



# Dullatur Community Council

## New year's Newsletter

Dear Residents

On behalf of the Chairperson and committee members of the Community Council may we wish you all a happy and prosperous new year in Dullatur. We hope you all survived the storm and you were damage free. I'm glad I wasn't driving into the village when the trampoline was airborne

If you managed to come along to the Christmas Show "The Xmas- Factor" I hope you had a great time. An hourful of great acting and singing with more than a handful of show stealing moments from some of our younger cast members. This year saw most of the backbone of our crew leaving us as they are getting into the serious exam mode at school. We have enjoyed many years of various shows with them. So a big thanks from me girls. I want to share a great moment for me.

### **Maggie's Show** By Claire Dalling

The Panto comes but once a year  
And when it comes, we say, Oh dear!

On Sunday afternoon we gather  
And watch as Maggie starts to lather  
We always try to say our lines,  
And Stella says "Well, I know mine's",

The songs go on and on forever  
But you must admit, they're very clever,  
The set and décor are outstanding  
A curtain too.....she's so demanding!

We know we drive her up the wall  
But we've had great fun in this wee hall;  
So let's give her thanks, and raise a cheer  
Were sure there will be more next year.

Yes, there was a great big lump in my throat. But as Claire says we will be back this year with the North Pole High School Musical. So get your names in now. The plot is being set even as I write this newsletter. So any suggestions please let me have them.

Thanks to your generosity, the nominated Christmas Charity, Scottish Spina Bifida – Craigmarloch Centre benefited to the tune of over £400.00. It is hoped one of the elves will present the cheque at the centre.

Thanks to all the usual suspects who help make Christmas and the all children's events in Dullatur so special, Bill S, John & Anne Colquhoun, Marion & Gordon Stewart, John & Anne Marie McGuckin, Daina Whitelaw, Terry Williams, Tony Coutts, Garry Davidson, Stan Chard and Lorne Brown. We appreciate your support and precious time.

### **T.V Mast**

The Community Council license to operate the self help mast is now terminated.

## Fly-tipping & Recycling

Please remember fly-tipping carries a hefty fine.. There is a free council service for three uplifts within the year. Please don't dump it around the village. If reported you could be £1,000.00 lighter in pocket.

Recycling dates for the Paper (**blue**) bins to April 2008 are;

<b>2008</b>			
<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1 / 29</b>

Recycling dates for the glass (**green**) bins to April 2008 are;

<b>2008</b>			
<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>

Brown bins uplift will commence in April / May 2008.

## Tennis Club

The Accounts will be presented for audit at the end of February and the A.G.M will be held in May. It is anticipated that the fees will remain the same as last year. A meeting with the committee and the coach will take place prior to the start of the 2008 season. This will establish a coaching programme for each level of ability. New members have approached the committee for membership. If you do not wish to continue your membership could you please advise the committee.

Margaret Kennedy (President) "Rannoch", The Lane Dullatur.

Margaret Smillie (Secretary) Pine Lodge, Victoria Road, Dullatur.

Pat Chard ( Treasurer) 1 Antonine Road, Victoria Gate, Dullatur.

Terry Williams ( Subscription Manager) 12 Antonine Road, Dullatur.

## Village Golf Successes

Dullatur is fast becoming the village of golf successes. To add to the Meldrum girls, Lauren and Jill, playing at Junior International level, and Dullatur Ladies Champion, we now have Craig Norman of Rosebank Place to add to our claim to fame list.

Craig has been selected by the Scottish Golf Union for their National Academy Programme, to be trained at National level for 2 years. Craig was one of 6 boys picked from the West of Scotland, which is a great achievement, as the competition is quite fierce.

## The Bunny Hop

At long last, after some 35 years of debate by various Councils the Bunny Hop has been drained and levelled, it will be grassed when the weather is milder, so by summer there will be no excuse for playing football in the street. Apologies to all the dog walkers for adding the extra mud element to your journey. But as they say, you can't make a cake etc. etc.

## School Transport & Safety issues

In response to a incident at the pick up /drop off area for the school bus, myself, Cllr Alan O'Brien, Mr Ron Dufur of NLC Education Dept. and members of SPT had a site meeting to determine an alternative pick up point. After speaking with parents and reviewing the situation it was agreed that the original pick up point was by far the safest location.

Please be a cautious driver and observe the 20 sign on the approaches to the primary schools. The 20 alert school sign is solar powered and during the winter months of low sun or poor visibility the lights on the sign do not function. The crossing attendant is no longer positioned on Eastfield Road, as they have a dedicated school cross point. Parents and children are using the Eastfield Cross point and also the roundabout to access the entrance to the Primary Schools

## St Andrews & Cumbernauld Primary Schools

In response to concerns of parents to certain aspects of the facilities at St Andrews & Cumbernauld Primary schools and a letter from the Chairman of Westerwood Community Council which we included in our Autumn Newsletter. The Community Council now include this letter from the Head Teachers of both schools.

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Head Teacher  
Mrs Elizabeth Greenwood

1<sup>st</sup> November 2007



Christine Pollock  
Executive Director

Learning & Leisure Services  
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Dear Mr Wright,

We write with reference to issues raised at the Community Council meeting and the subsequent distribution of a letter to residents within our community.

