pm | Cupa Time Christmas Special at the Kirk Rooms |
| SAT 23rd | 1.30+3.30 | Jo-Jo Gnome's Christmas Story Fun with Jo Hall for ages 3-6. See P.3 for details |
| SAT 23rd | 4.30pm | Chris tingle Service in Strathblane Church |
| SUN 24th | 11.15pm | Watch Night Service at Strathblane Church |

JANUARY

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| MON 8th | 7.30pm | Strathblane Community Council Meeting in the Village Club . All welcome. |
| TUES 9th | 11 - 12.30 | Needle & Natter Group in the Library all needle-workers welcome |
| TUES 16th | 7 - 9pm | Traditional Music Session in the Library |
| SAT 20th | 7.30pm | Blanefield Thistle Quiz Night in the Village Club (see Page 3 for more details) |
| SAT 27th | 6.15 for 7 | Blane Valley Burns Club 38th Annual Burns Supper (see enclosed Flyer for details) |

The Village Club —for enquiries & bookings:

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

The Edmonstone Hall — for enquiries or bookings

contact Anne McKellar on 01360770555 or
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