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"A Community with Commitment"

News

New Year Message

On behalf of the Co-operative's Management Committee and Staff we would like to wish all members all the best for 1997. We would also like to ask for your continued support for the work of the Co-operative.

The next twelve months will be very important for Calvy and for all Housing Associations and Co-operatives in Scotland. Some time in the early part of the year the General Election will take place. The Co-operative is supporting a national campaign - Build a House - which aims to raise the profile of housing in the run up to the election. The campaign is organised by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations which has over 200 members across Scotland.

Like many parts of Scotland, Barlanark still has a serious housing problem. The Co-op wants to play its part in tackling that problem. To do that we need financial support from Scottish Homes and other agencies. Yet again their funds have been cut and it

looks as though many worthwhile housing projects will be shelved or held up. The Committee and Staff will fight to make sure that Calvy's projects go ahead as soon as possible. But fighting our own corner is not the only answer - more money is needed across the country.

At this time of year we should remember those people who are starting a new year without a home of their own. On the latest Scottish Office figures almost 4,000 households in Glasgow and over 17,000 throughout Scotland may be in this position. When representatives of the political parties come asking for your vote, help yourselves and others - ask them what they would do about improving local housing and providing more.

Tam Kay
Chairman

Duncan Mc Lean
Director

All Housing Benefit Cancelled

If you don't return your review form your Housing Benefit will be cancelled. Every tenant who receives Housing Benefit must submit a new application by 28th March, 1997. You should receive a form

through the post. If you do not, call into the office to collect a form. Gail or Patricia can help complete forms. If you need help, make an appointment to see one of them.

Greater Easterhouse Awarded Priority Partnership Status

What does this mean? Basically it means that Greater Easterhouse will annually be allocated a set amount of money to fund various projects.

This will hopefully mean that many projects, which provide a valuable service to the community, and may have been forced to close due to a lack of urban aid funding, will be able to continue.

How will the money be spent? This will be decided by the local Partnership Board. This board will be made up of

local councillors, representatives from the community and representatives from the local voluntary sector.

A conference is being held on 11th February 1997 which is open to all voluntary sector groups and project representatives in Greater Easterhouse. It is at this conference that everyone will be given the opportunity to comment on who should sit on this board and to agree an action plan. Calvay Co-op will be sending representatives to this meeting, so that we can have our say.

Appointment System

Could all tenants please note that the Housing Management section of the Co-operative operates on an appointment basis.

Please try and make an appointment before you call into the office. This may save you a lot of waiting time, or a wasted journey.

Thank you for your co-operation.

We're Talking Rubbish

Domestic uplift dates.

Household refuse is currently uplifted on the following days:-

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
3-11 Calvay Road	17-69 Calvay Road	1-7 Barlanark Road
14-28 Calvay Road	44-54 Calvay Road	11-23 Barlanark Road
3-59 Calvay Crescent		27-43 Barlanark Road
6-78 Barlanark Road		All numbers Barlanark Crescent

Wheelie bins are emptied on a Friday. All wheelie bins must be left on the pavement and retrieved by the tenant.

New Build Phase 2

All of the properties available for rent in New Build Phase 2 have now been allocated.

The Co-operative had a high level of demand for these houses, and was therefore unable to personally tell all applicants that their application had been unsuccessful.

All applications received for New Build Phase 2 will remain on the internal transfer waiting list for consideration for any future voids.

If you no longer wish to be considered for re-housing within the Co-operative area, please advise Patricia Gallagher or Gail Borland in the office.

Frost Precautions



Low temperatures are again forecast over the coming weeks.

If you are going away or leaving your house for long spells, leave your central heating on.

Make sure you know where your stop cocks are for turning off your water supply in case you have a burst pipe.

If you want any more advice, contact the Maintenance section at the office.

Gas Service

A full list of addresses for the servicing of the remainder of the heating systems has now been passed to AMEC Utilities to complete this work.

The contractor commenced work in the week beginning 13 January, 1997.

Your co-operation in giving access will be much appreciated.

Bulk Items

The Cleansing Department operate a free uplift service for most large / bulky items e.g. old carpets, beds.

If you have any items to be disposed of we strongly advise you to contact the Cleansing Department directly to arrange an uplift.

As this service is in high demand the Cleansing Department can only give an ap-

proximate uplift date. This currently stands at between 5-10 days.

The cleansing Department also carry out a weekly back court pull out service i.e. uplift of any bulk items which are lying in the binstore area.

Should you wish to contact the Cleansing Department the number to call is: 0141-287-2000.

Internal Transfers

If you are interested in a move within the Co-operative, let the Housing Management staff know as soon as possible. If you wait until you see a house empty, you will probably be too late as most flats are re-allocated before they are vacated.

EU Volunteer Scheme To Send Young People Abroad

The European Commission is encouraging young people to volunteer to work in another Member state.

In its recently launched pilot action on European voluntary service, 2500 young people (aged 18-25) will have the opportunity to become European volunteers, spending a period of 6-12 months in another member state.

Young volunteers will undergo basic preparation, including language and intercultural awareness training before departure. The Commission will provide funding which will go towards

travel costs, training and preparation and accommodation and food.

The Commission is also looking for host projects in every Member state to accept volunteers and integrate them into their activities. No prior experience in hosting volunteers is necessary, and there are no strict limitations as to the origin of the project.

Further information from Dorothy Saunders / Sarah Nicholas, the Youth Exchange Centre, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN Tel: 0171 389 4030.

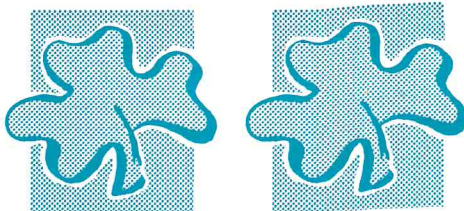
Lottery Forecast

Look trim and win the lottery all in a "one-y" by using the calorie content of one helping of fat free health foods a selection from prunes, brussel sprouts, lettuce, and Tesco's Sliming Soup.

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If this fails, cover your options with sausage rolls, chips, chocolate and Scotch eggs.

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The relative merits of these diets can be checked out with certain Calvay staff where weight reduction rate is breaking all records.

YOUTH CLUB

Due to the lack of facilities and clubs available to local youths in the area, Calvay Youth Project will be running a Youth Club on Tuesday evenings from the 21st January, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, for 11 - 16 year olds in the Activity Centre.

Involve local youths in various activities and events such as table tennis, crafts and excursions.

If you have any suggestions for events or activities you would like to take part in and help organise, please come along and join in.

The aim of the club is to in-