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DID YOU KNOW?

Your BVB is published by Strathblane Community Council who would like to thank Cami Ramsay and Val McNulty for their help in producing the bulletin every month.

This is much appreciated.

FIGHTING THE FLOODS

In recent weeks we have become increasingly aware of the very local effects of global warming in the village with two incidents of localised flooding in the Station Road area of the village. One of these was prominently recorded both on television and in a Stirling Observer article. In the most recent flood not only excessive water came down but also rubble and timber. Recent work on the banks in Station Road which dealt with damage undercutting the road has not seen an end to the problem as we now have a large and dangerous hole on the other side of the main road, currently surrounded by the familiar temporary safety barriers. We live in fear of the road collapsing given the weight of some local traffic. We need action and the recent Community Council started discussions about possible actions and solutions.

As there was little time for real discussion at the recent CC meeting, the issue of flooding will be part of the formal agenda at the next meeting so that it can be dealt with earlier with plenty of time for discussion. At the meeting we were reminded about the responsibility of landowners with land adjoining the burn and their responsibility to ensure that debris does not get washed into the water and this we will follow up too.

Since the meeting it has come to the notice of the Community Council that Scottish Water is currently discharging large quantities of water into the burn from Campsie Dene and that this has significantly raised the water level, making the problems of excess runoff caused by the very heavy and localised rainfall worse. We will be contacting Scottish Water about this and will invite them to our next meeting along with the recent new appointment to Environment and Place on the Council, Bruce Reekie. The flooding is a complex problem and will demand a variety of responses. It will be a standing item at our meetings for as long as necessary so please try to come along with ideas.

FITTING A SECURE EUROLOCK TO A PVC DOOR

Virtually all of our PVC doors and indeed some wooden ones are fitted with Eurolocks. Many of these older versions are a security risk. They can be gripped externally with a mole grip after breaking off the handle bezel to reveal the lock body, then wrenching the barrel which breaks centrally at the lock actuating lever. Access to the property can then be gained without a key. This can be done with little noise in less than a couple of minutes. A more secure version has a sacrificial slot machined into the lock which breaks leaving the remainder of the lock secure. A three star high security version is available which also resists drilling and physical attack. Fitting a new lock of either type is fairly easy. A single cross-head machine screw in the edge face of the door level with the lower part of the lock is simply unscrewed and the old lock can be slid out – insert the key and turn slightly to assist in this. A new lock can be purchased after measuring the inside and outside length of the old lock from its fixing screw hole. Measurement can also be made without removing the lock to allow you to purchase a new one in advance. Measure from handle bezel to the fixing hole on each side. Each dimension may be different so you need to get the correct length.

The new secure lock will have a slot machined on the outer portion or maybe both. Slip the new lock into the door, align the fixing hole and insert and tighten the securing machine screw. Check operation before closing the door to ensure it works freely. The high security version may have lugs on the body which will necessitate removal of the door handle bezels which is usually done by removing the two machine screws through the door which clamp them together. Measure up and insert the lock as above then replace the bezels after. Leave screws slightly slack until alignment and proper operation has been proved then finally tighten up. There are a number of YouTube videos on how to do the lock change and the following is one such:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-PMSby330>

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Strathblane Community Council February Update

from Chair Marian Lever

September meeting

Kate Ramsden was adopted as a full member of the Community now that she has served for six months. We still need three more members to bring us up to speed.

Police report: There was very little to report over the summer months, mainly road related issues. MV reported a spate of housebreakings and police activity at one house. ML will contact the police regarding this. The full police report can be seen on the website.

Issues from the last meeting: The work needed to improve road safety in the village is still going to happen. Your Stirling, You Decide resulted in success for Buchlyvie and Arnprior. Strathblane did very badly as so few local residents voted. We believe that the local villages work better together and systems like this, which sets us against each other, are counterproductive.

Invasive species: Malcom McCormick from the Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust (LLFT) told us about the work he does in tackling Invasive Species. The River Blane has several rare fish species so keeping the Blane clean is a priority. Whilst discharges by Scottish Water are a worry the main issue is invasive species - giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed and Himalayan Balsam. He hopes to work with the local community on this issue and will write an article for a future edition of the BVB to outline his plans.

Feedback from Neighbourhoods of Care: Solicitors for Older People Scotland (SOPS); Adult Support and Protection; Handy person Service; Trossachs Search and Rescue partnership with HSCP Mobile Emergency care Services (MECS); Future plans for Strathendrick Care Home and Cherry Trees were all discussed at the meeting in July. Full details are available on the Website and in the public records of the minutes on our notice boards.

Telephone Boxes: The community still owns two telephone boxes purchased to house defibrillators, however Trossachs S&R advised that these more modern models are not suitable. We hope to receive ideas for possible uses for these from the local community in October.

