

August 2000



"A Community with Commitment"

News

CALVAY DIRECTOR GOES ON SECONDMENT

In the May edition of Calvay News we reported on a conference to launch plans agreed between the City Council and The Scottish Executive for the transfer of all the City Council's housing stock. Since then work has been proceeding to get the proposed new Glasgow Housing Association up and running and ready to work with tenants on the proposed stock transfer.

To help them prepare these plans, Glasgow Housing Association approached existing associations and co-operatives asking them to second staff for a year.

At the time of writing, agreement has been reached, in principle, for the Co-operative's Director to take up a secondment to Glasgow Housing Association. Discussions are continuing to identify the Co-operative's own staffing needs over this period, and it is likely that we will bring in part time Director services and recruit a Development Agent to carry out the Co-operative's continuing Development work.

We will provide members with an update in the next newsletter.

BARLANARK PARK REGENERATION

Following a considerable break, a meeting of the Barlanark Park Regeneration Group was held on 11 July, attended by representatives of the Co-operative, City Council Land Services, and Impact Arts. Local Councillor Jim Coleman, who has taken a close interest in this project, also attended the meeting.

The meeting heard that work on the project has been delayed because the contractor has been diverted to an urgent job at Glasgow Green. However, work should recommence soon and a completion date of mid September is now being pursued.



Impact Arts and the local volunteers have finished the mosaic to be installed at the 'meeting place' and this will be put in place in September when other work has been completed.

Arrangements are being made for an event to mark completion of the park. This should take place on the afternoon of 20 September. Further details to follow.

A.G.M.

The next AGM of the Co-operative shall be held on the evening of **Thursday 21st September 2000**.

Further details shall be provided nearer the time. All relevant paper work should be with you by 31st August.

There has always been a great turnout at the AGM's and we hope that this years will be no different. The AGM is a great opportunity for new Committee members to come on board, so why not give it a go? You've got nothing to lose and a whole lot to gain.



ROBERT BENNIE TRUST- CAN YOU HELP?



We are planning a number of fund raising events for the Trust and would be glad of help from local supporters to organise them

If you can spare some time for this good cause, please contact Geraldine at the Co-operative's office.

CABLE TEL

The Co-operative has been approached by residents in New Build Phases 1 and 2 regarding the lack of CableTel service in that area.

The Co-op has contacted CableTel and OffTel regarding this situation and have queried when they propose to provide a service to this area.

If you wish to contact either of these suppliers directly their addresses are as follows:-

CableTel, NTL House, 60 Maxwell Road, Glasgow, G4 1PR
OffTel, 50 Ludgate, London, EC4 7JJ (Licensing Body)

NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

Unfortunately, due to the staff changes over the next few months, the newsletter production will be reduced from monthly to every two months.

Information, between issues, will be displayed in the office reception area and in the Resource Centre.

If you have any issues / events / information you want advertised, this can be displayed in the reception area also.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Following their previous success, Community Connections are launching a second course for men, Voyager II - Discover Your Potential. Beginning in late August, the course will cover Basic Numeracy, I.T. for Beginners, and other activities to be decided by the Group.

Also, running from late August to December, Passport courses will cover I.T. for Beginners, Basic Numeracy, Communications, Contemporary Issues, Pottery & Topical Workshops.

Available for students on both courses are: Limited Free Childcare Places; Weekly Voluntary Placements; Most Benefits Unaffected; 'Bonus on Completion'.

For More Information Contact Katy or Paul on 781-4231.

STAFF NEWS

During September 2000, Patricia Gallagher, Property Services Manager, shall be going off on maternity leave. Gail Borland, shall be acting Property Services Manager in her absence. During this period, Hugh McGuinness will take up a full time post as Housing Officer - he currently only works part time.



Stuart Hodge leaves the Co-operative on Friday 4th August to return to his studies. We hope that he will return to the Co-operative in the new year for another placement.

C.C.T.V.



Staff from the office recently visited Easterhouse Police Station to have a look at the CCTV system. A report on the success, or otherwise of the system is to be produced shortly. The Co-op will provide more information on this once it is available.

Should you witness an incident in the Calvay area or be suspicious or concerned of anything that is going on, you should call the Police and they should be able to see the situation on the cameras and be able to react to it. The Police can also check back on their footage to see if an incident or situation was recorded, if you have dates and times.

Remember - All calls to the police can be made anonymously.

