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"A Community with Commitment"

News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We know how much you look forward to the Annual General Meeting, so we are glad to announce that it's that time of year again. This year's AGM will take place on Thursday 16 September in the refurbished Activities Centre, now known as the Calway Learning, Support and Community Resource Centre (Resource Centre for short!).

Apart from giving all members an opportunity to inspect the new hall, the meeting is an important part of the

Co-operative calendar as it provides members with an opportunity to hear about the development of the Co-operative. The meeting allows members to elect members of the Management Committee; indeed any member can stand for election to the Committee.

As with previous AGM's there will be a number of vacancies on the Committee to be filled. All members are encouraged either to stand for election or to put someone else forward.

So, please put this date in your diary - Thursday 16 September. The AGM will take place at 7.30 p.m. in the new-look Resource Centre in Calway Road. Further details of the AGM and of the evening will be circulated to all members very soon.

If you are interested in standing for the Management Committee and would like to know more about the work of the Committee, please contact the office. We will be pleased to meet with you.

1999 GARDEN COMPETITION

Congratulations go to John Adams of 36 Barlanark Road, winner of this year's garden competition. Thanks also go to James Dawson, Garden Centre Manager of B&Q Hogganfield, who judged the event.

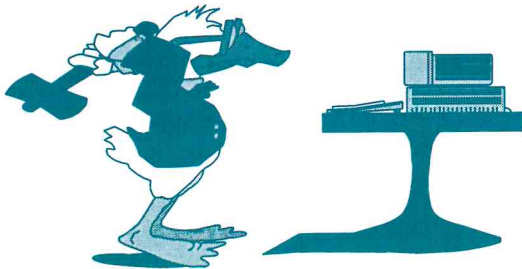
Second prize went to George and Helen Cork at 35 Barlanark Rd, and third prize went to Irene O'Hare of 33 Calway Rd. All winners received B&Q vouchers.

James was impressed by many of the other gardens in the area and highly commended certificates were awarded to James and Pauline Barr, 52 Calway Rd 0/2, Liz Donaldson, 39 Burnett Rd and Wilma and Peter McLachlan, 39 Calway Rd.



NEW TECHNOLOGY!

The Co-operative has been attempting to install a new software system into the office. Unfortunately there were a lot of unforeseen problems with this and the entire system was down for almost a week. Obviously this affected the staff's workload. If you were inconvenienced by this please accept our apologies.



If you have any query outstanding from this time please recontact the office, hopefully it will be all systems go by then.



AGE CONCERN

Age concern provide a range of insurance and other services for people over 55 years of age. This includes:

Home and Contents Insurance
Aid Call Alarm Service
Life Insurance
Travel Insurance
Pet Insurance
Motor Breakdown Services
Motor Insurance

Further information can be obtained from: Age Concern,
7 Sandyford Place, Glasgow, G3 7NB.

CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

A children's drawing competition was held recently and we will be announcing the two winners soon. Both winners will receive a £10 gift voucher for WH Smith.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

When called to carry out emergency repairs the Contractor will attend as quickly as possible. Work will be limited to stopping further damage to the property and ensuring the health and safety of the household.

Please do not telephone this number except in an emergency.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

0141 552 8647

OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE ON

0141 771 7722

THE EMERGENCY NUMBER IS REPEATED ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE.



WHAT'S GOING ON



Over the next few months the Co-operative will be looking for your assistance with a number of projects and contracts.

We will be looking for access to your home for the following to be carried out:

- Tenant Satisfaction Survey
- Replacement of fire escape windows (Calvary Crescent only)
- Upgrading of ventilation on windows
- Electrical systems safety check and installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors

We will also be carrying out a stock condition survey and will be asking a selection of Tenants for access for this. This survey is being carried out to enable the Co-operative to plan its future cyclical maintenance, that is those works which arise every ten to fifteen years, e.g. replacement of kitchen fittings or bathroom suites (the survey in itself does not mean that all such works will take place).

We will attempt to co-ordinate these visits so that inconvenience to you can be kept to a minimum. Letters will be sent nearer the time giving more details. We hope that you will be able to bear with us and continue to be co-operative with access. Your assistance is appreciated.

FIRE HYDRANTS



Please remind your children of the dangers of opening up the fire hydrants. Interfering with this supply of water can seriously affect central heating systems. More importantly it can have

serious consequences if there is a fire in the area, as there may not be enough water pressure for the Fire Brigade to be able to tackle the fire.

Be cool, don't play with the water supply!

GOT A PROBLEM? HELP US TO HELP YOU!

Fed up with the vandalism, thefts, noise etc? Then tell us about it.

Staff in the office are often criticised for not having done enough about specific incidents or anti-social behaviour of certain tenants. Staff cannot be effective without your help.

We often don't hear about many of the incidents that occur until several weeks later, which is sometimes too late for us to take action.

All you have to do is make a formal report to the office, or make a complaint to the Police and let the office know. The office will then get all the information from the Police who can be called as witnesses. Your name will not be used at any time and you may not need to get involved again.

Don't forget that this is your Co-op. You need to take some responsibility for its upkeep. If you have made complaints in the past and have been unhappy with the outcome of the Co-operative's intervention, please make an appointment to see Patricia Gallagher, Property Services Manager, who will relook at your complaint.

CALVAY LEARNING, SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

The 'new' Centre is nearing completion, with building work expected to finish on the 17th August.

The Social Action Group is currently working hard to develop a range of activities, services and events to be run from the Centre, with the aim of something for everyone in mind.

Funding is still required to maintain service provision. SAG will be working closely with Christine Clark, a

seconded from Scottish Business in the Community. Christine will be joining the group one day a week for the next twelve weeks to assist in tackling the issues raised by the National Lottery Charities Board in their refusal of grant funding for the Centre.

The official opening and launch of the Centre will commence with a series of events and activities running from Monday 11th October to Friday 15th October. SAG aim to host a varied programme to

run throughout the week to encourage you, the community, to come along and find out what is on offer.

The Centre will provide a spacious and comfortable venue for birthday parties and celebrations, so if you would like to know more or you have some free time and would like to get involved, please contact a member of the SAG committee or Lisa at the office.

Watch this space for regular updates.



BARLANARK RECREATION GROUND



The next Recreation Ground Meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st August in the Centre. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the next phase of the redevelopment of the Park.

The public art workshops for 'Make Your Mark In the Park 2000' are underway at the GECVO office in Barlanark Road. The taster workshop held on the 7th of July was well attended and

some great ideas and suggestions for the art work were developed. The GEN newspaper covered the meeting with an article and photo of the group in the last edition of the paper (fame at last!).

The next meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 10th August 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm - GECVO

Tuesday 17th August 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm - GECVO

Tuesday 24th August 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm - The Centre

We look forward to seeing you there.

More information can be obtained from Lisa at the office

COMMUNITY HEALTH SHOP



The first surgery of the new Community Health Shop takes place on Monday 30 August. Initially, the Health Shop will open at the normal surgery times and appointments can be made through the usual

channels. However depending on demand, the appointment times and procedures may change.

It is hoped that an Open Day will be held at the Health Shop

on Friday 27 August between 11am and 3pm. This has not yet been confirmed, so posters will be displayed around the Barlanark area and in the Health Shop if it is to go ahead. Refreshments will be provided.