It was with some surprise we found that a letter had been issued to the local community without anyone ascertaining the facts.

The staff who deal with the pupils at lunchtime are feeling maligned and some have written letters of complaint to the Head Teachers stating their displeasure at the statements made about them. The facts, or as the Dullatur Autumn Newsletter stated the "grim truth" is as follows:-

The huts – they **do not** leak. The toilet doors **are not** broken. Unfortunately they do smell – as do boys' toilets in most schools, despite the best efforts of the cleaners and the school staff in providing air fresheners and xpelair equipment. As part of the ongoing maintenance programme for the building a request has been made to ascertain if the xpelair situation can be upgraded to provide more ventilation. The huts are wind and watertight, they are warm and secure with door entry systems and phone links to the school office.

As to lunchtimes in the school: Primary 1 and Primary 2 children have access to tables and chairs for the **entire** lunch period. They **are not pressured** to leave before finishing and in fact are encouraged to attempt to eat what they have had provided by their parents. Primary 3 – 7 have access to benches and chairs **for as long as they require. No one sits on the floor.** Children who find this difficult are encouraged to wait until a space at the table within the packed lunch area becomes available. Additional tables for the packed lunch area have been ordered and when they arrive more spaces at tables will be available. However, **no child is ushered out after fifteen minutes** as stated in your letter either in the canteen or packed lunch area. There are three sittings but the time allotted to each sitting is determined by the number of children attending lunches that day. The rota system is designed to allow each class to have an opportunity during the week of first, second and third sitting.

In Cumbernauld Primary your letter stated that a four class extension had been added recently, this in fact was an eight classroom extension, two rooms of this allocation being designated for the infant packed lunch area.

Eco Schools

HS Health Promoting School

Service and People First

The wide distribution of your letter and its inclusion in other Community Newsletters, with so many erroneous statements has caused distress and upset to the staff of both schools, who on a daily basis have the welfare of all the children in the school as their first priority. They spend much of their time helping the children choose a healthy lunch, assist with cutlery and packaging, peel fruit, open yoghurts from packed lunches and encourage all pupils in their care during the lunch period to eat what is provided, either by the cafeteria or their parents. The quality of their interaction with the pupils has been positively commented on by a number of visitors to our schools. They are, and remain, distressed to think that they are viewed as less than supportive of the pupils in their care as suggested by the comments that they "pressure" the pupils and "they are ushered out after fifteen minutes".

As Head Teachers of the schools we are extremely concerned that such statements would appear in your communication without reference for clarification to either the school or the Parent Forum who have the remit of addressing concerns such as this.

We trust that the correct information as stated in our letter will receive the same wide distribution that the initial statements were given. We look forward to receiving a copy of this letter. We would also be grateful if our comments were made known to those attending your next meeting.

In future we would be grateful if any queries regarding a situation in either school was directed to either the Head Teachers or communicated to the parent council for discussion with the school.

Yours sincerely

E. Greenwood  
E. Mulrooney

### **Dullatur Community Council Website**

Please take some time to visit our village website, [www.dullaturcommunitynews.com](http://www.dullaturcommunitynews.com), see what's going on in village life, it has all the links to Cumbernauld and St Andrews Primary Schools, High Schools, churches etc. and we're still building. This is for the older members of the village who remember "the good old school days". It is worth while having a look modern education at the Cumbernauld Primary website, lots of interesting stuff going on; I especially liked the school lunch menu, it is light years away for my school dinner menu. The only day I didn't fancy was Friday! If you have any news items or suggestions, please pass them on. If you wish to advertise your business in the website, there will be a small annual fee.

## **Mother & Toddler Group and Play Group**

The Toddler Group is for babies and toddlers up to 30 months and is held in the Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm.

The Playgroup for older children to pre-school meets on Tuesday and Friday morning from 9.30a.m to 12.00p.m. If you are interested, contact Anne 723121

Thanks to all who helped raise a superb amount at the recent fund-raising Christmas Fayre. We hope Santa has recovered from his busy visit to the children. (See website for Photos.)

The Playgroup will have a taste of Scotland at their Mini Burns Supper. They will also celebrate the Year of The Rat for Chinese New Year.

## **Health Service**

Cllr Gordon Murray and Cllr Bob Chadha attended the first meeting of the Community Council on 21<sup>st</sup> January. We were concerned about the lack of pharmacies in the Cumbernauld/ Kilsyth area open for business over the four days holiday at Christmas and New Year. It was confirmed by residents that the only places you could have a prescription filled was either Airdrie/ Coatbridge or Falkirk. This is a shocking situation. It should not be the case that patients have to make a 20 minutes drive to pick up a prescription. This has been a particularly bad season for flu and other related illnesses, by all accounts NHS 24 hasn't been particularly helpful either.