Elected member's Report: Changes to bus services - The Balfron Glasgow service is largely unchanged but the Balfron Stirling link is even further reduced. The planning panel was meeting on Tuesday the 3rd to discuss the future of Croftamie Nursery. Bruce Reekie has been appointed as the head of 'Environment and Place' so will be a contact for issues with potholes, floods etc.

Planning and Licencing: Gladman Appeal - we responded to the Reporter's request for comments on the current appeal. The Community Council will appear at the Edenmill Appeal on extensions of hours to oppose the request. We continue to monitor the Blue Risk development following the submission of a new application. Some members of the CC attended a meeting with regards to the proposed building of 89 homes on the Killearn hospital site. Although it is outside our area the effect on traffic in the A81 is of concern.

Community Comments: The main issue raised was the need for a solution to the recent floods, which is covered elsewhere in the BVB.

Milndavie Pottery New classes and new times for September and October!

September

Wednesday 11th, 11AM, Card Making at M.P - £8

Monday 23rd, 5.30PM, Clay Class for Children & young people - £15

Wednesday 25th, 11AM, Card Making at M.P - £8

October

Thursday 3rd, 7PM, Adult evening Clay Class at M.P

Monday 7th, 1.15PM, Adult afternoon Clay Class at M.P

Monday 7th, 4.15PM, Children's Clay Club at M.P

Wednesday 9th, 11AM, Card Making at M.P - £8

Wednesday 23rd, 11AM, Card Making at M.P - £8

www.milndaviepottery.co.uk

Get in Touch

Email the SCC at contact@strathblanecc.org.uk or via the website www.strathblanecc.org.uk

Your Community Councillors

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Additional Sources - Community Website: www.strathblane.online
Libraby, Notice boards, local press, Strathblanefield Facebook 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 0845 277 7000

Updates at www.stirling.gov.uk

Strathblane Community Development Trust

Keeping you up to date

Our AGM takes place on Monday 30th September at 8pm in the Village Club. All members are welcome and even if you are not a member please come along and join on the night.

Members should have received notification of the AGM by email. Please let us know if you haven't received this.

We really need your support. Do you use the old railway track now the Gary Wright Way or the improved steps at Danny's Brae or the link path up to the Gowkstone? Have you noticed the Grave diggers Bothy starting to look like a building again? This will be a local heritage information point. These are all Community Development Trust projects.

We have ambition to do more so come along and find out more at the AGM. We desperately need more volunteers to help us. I am sure some of our residents fill in grant applications as part of your job. Can you help us? Even become a Director? If you have these skills we really need you so that we can achieve even more for our villages. Please get in touch.

After the AGM business Ian Leaver from the Development Trust Association will tell us what other trusts have been achieving using all the community empowerment legislation

**Email: scdt@strathblane.online
Website: www.strathblane.online**

We are a membership organisation. Please join us if you aren't already member (see website) it costs a minimum of £5 per year. Members who haven't set up their standing order please do so. It costs just under £1k to keep SCDT running. Donations are also welcome!

WESTERTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

A concert featuring WESTERTON MALE VOICE CHOIR will be held in Strathblane Parish Church on **Friday 11th October at 7.30pm.**

The choir is planning a varied programme, and there will be an interval with light refreshments.

Ticket cost is £7.00 and will be available soon from anyone in The Fellowship Group or the local Library. Please support this venture and bring a friend.

ALPHA COURSE

Two years ago the Church held a successful and helpful Alpha course, and we are now planning another one commencing in October in the Kirk Rooms. The course is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith and life in an informal and friendly environment. Each evening there is a short video followed by some discussion on topics such as "Who is Jesus?", "How can I have faith?", "Why and how do I pray?" While we hope that everyone feels free to take part in the discussions, there is no pressure to do so - just enjoy our company and a cup of tea! We hope to start on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm. The course will run over 10-12 weeks on a Tuesday evening. For info or to register please contact Jane Young - 01360 770574 or Nancy Sharp - 01360 770149

Edenkiln Surgery

We can be contacted on 01360 770340

For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at: edenkilnsurgery.com

For out of hours call NHS24 on 111

CINEMA MEMORIES!

The National Library of Scotland's touring display

'Going to the Pictures, Scotland's Memories of Cinema' can be viewed at **Strathblane Library 12th - 18th October.**

Themes include:

- Cinema through the ages
- Scotland on the silver screen
- Scottish cinema locations
- Fandom
- The golden era of cinema

HERITAGE MEETINGS 2019-2020

September 18th - Andy Condron presents The Natural Wonders of the Blane Valley.

October 30th - Plaid Song presents Enlist Bonnie Lad.

November 13th - Gordon Wilson presents The Waverley.

January 22nd - Ian Scott presents James Watt: the Man who Changed the World.

