

June 2000



"A Community with Commitment"

News

THE GREAT SCOTTISH RUN

In last month's Calway News we reported that the Co-operative is sponsoring a team for the Great Scottish Run Half Marathon on Sunday, 20 August 2000.



The Co-operative will donate £25.00 to both the Robert Bennie Trust and the Lintel Trust for each team member who completes the Run. The Co-operative is also looking for sponsors to pay the entry fee of £15.50 for each entrant. Team members are being asked to pay

the fee before the event. This will be reimbursed for all those who start the race, whether or not they complete.

We already have 10 volunteer runners, however there is still room for plenty more. Forms are available from Tracy Taylor at the Co-operative office.



The last date for entering the Calway Team is 13 July.

WHAT'S ON...

COMMITTEE SURGERIES

The next Committee Surgery will be on Tuesday, 6th June 2000 at 2pm - 4pm in the Calway Resource Centre. No appointment necessary.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting is being held in the Resource Centre on Monday, 5th June at 7pm. There will be a raffle at the end of the General Meeting for those who attend.

SAG SPECIAL A.G.M.

The SAG group are holding a special General Meeting on Monday, 5th June in the Resource Centre, immediately after the Co-operative General Meeting (approx. 8 p.m.). A good turnout would be appreciated.

HOUSING BENEFIT REVIEW

Forms for Housing Benefit claims must be returned by the end of June. In the next few weeks staff will be calling on those who have not returned a form to give advice and assistance. If you have lost your form, telephone or call into the office for a replacement.

Please remember that failing to return the form could result in rent arrears, and you could lose benefit to which you are entitled.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Barlanark Road - One bedroom flat available for shared ownership or outright sale.

If interested please call the office for more details.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Despite the substantial reduction in activity in recent years, the Co-operative is continuing to pursue opportunities for further development.

Barlanark Road Extension

The major project being pursued is the creation of a mixed tenure housing development on the site created by the clearance of the Council's stock at Barlanark Road/ Bressay Road. The Co-operative's involvement in this site is being discussed with Glasgow City Council and Scottish Homes.

The Co-operative hopes to have up to 40 additional units for rent on this site, with a private sector partner creating 60 units for outright sale. After a period of uncertainty it would appear that progress is now being made. The Development Sub-committee will be keeping up the pressure to move this scheme

forward in the current financial year.

Streetscape

With the completion of the Co-operative's initial housing development programme, there is a need to complete the job and upgrade the roads and environment in the area. Discussions are taking place with Scottish Homes regarding streetscape works to the remaining areas of Barlanark Road and Calvay Road adjacent to the Co-operative's properties.

The Committee have selected City Design Co-operative as design consultants for these projects. The next streetscape project is to be adjacent to the area from the Park entrance to the Calvay Road/ Blyth Place junction. As soon as we have confirmation that adequate funding is available the consultants will start a consultation exercise on design options.

STAFF NEWS...

John Bremner, Maintenance Officer, has left the Co-operative's employment due to ill health. We all wish John well for the future.



Stuart Hodge is back with us on a student placement for his housing diploma course.

RENT PAYMENT METHODS

Feedback from tenants suggests that there is a level of dissatisfaction about rent payment methods available.

The current options for payment are:

- By Girobank at any Post Office
- By cheque to the office
- By Standing Order.

All of these services are free of charge.

Payments can be made at whatever frequency suits i.e. daily, weekly or monthly.

The only change that the Co-operative has made in recent years is that it has stopped routinely accepting cash payments at the office. This is for security and insurance reasons.

We are looking into the possibility of introducing swipe cards for rent payments (like the cards used for Council tax payments) further details of this scheme will be provided if we decide to go ahead.

If you would like to discuss how you pay your rent at present, or are thinking of changing to one of the other methods available, please contact the office.

