

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet Sept 2024 No 100

Award for the Library



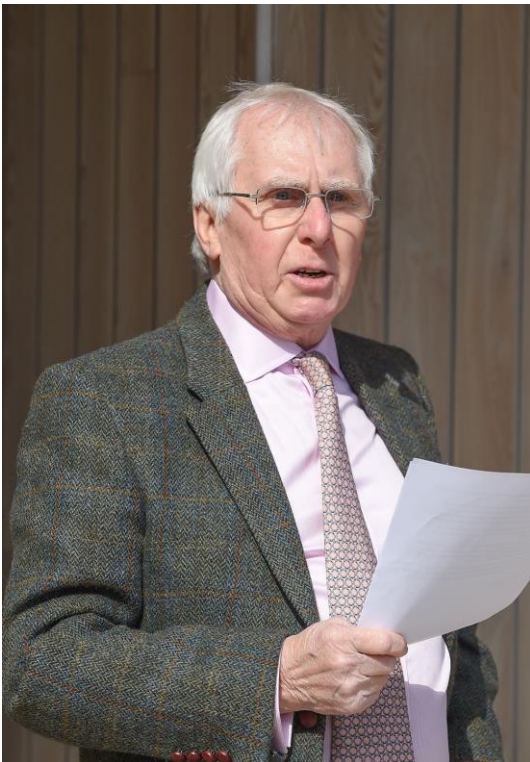
We always knew our library is amazing and now it has won an award!

The RICS Awards showcase the most inspirational initiatives and developments in land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. They recognise outstanding achievement, teamwork and companies. Our library was submitted by our contractor, Fleming Building Ltd for the Scottish community benefit award and we won!



We go forward to the UK awards on the 4th October in London where our library project will be up against winning projects across the UK so fingers crossed.

Iain Stewart



Iain Stewart who was chairman of Thomas Graham Library Ltd, (TGLL) the subsidiary company of Strathblane Community Development Trust (SCDT) that owns and operates the library building passed away on the 18th June.

Iain was instrumental in delivering the library for our community. Iain took responsibility for all financial matters and was determined to deliver value for money for the community donations that made building the new library possible. He was determined to drive down costs and was a formidable negotiator with our professional advisors to keep fees down and with our contractor.

Iain was immensely proud of delivering the library and thoroughly enjoyed being a board member of SCDT. He wrote “ it has been immensely rewarding to work alongside people with a variety of skill sets and such an abundance of enthusiasm to ensure the community has a voice and the will to make things happen “.

Iain’s commitment was extraordinary even when very ill. He is missed.

CENTRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

OCTOBER 2024 CLASSES

AT THE THOMAS GRAHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

OUR RANGE OF ADULT LEARNING CLASSES THIS TERM:

- Italian 1A
(Mon - 12:15pm - 2:15pm)
- Italian 1B
(Mon - 10:00am - 12:00noon)
- Spanish 1B
(Fri - 10:30am - 12:30pm)
- The Fundamentals of Secular Mindfulness
(Wed - 10:00am - 12:00noon)
- Into the light: Renaissance Mannerism and Baroque as an end to the Dark Ages
(Wed - 6:00pm - 8:00pm)



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Visit the QR code above to view class information, start dates and to book your place.

SATELLITE CLL

Strathblane Community Council September 24 Update

From Chair Julie Hutchison

Matters arising

Eleanor Balfour and Ian Boardley were approved as full members of the Community Council, taking our membership to 9. This means that we still have 2 vacancies, so please contact us if you would like to join us in representing the community.

JH reported that work is almost complete on the repairs to the CC shed. The Wildlife Sanctuary and Wee Spuds group have asked if they can store some of their equipment in it and this was agreed.

JH thanked PC McCammon for hosting the talk on scamming on August 21st and noted that this was poorly attended by residents.

Local Place Plan

AT has done a lot of work analysing the data from the survey. JH thanked JG for putting the analysis on the website.

JH suggested holding information sessions for residents with information about the survey results on boards and the opportunity to comment. This was agreed.

Councillor Fraser said that the planners will look at what the community wants when considering Green Belt boundaries. She will send us a few completed LPPs for information.