February 12th - Jenny Oswald presents Aspects of Scottish family history.

March 11th - The Angels Share a film with some local scenes.

Enquiries and Bookings

Edmonstone Hall

Contact David McLean on 01360 770 919

OR mclean728@btinternet.com

The Village Club

Check schedule at www.villageclub1911.org

email strathblanevc@gmail.com

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance - 999 Fire - 999 NHS 24 - 111 Police - 999 (police non emergency - 101)

FELDENKRAIS CLASSES IN STRATHBLANE

Local Pilates teacher Jane Meek is now running a Feldenkrais class in the Village Club on Thursday mornings 11.15-12.15. Moshe Feldenkrais understood, decades before science caught up, that our brain has the capacity to change and develop throughout life. Combining movement, breathing and body alignment in a context of mindfulness, the Feldenkrais approach offers a unique and practical way for people of all ages and abilities to maximise their physical and mental potential. The results are not just improved movement, with relief from tension and muscular pain, but enhanced functioning generally: from easier, fuller breathing to greater freedom and vitality in everyday activities, not to mention stronger performance in sport, dance, climbing, Pilates, music, drama and more. The class is suitable for all ages and abilities. All you need is a floor mat and curiosity!

For more information, call Jane on 07759 182236 or e-mail janemfr@tiscali.co.uk

Tennis Coaching



For Juniors and Adults
Sun 1st September – Sun 17th
November

Classes

11 am – 12 noon: 4-8 year-olds
12 noon - 1 pm: 8-12 year-olds
1pm - 2 pm: Adult and teenagers all levels

For further details visit:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Strathblane/TC/Coaching>

or text Sally on 07789 207356/e-mail
sally@kirkburndrive.net

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

STRATHBLANE LIBRARY I.T VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

Tuesday mornings, October 1st, 8th & 22nd , 10.30am-12.30pm.

Strathblane Library I.T volunteers will be available to help with laptops/ computers/ ipads/ Stirling Libraries Digital Resources including e-books. Please contact the library to book a slot.

01360 770737, strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk

September 2019

Tuesday 17th	11am - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome
Tuesday 17th	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Book Group. Contact Hilary 770737 for more info
Wednesday 18th		Heritage Society in the Village Club. Andy Cordon presents.
Wednesday 18th	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners in the Kirk Rooms
Thursday 19th	7.45pm	Community Health & Social Care Partnership drop in at Strathblane Library
Friday 20th	1.30 - 2pm	Storytime for under 5's at Strathblane Library
Tuesday 24th	7 - 9pm	Traditional Music Session in the Library. Contact Sheila on 770824
Wednesday 25th	7.45pm	Campsie Crooners in the Kirk Rooms
Thursday 26th	10am - 12pm	Citizen's Advice Bureau drop in at Strathblane Library
Thursday 26th	10am - 12pm	Community Health & Social Care Partnership drop in at Strathblane Library
Thursday 26th	10.30 - 11am	Bookbug at Strathblane Library. For wee ones and carers. Just drop in.
Monday 30th		SCDT AGM in the Village Club

October 2019

Tuesday 1st	11am - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome
Tuesday 1st	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Film Club - 'Lady Bird'. Contact the library for details.
Tuesday 8th	10.30am - 12.30	Strathblane Library IT volunteers. Contact to book a slot - 01360 770 737
Thursday 10th	10am - 12noon	Community Health & Social Care Partnership drop in at Strathblane Library
Thursday 10th	10am - 12noon	Citizen's Advice Bureau drop in at Strathblane Library
Saturday 12th	10.30 - 11.45am	Strathblane Library Lego Club, drop in for Lego fun!
Tuesday 15th	11am - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome
Thursday 17th		Community Health & Social Care Partnership drop in at Strathblane Library
Tuesday 22nd	10.30am - 12.30	Strathblane Library IT volunteers. Contact to book a slot - 01360 770 737
Thursday 24th	10am - 12pm	Citizen's Advice Bureau drop in at Strathblane Library
Thursday 24th	10am - 12pm	Community Health & Social Care Partnership drop in at Strathblane Library
Saturday 26th	10.15 - 11.45am	Fun with Fabrics. Strathblane Library. Ages 9-11. Contact to book. £1
Tuesday 29th	11am - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle, all needleworkers welcome
Tuesday 29th	7 - 9pm	Traditional Music Session in the Library. Contact Sheila on 770824
Wednesday 30th		Heritage Society in the Village Club. Plaid Song presents.
Thursday 31st	10.30 - 11am	Spook Bug - Pumpkin themed songs & rhymes. Just drop in
Thursday 31st	3.15 - 4.45pm	Fun with Fabrics. Strathblane Library. Ages 9-11. Contact to book. £1

Library Contact - 01360 770 737