



April 2000

"A Community with Commitment"

News

ROBERT BENNIE

It is with great sadness that Calvy News records the death of 19 year old Robert Bennie from Calvy Crescent. While at secondary school, Robert worked for the Co-operative delivering local mail, including early editions of the Calvy News.

After leaving school Robert attended John Wheatley College to pursue his interest in Art and was also working in a local supermarket. In his free time, when not helping his family, Robert was actively involved with both the Social Action Group and the Calvy Youth Group. In addition to acting as DJ at local discos Robert was keen to put his artistic skills to use in the community; his murals on the walls of the Resource Centre for the 1998 Christmas and Halloween Parties were particularly memorable.

Robert's funeral took place at Linn Crematorium on 3 April and attracted a large attendance from the local community, including Margaret Curran MSP, Ian Graham, Principal of John Wheatley College, and the Head Teacher and pupils

from Bannerman High.

The Co-operative's and the whole community's sympathies go to Robert's parents, brothers and sisters, and the large number of Robert's relatives and friends in the Co-operative.

Because of the level of community response to Robert's death, local organisations have combined to create The Robert Bennie Trust. This will raise funds to provide support for young people from the local area and young people with neuro-fibromatosis, an illness from which Robert suffered, but which he was working hard to defeat. In particular, the Trust will support young people who wish to develop their interest in either the Arts or in Youth work.

Donations to the Trust have already started to arrive and can be made, either at the Co-operative office or the Royal Bank of Scotland branches at Parkhead, Shettleston and Fruitmarket.

POLICY REVIEW

As part of its policy review process, the Co-operative has recently completed a review of its Maintenance Policies and Procedures.

As part of the review process Patricia Gallagher, Property Services Manager, arranged consultation meetings with members to discuss the proposed changes. We would like to thank those members, small in number, but dedicated to the task, who took the opportunity to participate.

SHARED OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES FOR SALE

New to the market, one Bedroom flat on Barlanark Road is being offered for sale on a minimum 25% share or outright purchase.

Also available, two bedroom semi detached at Croftspar Grove is being offered for sale on a minimum 50% share.

Further details are available on request from Calvy Co-operative on 0141 771-7722

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

BLOOMIN' MARVELOUS

Yes it is that time again, springtime is here and the garden calls.

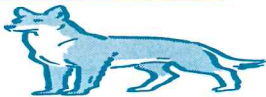
Members with access to a private garden are reminded of the need to make an early start in their gardens if they are to get the best from it. The quicker grass cutting and de-weeding starts the easier the task is for the rest of the year.



An unpleasant but necessary task is de-littering of the garden; this is the responsibility of all members with a private garden, no matter where the litter arrives from!!! If you have concerns at the actions of others, upstairs neighbours feeding birds in your garden for example, please ask politely for them to stop. Only if this doesn't work should you report the problem to the office. The Co-operative is trying to reduce the problem of wind-borne litter by working with the City Council to improve the cleansing service in the area.

As an incentive to gardeners in the area, not that some of you need it, the Co-operative will be running a garden competition to be judged in the middle of August. So plan your planting now for the best show. We are hoping to receive the support of B & Q again and more details of categories and prizes will be given in future newsletters.

DOGGONE MESS



The Co-operative has again been receiving complaints about members who allow their dogs to foul the area. All members are reminded that they should not allow their dogs to foul in the close, in backcourts or in private gardens. Any owner of a dog that is not kept under control and is allowed to foul the area may have permission to keep a pet withdrawn.

Dogs may not know any better, but owners should. Please keep your dog's mess out from everyone else's feet.

ANNUAL GAS SERVICING

The Co-operative has recently appointed Newtown Construction to carry out the annual servicing of gas appliances in the area. All tenants of properties with a gas supply will be given at least 48 hours notice from the contractor of when they are to visit to carry out this service.

If the appointment you are given is unsuitable, please contact Newtown Construction on 0141 646 1042, or Tracy Johnston at the Co-operative office, to arrange a new date and time.

It is a legal requirement for the Co-operative to have this work carried out. We would ask all tenants to assist by providing access to the contractor.

PAINTERWORK



Articles in Calvay News have regularly referred to the Co-operative's commitment to long term maintenance of its properties. The painterwork contract presently on site is an example of this commitment in action. Over the past few years painterwork has been delayed in a number of the Co-operative properties to allow us to generate an opportunity to consolidate painterwork under a single major contract.

The effect of this approach is now being seen as most of the Co-operative's properties are freshened up for the millennium. J S Harvie & Co. of Glasgow are the Co-operative's contractor for this painterwork contract. Under the contract we have improved the quality of paint finish in many of our closes to reduce the cost of dealing with vandalism. To make this effective, we need your support. If you see any graffiti in your close or in the area, please let the office know as soon as possible and we will remove it.