UPDATE ON ON-GOING CONTRACTS

PAINTERWORK CONTRACT

The painterwork contract is now complete. A few snagging jobs are on-going. If you are experiencing any problems with any painterwork that has been carried out to your property, please notify the office as soon as possible.

GAS CENTRAL HEATING

Newtown Construction are still on site carrying out the service and safety checks. This year they will also be calling at all homes that have gas pipes for cookers. This will be done later in the contract and you will be notified in advance of when they will be calling.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

The garden maintenance programme is on-going. The contractor is on site approximately every two weeks. The Co-operative arranges for work to be carried out for tenants who are elderly or infirm and have no other adults within their household. If you wish to be considered for this service please contact the office.

STAIRCLEANING

The stair cleaners are in the area every Thursday. Again, a staircleaning service is available for tenants who are elderly or infirm and have no other adults within their household. If you wish to be considered for this service please contact the office.

FREE LEGAL SERVICES

An organisation called the Legal Services Agency (L.S.A.), based in Glasgow City Centre has a range of free services available to the public. These include:

* An advice line most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) on 0141 353 3354

* A drop in surgery most Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm - 4pm at Fleming House, 134 Renfrew Street, Glasgow.

* Advice and representation at Glasgow Sheriff Court for Mental Health Cases.

* Advice and representation on certain matters for tenants threatened with eviction through Glasgow Sheriff Court.

For more information or a free initial interview, phone 0141 353 3354.

The L.S.A. website is at www.lsa.org.uk

GARDEN COMPETITION



The garden competition will be taking place again in August this year. Extra effort may be required this year as so far it looks like there is going to be a lot of competition. If you haven't started work on your garden yet, it's not too late. We are sure that some of the other gardeners in the area will be happy to offer advice.

Good luck to you all!

OFFICE REDESIGN

The reconstruction work in the office is still going on at the moment. Again we apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.



GREATER EASTERHOUSE PATHFINDER

Greater Easterhouse Pathfinder has been set up to test new ways of delivering services. It is one of thirteen Pathfinders across Scotland that make up the Government's "Working for Communities" programme. This programme will run for three years (1999-2002) and is designed to improve services by making them more integrated, accessible and responsive to local needs. It is also about giving local people more power over how their services are delivered.

In Greater Easterhouse, a Pathfinder Steering Group has been set up to oversee the initiative which is being progressed through four pilot projects. The Steering Group includes representatives of the community, voluntary sector and public agencies.

As part of Pathfinder a project is being

developed to help pupils at Lochend Community School who are having difficulties in school, or who are regularly absent. The project will co-ordinate and integrate support services provided by a range of agencies. It will also track young people to ensure they have adequate support in the progression from school to further education, training, or employment.

An information project is also being developed to set up an Internet site that will bring together information on local services. This will include information on services delivered by both public agencies and voluntary organisations. The project is looking at the use of touch screens as one method of providing public access to the website. It will also co-ordinate a training course on building community websites.

DISABLED ADAPTATIONS

The Co-operative is to receive funding from Scottish Homes to carry out disabled adaptations i.e. showers, handrails etc., in the homes of residents with physical disabilities.

We have a waiting list for this work, and all requests have to be authorised by the

Occupational Therapist. If you wish to be considered for an adaptation to your home, please contact the office.

If you need help bathing, or in and around the home, please contact Patricia at the office for more information.

CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS POST

Last year saw a highly successful recruitment and training programme for Classroom Assistants. The local planning group has now agreed the time-table for this year's recruitment exercise. The programme will be:-

Mid August:	Local meetings
Early September:	Information Seminar
End September:	Interviews for training course
Mid October:	Training course starts



April 2001: Course completion
 May 2001: Recruitment by City Council
 August 2001: Successful candidates in post

If you are interested in applying for a Classroom Assistants post, please contact any of the following: Alan Sherry / Anne Lockyear (John Wheatley College) Tel: 778-2426 or Marie Docherty (Greater Easterhouse Development Company) Tel: 781-2000.