



Dullatur Community Council

Autumn Newsletter

Dear Resident

What's been Happening

Over the summer months the Community Council has had one concern repeating over and over again.....parking at Croy Station.

I attended at meeting at Croy Miners Welfare on 20/10/08, representatives from North Lanarkshire Council, Councillors, Cathie Craigie MSP, Croy Miners Development Trust, Community Councils, Parent Council and Croy residents were present. SPT were not present.

It was obvious from the tone of the meeting, and in the e-mail from SPT read out by Cllr Chadha, decisions are a long way from finalising and my concern is, what will be the best solution for commuters in the short term. It was clearly stated last night by Strathclyde Police that a shuttle bus service from Broadwood to Croy Station would not be an option. The car park will not be up and running for approx. 3 years or even longer.

Transport Scotland and Network Rail are investigating proposals for a new turnback at Croy Station. This will take the local slow train into a loop to free up the track for the new high speed service from Glasgow to Edinburgh. The residents of Victoria Terrace and Glen Road can sleep in peace now after nights of noise and disruption as hopefully the high speed track is now complete.

The parking issue is critical and at the end of the day should be a priority. Residents in Croy are plagued on a daily basis with irresponsible parking due to the congestion in the car parks. Cllr Murray also added that in the not to distant future the traffic congestion will be bad when Croy becomes a "rat run" when the A 80 is upgraded. The overspill car park for one is in a dire condition. It is unclear who owns the land and if it has been leased or purchased by SPT or NLC it is their responsibility to make it safe. It would take just one weekend to have the surface levelled and graded to a safe condition. Apart from the damage to vehicles, the depths of some of the potholes now are a serious risk to pedestrians. It was hinted that the surface car park is perhaps the preferred option, Vis a Vis, the cost of the multi storey. Is there land available to accommodate this, now the football pitch in Croy has been taken out the frame? The football pitch was being considered as a temporary car park during the construction of the multi storey car park. The football pitch at Croy has been lying derelict for some 10 years, Croy Parents Council, Croy Community Council and other village organisations have been desperately fighting to get the much needed football facility started.

Pumping Station

Hopefully the ongoing work on the road and pumping station will alleviate the drain smells endured by residents of Dullatur Road, Old Dullatur Road, Victoria Road and Prospect Road during the summer months.

Drains and Surface Water

During September the properties of Victoria Terrace residents suffered badly from flooding from surface water. This was partly the cause of blocked drains at the corner of Victoria Road and Prospect Road, the stepped pavement and further up the village. Compounded with the annual leaf fall the water just flowed over the drains. Please do not sweep leaves onto the road this is adding to the problem. One e-mail to our NL Councillors did the trick and the road sweeping vehicle was out within 45 minutes and the drains cleared by a specialist company the following day.

Sports Section

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club



This year Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club celebrated it's 120th Anniversary. The junior members who participated in the Club Championship were each given a commemorative polo shirt embroidered by Mrs Jen McLachlan and M Smillie. This has been an outstanding year for the club. The increased interest in membership to the club this year has resulted in the committee making the decision to cap the membership. No further membership will be considered until the membership review in April.

We have restructured the coaching system and guided by our coach we now have a graded scale for the juniors and seniors. With smaller groups we offer quality tuition.

This year we had 52 juniors attending coaching on Thursday nights.

Tournament Winners

		Beginners Skills	Stella Coutts
Mini Boys Finals	Thomas Whitelaw	Mini Girls Finals	Nicole Donnelly
Junior Boys Singles	Joseph McG Williams	Junior Girls Singles	Elysia McCann
Junior Boys Doubles	Calum Duncan Stephen Donnelly	Junior Girls Doubles	Roisin McNamara Elysia McCann
Junior Mixed Doubles	Roisin McNamara Joseph McG Williams		
Runners Up Shield	Josh McGuckin		
Adv. Boys Singles	Simon Davison	Adv. Girls Singles	Samantha Davidson
Adv. Boys Doubles	Keiran Mellon Joseph Quinn-Toye	Adv. Girls Doubles	Katie McKernan Fiona Dalling
Adv. Mixed Doubles	Maggie Charters Ryan McGuckin		
Senior Boys Singles	Andrew Toner	Senior Girls Singles	Claudia Campbell
Senior Boys Doubles	Andrew Toner Kameron Maxwell	Senior Girls Doubles	Rachel Stewart Claudia Campbell
Senior Mixed Doubles	Rachel Stewart Andrew Toner		

The club held two successful events; a Fun Day and Mini Tournament in July. The sun shone all day long and in true Wimbledon fashion, a fabulous afternoon tea with Pimm's served in the Dullatur fashion.....plenty of it, chocolate cake was the order of the day, especially with the advanced junior girls squad. The day ended with a Barbeque expertly cooked by Bill Smillie. The committee called time late in the evening and parents eventually dragged the kids off to bed. Early next morning when the committee turned up to tidy up, the courts were full.....What energy!

