

December 1995

"A Community with Commitment"

# News

## 10 YEARS ON

*Calway is ten years old. To celebrate, a programme of activities will be held over the next few months. Details of some activities are given in this newsletter. We hope everyone will get an opportunity to help us celebrate this milestone.*

*An article on the Co-op recently appeared in the magazine 'Federation Focus' published by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations. The following is a short version of the article.*

Calway was one of Scotland's first Community Ownership Co-operatives: it was established on the initiative of Glasgow City Council, supported by local residents. The Calway area had a poor housing mix, causing a drift of population in search of more suitable homes.

With funding from the Housing Corporation and Scottish Homes, Calway has attempted a range of approaches to creating a better housing mix; providing housing more suited to the needs of our residents. The Co-op has improved a variety of flats, using height reductions and demolition to create a visual housing mix,

and undertaken new build to meet a variety of housing needs.

When its next new build project goes on site Calway will move closer to realising a commitment to provide housing for members of the community with special housing needs. The project will provide a mix of general needs housing, shared ownership and housing for people with learning difficulties.

The Co-op recognises the need to do more than improve housing standards, so improvements to gardens and public areas have been carried out to make the area a better

place to live. New parking layouts and the creation of safe, traffic-free Play Areas for children, improve not just the homes in which people live, but their whole environment.

Calway has also tried to stimulate the provision of recreational facilities for all residents. Here, the Co-op's efforts have been less successful. Attempts to secure Urban Programme funding to create a community centre as a focal point for community life have so far been unsuccessful.

Calway knows that you don't build a community simply by building homes; you also need

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to provide shops, community venues and other facilities. That is one reason why Calvay supports the regeneration strategy recently adopted to cover Greater Easterhouse, trying to find new ways to draw in financial support for non-housing initiatives in the area.

Calvay believes its approach works: so do many others; the Co-op has received regular visits from tenants, housing professionals and politicians from throughout Scotland. It is pleasing to note how many visits are followed by tenants in another area deciding to set

up a Community Ownership group. The Co-op is currently in discussions with the City Council and local tenants about extending its boundaries through a further stock transfer. It also has plans to become involved in further new build projects outwith its current boundaries, likely to be mainly for Shared Ownership.

Calvay's experience is being used to offer services to other groups, helping them examine the option of Community Ownership, securing their financial stability, helping them to achieve their ends faster than

they otherwise might. Calvay currently provides Development, Clerk of Works and Finance services to a number of client groups, mainly in Greater Easterhouse.

Approval has recently been given for Calvay to act as an independent advisor to Scottish Homes' tenants considering a change of landlord. The first appointment to be secured is to provide advice to tenants in the Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston area considering a transfer to Cunninghame Housing Association.

## Calvay Youth Group

Over the last few months a survey of the Co-operative's members was carried out. The survey proved to be very worthwhile and a good response was achieved. An analysis of the results highlighted issues that local residents want to see addressed.

One of the major areas of concern was the lack of facilities for the younger people of Barlanark. To address this the management committee agreed to retain the two temporary workers who carried out the survey to help in creating some form of provision for the young people of the area.

People who volunteered to

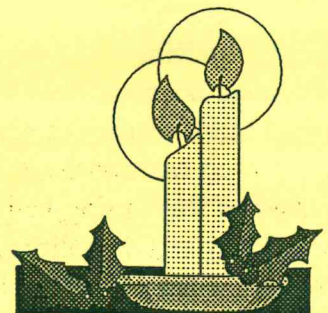
work with young people were asked to attend a meeting. Those present agreed that two ways in which they could help were the setting up of football teams to encourage the kids away from the streets and by starting an Arts & Crafts group.

These might seem small beginnings but it may be possible to develop into something larger. This can only be achieved with the help of more volunteers. If you feel that you can help, please leave your name at the Co-op office.

Also, if you have children between the ages of 8 and 16 years who would be interested in participating in any of these activities please leave their names at the office.



