

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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HAIR TODAY.....GONE TOMORROW!



Photo by Martin Shields

It's hard to imagine the village without him.....but after 47 years Derek Edward has hung up his scissors and closed his familiar hairdressing salon in Strathblane.

Derek – full name Derek Edward McCulloch – originally hailed from Birmingham and trained there with top hairstylists like Michael Heely. For a while he mixed with the best in UK hair artistry circles, including London's Mayfair, before moving north with wife Julia and their two sons – first to Bearsden in 1963 then out to Strathblane in 1975.

One of the village's best-known characters, Derek has still managed to keep some secrets about himself: for example he's been a top Elvis impersonator. And he met The Beatles when they came to Birmingham in 1962, though history does not record whether he cut their famous mops!

In retirement he now has five grandsons to keep him busy – and his scissors still flying.

The Community Council wishes Derek and Julia a long and happy retirement.



Young Blade to Expert Cutter



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Strathblane Community Council December/January Update

From Chair Julie Hutchison

Welcome from Chair

JH welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked members of the CC who put up and took down the Christmas lights.

Matters arising

JH read out the reply that we received from Carol Beattie regarding our complaint about lack of information about road closures during roadworks on the A81.

We were successful in obtaining a Community Pride grant for the trees to commemorate the late Queen's jubilee. JH will organise the purchase of 6 cherry trees to be planted at the new library.

The For-sale sign attached to the chevrons on the A81 has been removed.

A resident had asked who cleans the bus shelters. JH spoke to SC and the result was that in fact nobody cleans them.

The bridge that has collapsed on the WHW belongs to Scottish Water. They are making it safe but access to it is part of Duntreath Estates. Scottish Water plans to liaise with Duntreath regarding more permanent repairs and will contact us once they know what is happening.

We are still in discussion with SC regarding funding to hold meetings in the VC. GE has emailed Bookings about this and will also Email Councillor McGarvey to see if he can help.

JH will speak to Angela McGibbon again regarding extending the proposed 20mph limit to the new houses.

KR asked if the barriers on the pavement at Station Road could be removed or if there is more work to be done. GE will email Steven Bly about this.

Confirmation of new member

CC members present unanimously elected Rob Davies to be a full member of the Community Council.

Police Report

On November 26th 2022 Police Sergeant Sarah Stephenson commenced her new role as Community Sergeant for the Forth and Endrick ward as well as supervisor for the Community policing Teams at Callander and Dunblane. She

has eighteen years Policing service, having previously worked in Callander.

There were various incidents regarding cars stranded or coming off the road near to Mugdock Country park, due to inclement weather. No serious injuries were sustained. The Park had an evening event in December which they will use to plan future events to try to minimise vehicles using the "Khyber Pass" during icy weather. Both Stirling and east Dumbarton Councils had to attend to close their respective sides of the road.

AOCB

RD mentioned a landslip on the John Muir Way. A resident had already highlighted this and SCDT have contacted SC. The area is being repaired.

A resident raised the issue of the agreement between Forth Valley and Glasgow Health Boards. NHS 24 does not seem to understand the protocol that residents can use Glasgow hospitals. In an emergency we will still be taken to the nearest hospital. KR said that ambulances will use Forth valley if they think long term care might be needed. GE will email Evelyn Tweed about this and copy the original agreement to her.

A resident raised the fact that there is very little paint on the two mini roundabouts and drivers don't see them. The chevrons at the Devil's Elbow are also missing due to collisions. JH will email Angela McGibbon about this and also about the broken bollards outside the VC and the Church.

EM reported that the road signs at the junction of Cuilt Road and the A809 have been knocked down.

M Vass reported that they are still hopeful that the new library will be open in mid-February, but they are still waiting for papers to be signed by SC.

GE will email Steven Bly regarding the date for CC elections.

JG mentioned that Derek Edward is retiring after 47 years in the village. The Community Council wish him and Julie well in his retirement.

Winter Wednesdays

Lift up your spirits by dropping into the Village Club for a cuppa and company on any Wednesday between 10.30 and 12.30.