Cemetery

The cemetery extension was marked for the land beyond Braidgate, but this was put on hold while the Gladman plans were fought. This has now been resolved and

permission to build houses finally refused. We need SC to purchase the land so that the extension can be built.

JH asked Councillor Fraser if she can find out about this.

Roads

JH said that we have raised awareness with SC regarding lack of discussion between SC and EDC where roadworks overlap.

MV raised the issue of the pavement between the Kirkhouse Inn and the traffic lights. The hedge has overgrown the pavement and needs to be cut back. It is impossible for more than one person to walk on the pavement. MV pointed out that this is part of the Safer Route to School.

Electric chargers

Councillor Fraser has told SC that electric chargers in public places are hard for disabled people to access. JH asked if there are any grants available to install chargers as we have none in the village.

Pavement parking

JH mentioned that several residents have been fined for parking on the pavement. There was supposed to be advanced publicity about this and a two-week period when people would be warned but not fined, but this did not happen. RF said that residents can write to SC to say why their street needs to exempt from the regulations.

Date of next meeting – October 7th 2024

GET IN TOUCH

SCC Email at contact@strathblanec.org.uk or via our website www.strathblanec.org.uk

Your Community Councillors

Julie Hutchison 770791 Andrew Thompson 770838 Rob Davies 771921 Pam Lee 07801 417655 Eleanor Balfour Grace Edmonds 770800 John Gray 771031 Kate Ramsden 07801372588 and Ian Boardley

Additional Sources Community Website www.strathblane.online

Library; Notice boards; Shops; Local weekly press & the Facebook Strathblanefield page

Strathblane Community Development Trust

Email: scdt@strathblane.online

Website: www.strathblane.online

We deliver projects with grant funding to enhance the village. Please consider joining if you are not already a member.

Enquiries and Booking Contacts

Edmonstone Hall

Kim Jones via info@edmonstonehall.co.uk

The Village Club

Check schedule @ www.villageclub1911.org

Email: stathblanevc@gmail.com

Library Community Rooms

Email: info@thomasgrahamlibrary.com

Entitlement for Pension Credit? Do you get it?

Pension credit is a government payment you are entitled to that tops up low income for pensioners.

If you receive a state pension and your total weekly income is less than £218.15 (single person) or £332.95 (couple), pension credit will pay you a top-up to this amount.

Pension Credit is KEY to you retaining the Winter Fuel Payment. Call the Pension Service on 0800 99 1234 to apply.

Attendance Allowance is another entitlement a pensioner who needs small levels of assistance for simple tasks can access. Call Age UK on 0800 1244 222 for advice.

Remember, if you've paid into the system all your life you should get everything you're entitled to in retirement.

The Coffee Shop

Jim and Paul Wilson have run Coffee at the Wilsons in the village for the last 5 years. During that time, they have become much admired members of the community, providing excellent coffee, cake and lunch and of course amazing chat. Every November they provided coffee free of charge to those laying wreaths at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. During Covid they turned their café into a deli, which enabled them to continue to provide take-away coffee and food and ran a delivery service for residents who were unable to leave their homes. Residents were sorry to learn of their plans to retire in August and leave the village for pastures new – well Maryhill anyway – and we wish them well in their new lives. We also send our best wishes to Chris and Matthew who have courageously decided to take over the coffee shop and hope that residents will continue to support them.

Blane Writers

Blane Writers meet fortnightly on a Thursday morning from 10 to 11 o' clock in the Hugh Fraser Room in Strathblane Library. We chat a little, enjoy a coffee but always put pen to paper (or laptop). Our recent themes include:

'Making money from something bad that has happened to you'

'Celebrations'

'Thoughts on summer'

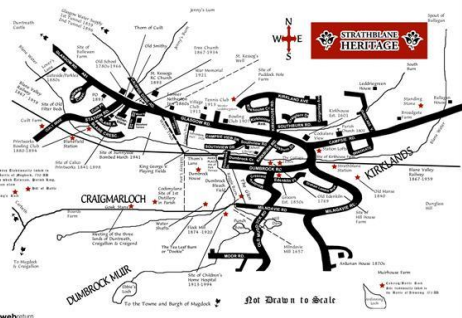
We are a small, friendly, self-funded group, paying £3 per session to book the room

Dates for our next sessions: August 22nd, September 5th, 19th; October 3rd, October 17th, 31st; 14 November 14th

If you can't make every date, it's okay to come when you can

Contact Lucy on 07711 404848 to book your place or email lfrasergunn@gmail.com for more details

NOT JUST A TEA TOWEL!!



