

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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SCC AGM & Succession Planning

We held our AGM and our normal meeting on 11th June.

The AGM is an opportunity to reflect on our past year and our achievements on behalf of the Community. Succession Planning was very much in our minds when we elected our office bearers. 5 of us are not standing for re-election in the Autumn: myself, Dick Arnold (previous secretary), Sue Rand (previous treasurer), Alan Hutton (previous vice chairperson and editor of the BVB) and Willie Oswald (previous chairperson). We elected Mike McNulty as Vice Chairperson and Evelyn McDougall as Treasurer.

We also presented Willie Oswald with a certificate to thank him for 20 years voluntary service as a Community Councillor. (See picture)

This means that at the Community Council Elections in October there will be five vacancies to be filled — a great opportunity to re-invigorate the council.



It would be good to have individuals with different ideas, different experience — and possibly even from a different age bracket !

To find out more about what's involved please speak to any current SCC member.

SCC & SCDT — Working Together for Community Development

The Community Council is keen to continue the close working relationship with Strathblane Community Development Trust which has existed from 2010 with the creation and reviewing of our Community Action Plan

In the run up to SCDT's 10th Anniversary AGM our August issue will contain much more on that relationship and on the nature and work of the Trust.

European Cycling Championships — Road Closures

Residents in the southern and eastern parts of Strathblane and Blanefield most directly affected by the Time Trial on Wednesday August 8th should have received a letter from the race organisers detailing road closures on that day, which will potentially affect everyone in the community (and many further north).

The **A81 to Milngavie** and of the **A891 to Haughhead** will be closed at 11am and reopened 'in a phased manner' from 4pm. **Beyond Haughhead** the closure will run from 9am until 5.30pm

For full information on the European Championships including road & other transport impacts go to <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/21689>

A81 Re-surfacing Closure—Week Beginning July 23rd

We have learned that the A81 will be closed at Loch Ardsinning for the proper patching of the potholes. As yet we do not know days and times. Our European Championship dividend !

Have you considered SPONSORING an issue of the Blane Valley Bulletin?

Businesses & Community Groups can include an advertising flyer which goes to every household (free of charge when you sponsor an issue).

For more details email:

contact@strathblanec.org.uk

This issue of the Bulletin is sponsored by
Graham Dawson, Electrical Contractor
Graham has now retired
and would like to thank all his customers
for their support over the years

June Community Council Update *From: Chair Margaret Vass*

Our main meeting started with **four guest speakers**:

Alan Harris from the Co-op told us that the Pipe band, the Fun Hut and Mugstock are the successful causes for round three funding so it is really important for members to vote. Eight local organisations have been successful in being shortlisted for funding round four to be announced in October. The Co-op has also donated some plants for our tubs.

We also raised the issue of the Co-op fridges failing on a regular basis. This is not only a huge waste of food but a considerable inconvenience to those who are unable to leave the Village and shop elsewhere.

Tracey Gemmell for Mugstock encouraged residents to purchase our discounted tickets

Stewart Smolareck from Scottish Water told us that George Leslie contractors will be finishing off work at the turbines at long last. They will be using the previous traffic management scheme. Mesh will be applied to the railings on the bridge and repairs made to the track beside the playing fields.

Ian Denvir spoke on behalf of **Tricia Cunningham** about the **Stirling Walking Network**. This aims to help people who might not do so for a variety of health reasons to get out and about. Please encourage family members take part not only to get fit but to make new friends. In Killearn walkers who began by meeting for coffee are now going on holiday together.

Scott Craigie advised us that **PC Gary Martin** has joined him as our second local community Police Officer. Because of the increase in housebreaking there is a greater police presence in the village.

On environmental issues Julie reported that the vandalised bench from the playpark will be repaired and replaced in August. She also has a supply of litter picks and bags for anyone doing litter cleans in the

village. Discussion is also taking place with SC over the £28k community benefit from Cala for play facilities. We need to decide if this money only funds the final two pieces of play equipment previously agreed for the playpark or whether it can be used to repair the pump track or the daily mile track in the school.

On road safety Mike reported on the success to have the Loch Ardinning potholes properly dealt with before the European championships at the beginning of August. We are still waiting for consultation on the traffic calming for Campsie Road and Glasgow Road. We agreed to press Scottish Water to do something/ demolish the air raid shelter at the Blane field end of the railway track. Not only is there a considerable amount of litter left there but people are throwing dog poo bags in as well - unbelievable!

We welcomed the new **Citizens'Advice Bureau** service every other Thursday morning in the library.

We expressed concern that **horse riders have been using the wooden bridge into the playpark**. This is strictly forbidden so please challenge any riders that you see doing this.

Finally we want the **Kirkhouse Road post box** back and are contacting Royal Mail to achieve this. We have asked Cllr Lambie to try to resolve issues around the collapsed wall between Stirling Council and the owner so that the eyesore of the orange protective fencing can be removed.