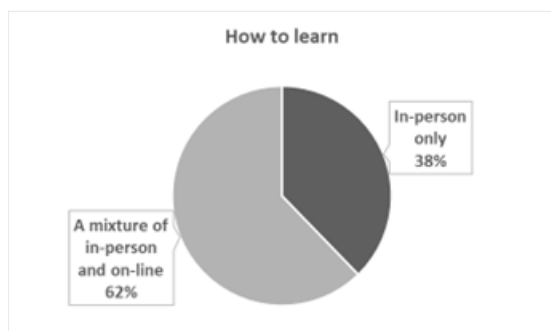
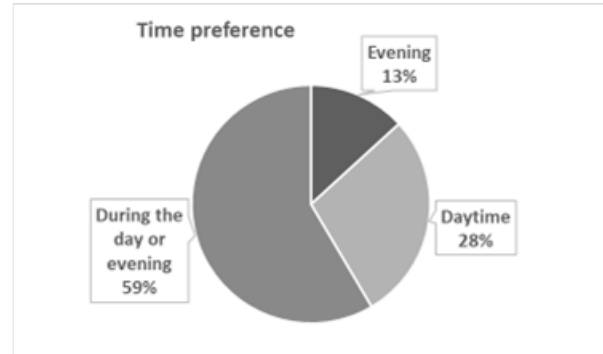
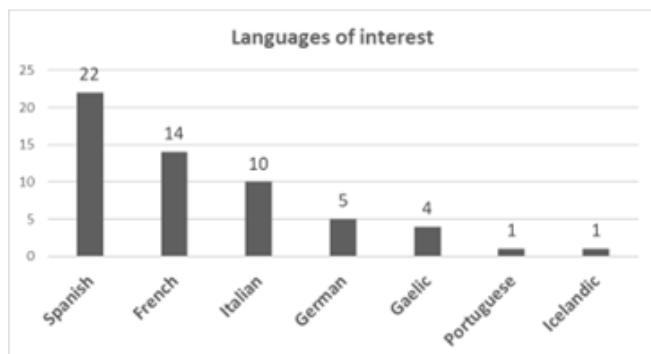
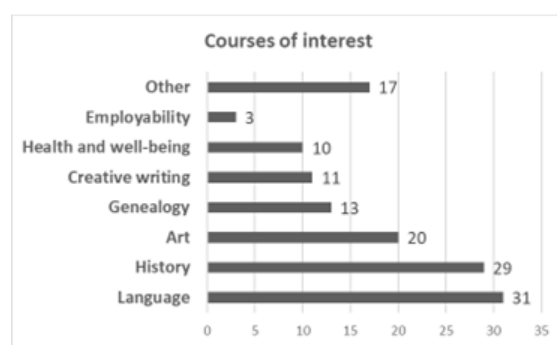
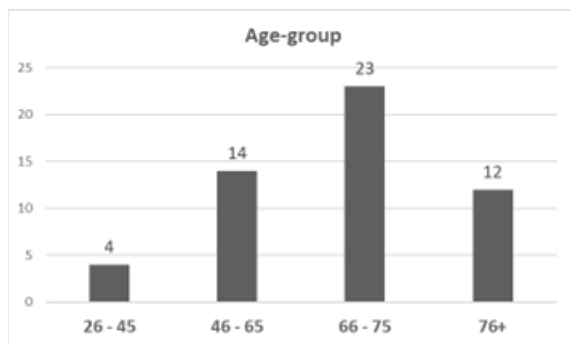
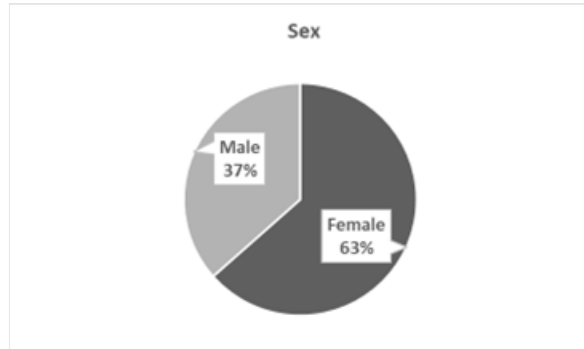
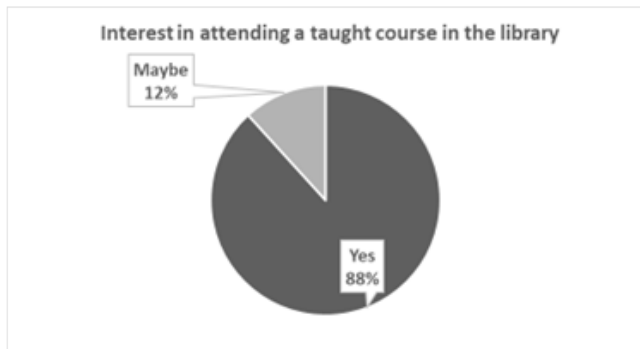
A grant raised by the Club committee funds hire of the room, hot drinks & biscuits, and the purchase of two portable air filters which help keep us safe from cross infections.