Older readers may remember (and indeed still consult) the handy teatowel produced by Strathblane Heritage Society in the early 1990s. It featured, not only a map of the village, with its somewhat confusing street names, but also local sites and structures of historical interest. The good news is that Strathblane Heritage has just produced an updated version with recent changes and updated heritage information. Get yours from the Thomas Graham Community Library. Only £8.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 21 October at the Village Club when journalist and broadcaster Lesley Riddoch will share her passion for the Carbeth huts and the hutting movement in general. www.strathblaneheritage.org

A Selection of Useful Posters

Community Donation Fund: Apply Today!

Looking for that extra piece of funding to achieve your community project then why not apply? We are keen to promote and support causes within the rural Stirling area.

You could be eligible for funding if your project will benefit:

- The Association's tenants or prospective tenants – either directly or indirectly; or
- Rural Stirling communities more generally.

Previous donations include contributions towards:

- Play facilities (Buchlyvie)
- Stirling Carers Centre
- Bench seat (Killin)
- Purchase of a new van: The Food Train

Eligible applications are awarded on a first come first served basis so don't delay, apply today.

Further details visit our website news and events page: www.rsha.org.uk/community-donation-fund/

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Providing affordable homes: sustaining rural communities

Registered as a Scottish Charity No. SC037849
Rural Stirling Housing Association is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 No. 2376 (s) Registered with the Scottish Housing Regulator HSR222

Do you need an affordable home?

Rural Stirling Housing Association aims to support local communities by providing quality homes at affordable rents for families, couples and single people in housing need.

We currently have over **670** rented houses and flats. Around **40** of these become available for rent each year.

At present we have properties in the following communities:

Aberfoyle	Balfour	Buchlyvie	Callander	Deanston
Doune	Drymen	Gargunnoch	Gartmore	Killearn
Killin	Kinlochard	Kippen	Lochearnhead	
Strathblane	Strathyre	Stronachlachar	Tyndrum	

Further new build developments are being planned for Killearn, Balmaha, Croftams, and Drymen. Please let us know if you want to live in a village that is not listed above. Information on local housing need and demand helps us to plan.

For a downloadable application pack please visit our website www.rsha.org.uk providing affordable homes: sustaining rural communities

Rural Stirling Housing Association, Stirling Road, Doune FK16 6AA
01786 841101 www.rsha.org.uk
enquiries@rsha.org.uk








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Games Club for Grown Ups!



Thomas Graham Library, Strathblane, has a Board Games Group for adults every second Tuesday morning from 10.30am-12.30pm. Chess, scrabble, card games, snakes & ladders, jigsaws and more! So if you are looking for company, board games, a cuppa & a wee biscuit please pop down and join in. Tuesday September 26th then fortnightly. No need to book, just come along. Contact the library for further information, see 'regular events' for dates. strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk 01360 770737

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Games Club For Grown Ups Fortnightly 	10.30am-12.30pm Drop In fortnightly Chess, Scrabble, Jigsaws etc Tea/coffee and chat!	Tuesday 24 th September 8 th Oct 22 nd Oct Fortnightly
Needles and Natter Fortnightly 	10.30am-12.30pm Drop in fortnightly. Knitting, embroidery, sewing, stitching, tea/coffee & chat	Tuesday 17 th September 1 st October 15 th Oct Fortnightly
Book Group Monthly 	7.30 p.m. Contact the library for details	Tuesday 15 th October 19 th November 17 th December
Monthly Film Discussion Club 	7.30pm. Contact the library for details	1st Tuesday of the month
BookBug 	2.30 p.m. Babies and toddlers Rhymes and stories with your wee ones. Drop in	Friday 25 th October 29 th Nov 20 Dec
	After School Games Club 3.15 – 4.15 P1-3 4.30-5.30 P 4-7	Every Thursday
	1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Advice on all matters, including Energy Issues and Fuel bills Drop In Sessions. No Need To Book	Thursday 26 th September 31 st October