To compound this we were told by the Cllrs that we were to receive full A & E services and other services at the "state of the art" large general hospital to be built at Larbert. We were also to receive an effective minor accident "walk in" unit in Cumbernauld, at the Central Health Clinic. It was to have direct x-ray connections to a major hospital so that minor accidents could be analysed and treatment given within Cumbernauld. These now have been ruled out by all of the proposals put forward by NHS Lanarkshire, except proposal B, which give us some limited access to Larbert. The A & E Dept at Monklands will monitor patients for 24 hours thereafter they will be transferred to Wishaw Hospital or Hairmyres. Either way that would involve a journey of over 45 minutes from Cumbernauld in favourable road conditions. The journey to Larbert would take 20 minutes.

If you feel strongly about this, we urge you to contact;

### **Ms Nicola Sturgeon MSP**

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing

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## **Events & Dinner Dates**

<b>End of Winter Dinner:</b>	23 February	£12.50	7.30p.m
<b>Spring Supper:</b>	26 April	£12.50	7.30p.m
<b>Village Barbecue:</b>	14 June	£7.00, for adults and children over twelve and £3.00 for children over three. Starting time, from 5.30pm.	
<b>Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club Finals Day:</b>	30 August	£12.50	7.30p.m
<b>Last of Supper Wine:</b>	17 October	£12.50	7.30p.m.
<b>Ghost Walk &amp; Disco:</b>	25 October	Ghost Walk only £1.00; Buffet supper, adults £5.00 Children £2.00	
<b>St Andrews Night:</b>	29 November	£12.50	7.30p.m
<b>Christmas Show:</b>	14 Dec & 15 Dec		6.30p.m
<b>Visit from Santa:</b>	24 December		6.30p.m

## **Educational Groups**

Spanish and French classes will resume in the Village Hall in the near future with Jo O'Donnell.

**And finally, Thanks yet again to my trusty band of watchdogs who keep me informed of all the goings on in and around the village.**

If you have just moved into the village, a warm welcome and we hope the move was not too stressful. We are an active community, if you can lend a hand in any way, we would be delighted. The Community Council plays an important function in village life, things don't just happen or issues resolved by magic. It is easy to say "just ask", but in real life this doesn't happen. At present the Community Councilors are mainly from the old village and have been on the Community Council for too many years to count. This is not a "closed shop" for other areas in the village. We need a like minded person who is willing to give up approx. 90 minutes per meeting per month, we have 9 meetings a year. This is also an open meeting to all residents. Every month at least one of our four councillors are present at our meeting

## North Lanarkshire Council Links / Your Councillors / Your M.P & MSP.

**North Lanarkshire Council.....Bron Way.....01236-616200**  
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Cllr Gordon Murray.....01236-721518 or [murrayg@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:murrayg@northlan.gov.uk)  
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### New Village Services

On a wet cold winters Sunday Mornings, why shiver all the way to collect your papers, why not give Euan Alston a call on 01236 734277 and he will deliver your choice of paper to your door.

M.F Home Cleaning Service: All aspects of home cleaning, Spring Clean, Moving Home Clean, After Sales Clean, After Builders Clean. Tel; 01324 711697 or 07881763466.

## **Services available in the village**

The library bus is in the village every Thursday from 2.30p.m to 2.50p.m outside Craigard Nursery in Victoria Road and 2.50p.m to 3.15pm, in Prospect Road near to the footpath leading to Victoria Grange. The library covers a wide range of books and subjects and will gladly order a particular title for you. Please use this great service we don't want to lose it.

I hope the following list may prove useful. The services have all been tried and tested recommendations by residents.

Sunday Morning papers, your choice of paper delivered to your door..... Euan Alston on 01236 734277  
M.F Home Cleaning Service: All aspects of home cleaning..... Tel; 01324 711697 or 07881763466.  
Pressed for time....Let Gillian do your ironing.....01324-815536  
High Class Bespoke Tailoring by Jack Houston @ Robert Dick 0141-554-0655  
Fresh Farm egg delivery..... phone Anna on 732282  
Stabling and livery.....Wester Dullatur Farm.....723218  
Tree Surgery and maintenance.....Jim Fraser 724482  
Luxury People Carrier.....Dullatur Private Hire.....Colin Dunigan, 01236-724225 or 007952-873223  
Gordon Campbell..... Gordon Campbell.....Telecom Installations, repairs or P.C Problems; call 01236-760133 or his Mobile.... 07947143517; also 60's, 70s music for large and small functions (not weddings)  
String Quartet for weddings, functions etc.....Peter Markham @Phoebus 724209  
Roof Problems.....Tom Rhymer, 721339.  
Plasma T.V Installations.....Graham.....730893  
Plumber.....Stephen Scott.....01236-613118. Mobile 07795973942  
Electrician.....Bill Mills.....734450 or 07732557485.  
Music Tuition, Piano & Flute.....Lynn Fraser.....01236-720560  
If you have a problem with uninvited house guests.....field mice, squirrels etc,  
Contact Jim Armstrong ....NLC Environmental Dept.....01236-616537  
The Village Hall is available for hire for children's parties and the ceiling decorated and lit for a small fee. Hall hire for residents, £6.00 per hour. Likewise equipment, e.g. chairs, tables and catering equipment can be hired for a small charge.

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