The Thomas Graham Library

Lifelong learning courses: questionnaire results (December 2022)

These are the summary results for the questionnaire handed out in the November edition of the Blane Valley Bulletin. We will forward these results to Strathclyde University to enable them to consider which courses might be put on in the library over the next year. We will also consider other ways in which some of the interests expressed here might be accommodated through the library.

We thank all the 53 people who responded, either on paper or using the QR code.



Library Kirkrooms News

Library Film Discussion Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm to discuss a film. Next meeting Tuesday 7th Feb. Please contact the library for further information.

Library Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm to discuss a book. Next meeting Tuesday 21st Feb. Please contact the library for further information.

Stirling Citizens Advice Drop In Sessions – Fortnightly drop in service for confidential advice and information. 2023 dates to be confirmed.

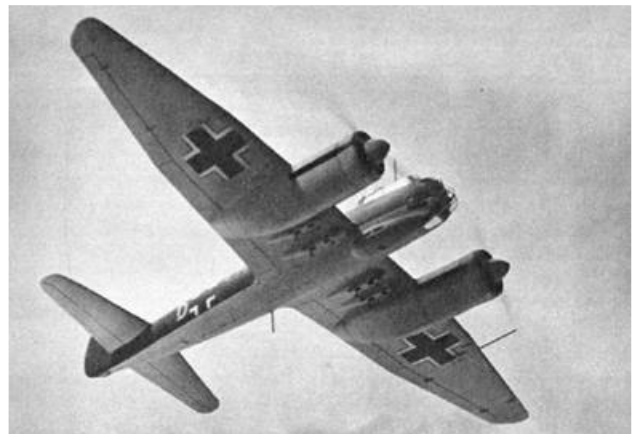
Contact the library for further information strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk , 01360 770737

Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary

By the time this goes to press we will have had two busy weekends (14/15 January and 21/22 January) planting more hedgerow and tree saplings, with help from the community. There will be plenty more jobs during the spring and summer months, so look out for opportunities to volunteer in developing YOUR community Wildlife Sanctuary - in three ways : Watch the Notice Board on the field gate, follow us on Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary facebook page, or email us to be added to the mailing list - Strathblanewildlifesanctuary@gmail.com

Secrets of the 1941 Lennoxton Junkers Bomber Crash

Come along to Strathblane Heritage's special WW2 evening on February 20 (7.30pm Village Club) to hear the remarkable story of how Scottish-based fighter planes shot down a German night bomber which crashed at Lennoxton. Local amateur war historian Al Fleming has researched the fate of the Junkers 88 and its crew, and investigated the site of the crash. He will tell how a fascinating long-term relationship evolved between the family of a lost pilot and the people of Lennoxton. And he will explain how by 1941 the increasingly effective air defences located around the Blane Valley played a large part in protecting the vital shipbuilding and engineering works of Clydeside from German raids.



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Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the Facebook Strathblane field Page.

Strathblane Community Development Trust

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We deliver projects with grant funding to enhance the village. Please consider joining if you aren't already a member.

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