Finals Day was played out in sunshine, with the biggest turnout of spectators watching some really exciting tennis. Especially the Senior Boys Doubles Finals that was the highlight of the 16 Finals played on the day between Andrew Toner and Kameron Maxwell against Grant Campbell and Andrew Norman. Grant and Andrew saving 10 match points to be eventually beaten by Andrew and Kameron. The cheers could be heard I'm sure in Kilsyth. The junior members know just what can be achieved if they develop their skills and practice hard. The winners were presented with their trophies and "Champion 2008" polo shirts. The day ended with our Fish & Fizz Supper and while the adults celebrated the kids played tennis and rounders until well after dark and "rain stopped play".

In October we held a "thank you" day for all junior members who attended coaching throughout the summer. Neil our coach held workshops for each category. After lunch, the juniors challenged the coach to "beat the coach" matches....with some spectacular tennis played and with surprising results. The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year special. If you can spare some time as a committee member please contact Terry or Margaret.

Cumbernauld & St Andrews Primary Schools

The **2008 Christmas Fayre** will be held at school on **Tuesday 25th November**, starting at 6.30pm.

Entry will be £2 per adult (children free) giving a free entry to the raffle.

There will be numerous Christmas and children's activity stalls.

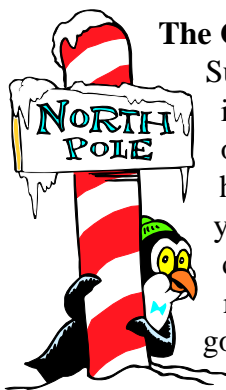
This is a Parent Council event, organised jointly with St. Andrew's Primary School PTA.

St Andrews Night Dinner will be held on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50. The haggis will be piped in by Lorne Brown our resident piper. This is a popular night, so get your tickets ordered in plenty of time. A full bar service will be available. Full bar service is available.



Toddlers & Playgroup Christmas Fayre

Please come along and support the groups Christmas fundraiser on Saturday 6th December from 10.30am. Have a coffee or tea and the make some last minute purchases; letters to Santa, personalised Christmas decorations and best of all, meet Santa in his Grotto



The Christmas Show; "The North Pole High School Musical" will be held on Sunday 21 and Monday 22 December at 6.30pm. All the usual suspects are in the show and will they give a big support to the new comers. Thanks to our stars of past shows, Rachel, Samantha, Katie, Lucy and Fiona who have moved on to bigger things. Even if you think you are too old to join in you can help behind the scenes. This is for all residents; why waste time driving in nose to tail traffic; finding a parking place when you can walk round the corner and see an excellent home grown show. Donations will go towards the Christmas Charity, Scottish Spina Bifida Centre Craighalbert.

Meet Santa in the Hall on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. A few carols, mulled wine and Christmas Pies then off to bed in plenty of time for the big day.

The Community Council would like to thank all the Dullatur resident for your support at our events during the year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Community Council would not exist if it was not for like minded residents who value the community, can you spare a couple of hours per month. It's not rocket science, just a practical approach to life is required.



Green Bottle Bins will be emptied on Monday morning; it is advisable to put them at the kerb on Sunday night. You will be advised about Christmas & New Year Dates.

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Month	Date
November	3
December	1&29
January	26

Blue Bin		Black Bin	
Nov	7 - 21	Oct	31
Dec	5 - 19	Nov	14 - 28
		Dec	12 - 26

And Finally

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.

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Services available in the village

Learn to drive with Ability ...Des Flynn...01236-727662 or ability@tesco.net.
 Saturday & Sunday Newspapers; Euan.....734277.
 High Class Bespoke Tailoring by Jack Houston @ Robert Dick 0141-554-0655
 Fresh Farm egg delivery..... 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
 Pressed for time....Let Gillian do your ironing.....01324-815536
 Gordon Campbell.....Telephone Installations 07947143517.
 Glenmavis Computers; Repairs & maintenance, home and business: 01236-762543
 String Quartet for weddings, functions etc.....Peter Markham @Phoebus 724209
 Roof Problems: Tom Rhymer, 01236-721339.
 Plasma T.V Installations.....Graham.....730893
 Plumber.....Stephen Scott.....01236-613118. Mobile 07795973942
 Electrician.....Bill Mills.....734450 or 07732557485.
 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, £7.00 per hour. Likewise equipment,
 e.g. chairs, tables and catering equipment can be hired for a small charge.