**The next Community Council Meeting is on
Monday September 3rd 7.30pm in the Village Club**
Please come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for our **August issue** is **Monday 12th**.
Please send Calendar items up to mid September 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

Blane field Ward

Strathblane Ward

Mugdock Ward

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

STRATHBLANE LIBRARY

Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Challenge @Strathblane Library

The Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge Scotland encourages children aged 4-11 use their library and read six books over the holidays. Run in partnership with [The Reading Agency](#) and Scottish libraries the programme encourages children to read for fun. To celebrate the 80th birthday of the Beano the theme for 2018 is Mischief Makers! Children collect prizes & rewards as they read.

Pop into the Library to sign up from June 30th.

MINI MUSIC for Pre-Schoolers

A fun, interactive new music class is starting in Strathblane!

Designed for little ones and their carers, mini music will explore feelings and emotions, learn about seasons of the year and recognise changes in pitches and rhythms using stories, songs, instruments and simple games.

Run by Strathblane Parish Church in the Kirk Rooms from 9.30 every Tuesday morning, refreshments are provided.

Class starts on Tuesday August 21st

For more information please contact Tamara Armstrong tammylou2_uk@yahoo.co.uk



Strathblane Tennis Club

SUMMER 2018 TENNIS CAMP

MON 30TH JULY TO FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST

Sessions	Cost/week £	
	Member	Non-member
A: 10am -12pm (2hrs) 5-7 year-olds	60	70
B: 12-2pm (2hrs) 8-11 year-olds/up to Primary 7	60	70
C: 2-3pm (1hr) At High School? Grab a friend and come and play. The coach will be there to give you tips on improving your game! £5 pay as you go (on the day)		

Second and subsequent children of the same family receive a **10% discount** if all the children are signed up for the week (not applicable to Session C)

ATTENTION SCDT MEMBERS

Please send us your current email address

The Trust is in the process of tidying up its membership list prior to contacting everyone about our AGM at the end of August. For efficient communication we need to use email. Perhaps your email address has changed since you joined or maybe you did not give us an email address.

We would be grateful if all members could send us their current email address ASAP to:

scdt@strathblane.online

CAB Drop-in Sessions in the Library

The Citizens' Advice Bureau now run fortnightly drop-in sessions in Strathblane Library providing support with benefits, housing, job search, IT skills, CVs etc.

See the Calendar on Page 4 for forthcoming dates.

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

Allotment Opportunity

The Blane Valley Allotments Association has one small available — suitable for everyone beginners to experienced growers.

Please contact mmeager@btinternet.com or linmackinnon@btinternet.com

Local Health Walks

Would you like to get out & meet other folk who are interested in a short 30-45 minute local walk on a weekly basis?

Active Stirling runs a weekly walk on a

Thursday at 2pm from nearby locations

It is a fun, friendly, easy walk with no hills and always ends with tea and coffee - very sociable! (and dementia friendly)

S Contact: Judith tel: 07867672513

use the link below for more details

<http://www.activestirling.org.uk/walking/>

Forthcoming walks::

June 28th -Visitor Centre, Mugdock Country Park
August 2nd Oakwood Garden Centre, Killearn

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

TUES 26th	11 - 12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
TUES 26th	7pm	Traditional Music Session in the library. Contact `Sheila on 770824 or on Facebook 'Strathblanefield Sessions'
THURS 28th	10.30 - 11	Bookbug — songs & rhymes for little ones & their carers in the library
THURS 28th	2pm	Killearn/Blanefield Health Walk from Mugdock Country Park Visitor Centre (See P.3 for more information)

JULY

TUES 10th	11 - 12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
THURS 19th	10 - 12	Strathblane Library Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop in. (See P. 3 for details)
TUES 24th	11 - 12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
THURS 26th	10.30 - 11	Summer Bookbug — songs & rhymes for little ones & their carers in the library
FRI 27th	1.30-2pm	Mischief Maker Storytime for 3 - 4 year olds @ the library
FRI July 27th	SUN July 29th	MUGSTOCK FESTIVAL at Mugdock Country Park. See enclosed flyer (Note the mistake - It should read Sat 28th & Sun 29th!) Discounted tickets for local residents.
MON 30th -	- FRI Aug 3rd	Strathblane Tennis Club Summer Camp (details on P.3) Secure your child's place for Camps A & B at https://clubspark.ita.org.uk/strathblane/LTC/coaching/camps Any queries contact Sally Gray at sally@kirkburndrive.net or tel: 07789 207356

AUGUST

THURS 2nd	10am - 12	Strathblane Library Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop in. (See P. 3 for details)
THURS 2nd	2pm	Killearn/Blanefield Health Walk. Meet at Oakwood Garden Centre (see p.3 for more details)
TUES 7th	11 - 12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
WED 8th		European Cycling Time Trial passes through Strathblane (See Page 1)
THURS 16th	10am - 12	Strathblane Library Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop in. (See P. 3 for details)
TUES 21st	11 - 12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
TUES 21st	9.30am	Mini Music for Pre-Schoolers - In the Kirk Rooms See page 3 for more details
THURS 30th	10am - 12	Strathblane Library Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop in. (See P. 3 for details)

SEPTEMBER

MON 3rd	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome
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The Edmonstone Hall — for enquiries or bookings
contact David McLean on 01360770919 or
mclean728@btinternet.com

The Village Club —for enquiries & bookings:
check schedule at www.villageclub1911.org
email strathblanevc@gmail.com or Contact

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