PATHWAYS TO CLOSSES

During recent Estate Management inspections it has been noted that a lot of the pathways to closes are badly littered. All Tenants are reminded that they have a responsibility to ensure this does not occur, or continue.

Many tenants put bags at the end of the pathway to act as bins. This often prevents the problem, but only if the bins are removed regularly!

All Tenants are asked to address this issue in conjunction with your neighbours.

GARDEN COMPETITION



This year the competition will take place on 10th August 2000 - pm.

The competition will be open to all residents in the area - Tenants, Sharing Owners and Owner Occupiers.

The local press are being invited to attend this year. Good luck to all those who are participating.

DISABLED PARKING SPACES



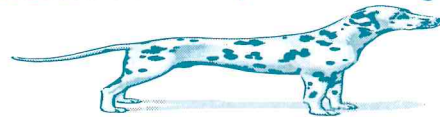
There are some clearly marked disabled parking spaces in the area and we would ask everyone to be courteous and leave these free for those who need them.

There are also many residents in the area with mobility problems who do not have designated parking spaces but would benefit from being able to park as close to their homes as possible. Again in such circumstances we would ask everyone to be courteous and leave adequate space for these residents or their family members vehicles.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

DOGS! DOGS! DOGS!

Watch your feet! An oft heard cry in the Calvay area. Thankfully dog fouling on the pavements, particularly at the bottom of paths has reduced somewhat, but not enough!



Please ask your dog not to foul in areas where people require access to their homes, or children play, or people have to walk. Or better still remind the person walking the dog!

TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY

A lot of Tenants have still to complete the satisfaction survey. Please try and make time to do this. This is your opportunity to directly influence how things will be done in Calvay in the future.

If you would prefer to speak to a particular member of Staff, call the office to make an appointment. Some staff may be available after 5 o'clock.

If you would prefer to complete the form yourself please call into the Office to pick up a form or call Geraldine at reception who will forward one out to you.

COMMUNITY GRANTS



Glasgow City Council, Development and Regeneration Services, is re-launching its Community Grants Scheme. The main purpose of the scheme is to offer grant aid to organisations that provide and promote social, cultural and recreational activities that benefit their local community.

The scheme is used mainly to support existing community groups / voluntary organisations to develop and enhance their current activities, whilst assisting them to develop new and innovative ideas which promote Social Inclusion.

Now groups can be offered "start-up" grants, to provide a service to their community. Grants of up to £1,000 and bus hire for day trips can be applied for.

EAST GLASGOW FUNERAL SERVICE

You may have noticed there has been a new addition to the shop fronts at Hallhill Road. Glasgow Funeral Services are now open to help and advise families in their time of need.

We offer a full range of funeral services which are tailored to individual circumstances and needs.

Some of the services available are:-

• Hour service with no call out charge.
• Fully qualified and experienced Funeral Director.

• Full monumental service.
• Confidential advice on DSS assistance.
• Free parking outside of premises.

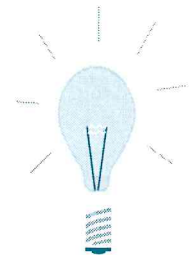
For assistance contact John or Peter at
Hallhill Road, Glasgow, G33 4RJ
Telephone Number: 0141 773-4445

COST & ENERGY SAVING DEVICES

The Wise Group has recently launched a small repairs project, which offers a low cost repairs service to elderly and disabled housing association tenants. Due to an established partnership with Safe Greater Easterhouse a limited number of safety packages are available for installation free of charge.

The package consists of the following measures and will be allocated on a first come first served basis:-

- * Safety audit
- * Non-slip bath mat
- * Dusk to dawn nightlight
- * Carpet grips
- * Low-energy light bulbs



For further information and to register to this package contact Daniel Doherty, Safe Greater Easterhouse, telephone number 771-8677.



EASTERHOUSE ARTS PROJECT

The Greater Easterhouse School of Traditional Music & Song offer a programme of classes that includes Fiddle, Tin Whistle, Traditional Song, and Guitar. We also offer Group playing for those who are reasonably competent players.

The focus of the classes is the Traditional Music and Song of Scotland and opportunities include performances and participation in Festivals such as The Celtic Connections. New members do not need an instrument to start with as we have a number of them for short-term loan.

If you are interested in one of our classes get in touch with us on 0141 771-9368 or e-mail us at classes@getradmusic.co.uk.

EMERGENCY REPAIR NUMBER IS 552-8647