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CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL**



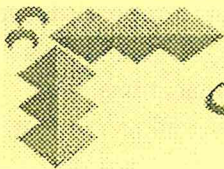
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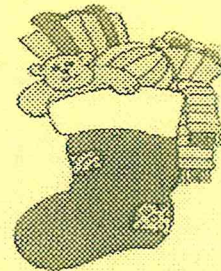
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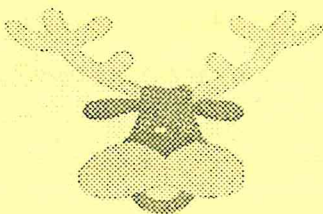
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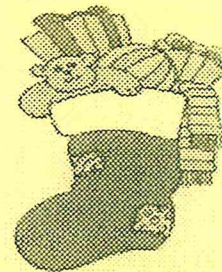
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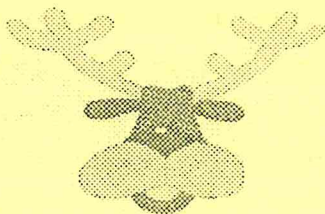
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# Good News! - Second Phase of New Build to start on site in the New Year

As members will know, the Co-operative has been working up ideas for the second phase of New Build at Barlanark Road.

Phase Two will include nine flats for young adults with learning difficulties. These flats will be scattered throughout the development and will be allocated to young adults with learning

difficulties who already live in Easterhouse or who have family in Easterhouse.

Although these tenants can be classed as having 'Special Needs' the Co-operative is hoping to ensure that they have the same rights as everybody else in the Co-operative area. We are currently working with the Social Work Department and

specialist care organisations to ensure that help is on hand for these tenants if they should need it.

These flats are not going to be used to help close hospitals but will be providing supported accommodation for people with 'Special Needs' who ALREADY live in the community.

## Construction Training Course

The Glasgow College of Building and Printing will be running a Construction Training Course starting in January 1996 on a full time basis (Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm) and will last for 18 weeks.

It is hoped that a training allowance of £60 per week plus travelling expenses will be paid.

If you are interested in joining this course or would like further information, please contact

Tony Siegerson  
Ideas Shop  
40 Shandwick Square  
Easterhouse  
Glasgow G34 9DT

Telephone: 0141 771 5591

## Construction Skills Register

A Construction Skills Register has been established by the Greater Easterhouse Development Company Limited. At present there are approximately seventy local trades workers registered.

If you live locally and have worked in the construction industry in the past but are presently unemployed you can register too.

To do so, contact the address below.

Construction Development Officer  
Greater Easterhouse Development Company  
Limited  
2d Queenslie Court  
12a Summerlee Street  
Queenslie Industrial Estate  
Glasgow G33 4DB

Telephone: 0141 774 2205

## Arts on the Menu



Barlanark Community Education Centre was definitely the place to be on Saturday 25 November. To help the Co-operative celebrate its 10th Anniversary Greater Easterhouse Arts Project put on an 'Arts Taster' day for local children.

Dozens of children from Calvay and the rest of Barlanark spent a busy afternoon trying their hand at pottery and painting, participating in drama workshops and using various musical instruments. Most of those present also had a chance to go home with their face painted - just to frighten the neighbours.

It is hoped that this day will be followed up through the work of the Calvay Youth Group (see Page 2)

## Festive Safety



### Christmas Tree Lights

If you are leaving your home unattended please switch off the tree lights - they can overheat and cause fire.

### Smoke Alarms

Check your alarm is working by pushing the test button. Don't allow members of your family to remove the battery for their Christmas presents!

### Emergency Contacts over the Festive Season

If an emergency occurs, phone **552 8647** - but only in an emergency

*Please - Tenants are asked not to approach Committee Members in the street or at home. If you wish to contact the Co-op call at the office or use the emergency number*

## STEAMED SPONGE PUDDING

serves 4

4oz (100gm) self raising flour  
pinch of salt  
4oz (100gm) butter or margarine softened  
4oz (100gm) caster sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
2 standard eggs

- 1 Sift together flour and salt
- 2 Cream butter or margarine with sugar and essence until light and fluffy
- 3 Beat in eggs, one at a time, adding a tablespoon of sifted flour with each
- 4 Fold in rest of flour then transfer mixture to a one and a half pint (three quarter litre) greased pudding basin
- 5 Cover with double thickness of greased greasepaper or aluminium foil and steam steadily for one and a half hours or until well risen and firm.
- 6 Turn out on to a warm dish and accompany with any suitable sweet sauce.