GUTTERING

We have been asked about gutter cleaning. This is being done by the painterwork contractor and is awaiting the arrival of a larger aerial platform.

HOUSING BENEFIT REVIEW

This year the annual Housing Benefit review is due to take place with effect from 28 June. As in previous years, everyone in receipt of Housing Benefit MUST RE-APPLY or the benefit will cease.

When the forms are sent out the Co-operative will provide as much assistance as it can. But, please remember that completing and returning the form is your responsibility. If Housing Benefit stops, the Co-operative must still receive the full rent, or arrears recovery action will start.

This year there will be a number of changes that will affect the process of your application.

Among the changes are: -

- National Insurance numbers will be required for all household members.
- Award letters for Working Families Tax Credit and Family Credit must be produced.

As in previous years, if you are in employment you will need to provide proof of earnings - the last five payslips if paid weekly, last two payslips if paid monthly.

If you have any queries about your current Housing Benefit position you should try to resolve these now before the review starts.

Housing Benefit is administered from the City Housing office at 30 Pendeen Road. The general switchboard number is 287-0000. The Housing Benefit section can be contacted on 287-0007.

EASTER TREASURE HUNT



Calvay Social Action Group and Youth Group are organising a Treasure Hunt on Easter Monday for local children of any age.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Treasure Hunt should arrive at the Resource Centre at 1.00 pm on Monday 24 April 2000.

CALVAY NEEDS YOU!

The February copy of Calvay News carried an article asking for new members to join the Management Committee. The Committee is pleased that a new member has been recruited as a result. The new member is Bryce Wilson of Barlanark Road. Mr Wilson has been co-opted to the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

Unfortunately, another member who expressed an interest in joining the Committee has been unable to take up the offer of a place due to family commitments.

There are still vacancies on the Management Committee. Those members with an interest in the local community and who want to make a contribution to the work of the Co-operative are asked to contact the office. For Committee Members the major commitment is a meeting on Thursday morning two or three times a month. There are opportunities to take part in other activities of the Co-operative and other organisations, but these would depend on members' availability.

Membership of the Committee carries no payment, but there are opportunities to take up training and education, and to contribute to the local community.

INTERNAL TRANSFER REVIEW

The Co-operative has recently conducted a review of its Internal Transfer list. The staff have now finished recalculating transfer points for those members who returned their review form. If no review form was returned then the application to transfer will be cancelled.

All those members still on the transfer list will shortly receive notification of their current points for transfer.

If you are not on the list for a transfer and you wish to apply please contact the office for an Internal Transfer application form.

HEALTHY EATING PROMOTION

An All Day Breakfast (a fundraising campaign for Cancer Research) was recently organised for the office by Patricia Gallagher, Property Services Manager. This event was part of the Co-operative's commitment to Scotland's Health at Work Scheme.

The theme was organic, fruit and vegetables. Patricia prepared the meal, which was entirely organic. Staff who brought in non-organic food were charged 50 pence forfeit.

Health at Work leaflets on healthy eating were circulated with details of the lunch. Literature on cancer prevention through diet was also distributed. Throughout the lunch discussion took place on food, diet and nutrition. The outcome was a greater awareness of simple, low fat, healthy recipe ideas, and that dieting doesn't have to mean not eating.

The event was rounded off by a singsong (on a food theme), led by Donald Goldie, the singing accountant. £24 was raised for cancer research.

MENU

- Organic -

- Brown & White Bread & Butter (if required)
- Baked Pasta & Mushroom Sauce
With added Mushrooms
(NO added Salt)
- Baked Pasta with Mushrooms
In a Mushroom Sauce, Covered in Melted
Cheese
- Platter of Kiwi Fruit & Yoghurt
- Home-made Fruit & Bran Loaf
- Orange Juice, Sparkling Mineral Water



CHILDCARE GREATER EASTERHOUSE

Childcare Information Line

Will operate from 3 April in the Westwood Business Centre Conference room at 9.30am for an initial 3 month period and it will offer families direct and easy access to a range of childcare services.



available in the Easterhouse area. It will provide parents with the opportunity to have their say on a range of childcare issues.

The Play Resource Project

This project will enable local childcare providers to access a wide range of quality play equipment that will be suitable for children of all ages and abilities.

Childcare Road Show

Will be touring on a community wide basis to promote the variety of childcare services



EASTER DANCE

The Social Action Group is holding an Easter Dance in the Resource Centre on Saturday 22 April 2000, from 8 'til late. Tickets are £1.50 and can be purchased at the Resource Centre. The event is BYOB and there will be an Easter Bonnet Parade and Raffles.

PENSIONER'S MORNING

A Pensioner's Morning will be held in the Resource Centre on Tuesday 18 April 2000, between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. There is an entry fee of 50p and anyone wishing to play Bingo can buy a book, also for 50p.