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The Grapevine

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Kincardine In Menteith Primary School

We hope that everyone in the community has managed to enjoy the holiday period and has had a great start to the New Year. We are as busy as ever here at Kincardine-in-Menteith Primary School and are happy to share some of our recent highlights with you.



Over the festive period, the easing of COVID-19 restrictions came just in time for us to use the lovely community hall to perform our Christmas Nativity. The boys and girls of KIM primary school put in an extraordinary effort when preparing for the nativity, from memorising scripts and acting out their scenes to learning dance moves and even setting up and designing the stage. We are so proud of the hard work and enthusiasm that they gave, and it really made this Nativity performance extra special. Although parents were not able to come in person to see the Nativity performance, we were still able to share it with everyone at home! We want to say another astronomical thank you to Alex Ingle who worked so hard in filming and editing our Christmas Nativity for us. Your top-quality

skills and equipment really made this a unique experience for the children and we can't thank you enough!



We received a very generous donation from the Red Kite Nursery that recently closed down and we wanted to make sure we put this to good use. We decided that a collective collaboration between children, parents and staff would be the best way to decide on what would be great to enhance our outdoor learning experience. By working together, it was decided that

constructing a Trim Trail would be a great addition to our school grounds. The children were overjoyed when construction was complete and they were finally able to test out the new installation. They have already made great use of it and we are sure it will be valued for a long time to come. The Trim Trail is also available for use by the wider community, outside of school hours, should anyone wish to test out their climbing skills!



During the brutal storm that appeared in late November, one of the large trees in our school ground gave way to the wind and fell atop our school! Thankfully, this happened at the weekend and no one was hurt, and there was only minor damage inflicted to the school building. We want to say a huge thank you to Hector Muir and his team for helping us clear away this fallen tree and for the work they did in clearing the woodland area, which has made our school grounds a safer and more enjoyable place for the children to learn and play!

Kate MacNish, Acting Head Teacher

Wedding



Danielle McLeod, formerly of East Coldoch Cottages, married Thomas Hay on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at Cromlix House, Dunblane. Due to Covid the wedding was rearranged several times and only 20 guests were allowed on the day to celebrate.

Nursery Enrolment 2022-2023

Is your child's 3rd birthday between 1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023? Application forms for starting Nursery in 2022-2023 are now available from Doune Nursery. The closing date for applications is 28 February 2022.

Contact us on dounenu@stirling.gov.uk or 01786 842734

Diane Leithead, Nursery Admin

Our Adventures Continue in BC, Canada

As I sit here at the kitchen table it is coming up to mid January and we are getting through winter relatively unscathed. Gordon and I are both doing fine and enjoying life on our 50-acre farm which is located close to the small BC town of Salmon Arm. Unbelievably we are now in our eighth year here in British Columbia after relocating from Manitoba.

Where does the time go to! We are kept busy with farm projects, making hay, growing too big a vegetable plot, and keeping up with family and friends. As we live in a beautiful area with lots to do and see, we have a constant stream of visitors for most of the summer. Something Gordon and I really enjoy is having friends and family to stay which makes us take time, relax, and have fun! We are always finding new places to explore and last year we could be found hiking up Enderby Cliffs with four friends. The distance from the car park to the top is 7.8 miles, all uphill for a total height of 2,788 ft! It was lots of fun and not too hard a climb, but we did take our time!



Gordon's helicopter flight

We also bought two kayaks and had fun trying them out on a small lake close to us. We went with friends and absolutely loved it, so weather permitting we will hopefully make more use of them this year. We also plan to get going on our bikes and do some of what is called The Rail Trail. It is a flat bike path that goes along the side of the Kalamalka Lake, so is in a beautiful location. It is 49.5km long so we will do it in stages!

Gordon experienced his first helicopter ride last July which was a gift for his 70th birthday. He went with two friends as I declined! I wasn't sure I would enjoy it and didn't want to spend the time in the air with my eyes closed or on the helicopter floor!

We have, over the past year, experienced unusual weather phenomena which was scary, awe inspiring and sometimes worrying. Last winter was relatively normal and we headed into Spring with reasonable weather. The end of June hit us with a 'heat dome'. It was so hot and reached temperatures of 43°C. It was ridiculous. Our curtains were shut during the day and the air conditioning was working overtime. Any outside jobs were done very early morning or it in the evening. Grass turned brown and the vegetable garden was watered a lot.



July and August saw wildfires across the province and while our own farm was not in danger many areas lost homes and livestock. The fires burnt all around this area resulting in heavy, smoky skies for weeks. It was awful and one Saturday the sky turned bright orange which was overwhelming and scary. The heat lasted for two weeks which seemed a long time! Before Christmas, flooding hit the Fraser Valley farming area which is on the 'flat' and has the Fraser River running through it. The flooding was extensive, bridges were brought down, roads were washed out and thousands of livestock lost their lives. The huge dairy farms were especially affected which in turn affected milk supply to the whole of BC. All in all, it was a rough year weatherwise for the province we live in and hopefully this year we will not see such extremes. Our landscape is still white but fortunately it is much milder as the cold snap ended last week. Hopefully not to return! Over Christmas it got down to -28°C which for our area is very cold. As the temperature rises the roads can become very difficult as black ice is an issue. The joys of winter!

Here on the farm, last year's first cut hay crop was reasonably good as Gordon cut it a few days before the heat dome struck. He got it baled up before the heat intensified which was good. Unfortunately, due to the drought that followed the second crop was poor. Demand was high and prices were good, but it was a difficult time for the livestock farmers as hay had to be brought in from further north in the province at great expense. We had no rain to speak of from March through 'til the end of September.

On a lighter note, we had a very busy year with bears here on the farm. We moved our wildlife camera to another location, so we got to see just how many there were. This is where we put the bruised fruit from the garden. We had no apples, but our old pear tree produced pounds and pounds of pears. I could not possibly use them all and gave away lots to family and friends, put jars of them into a syrup and we ate lots. The bears enjoyed the small and bruised ones that were left. We had our very own 'teddy bears picnic' going on here! We also had an incident with coyotes during the summer. During the night we were awakened by scratching at our front door. We then heard yowling and a 'fight' going on. Turned out to be three coyotes attacking a fourth one. They had been in my porch and then moved onto the lawn. One quick bang on the window and they were gone! The experience gave me a fright and I spent the next morning cleaning and disinfecting our porch! Cutting grass one day I had to abandon a particular area as we had a turtle laying her eggs in the sand. It was so special to sit quiet and just watch from a distance. Our family call our farm our 'zoo', but I am more inclined to think of it as a circus!

Through this pandemic that has gripped the world Gordon and I have felt very fortunate to have our own piece of paradise. Isolating was 'easy' and garden projects were tackled, spring cleaning was done, and we enjoyed just being home in the garden and on the farm. Gordon will tell you that the words he dreads from me are "I've been thinking"!! It always ends up some sort of renovation or another 'feature' for the garden! As lockdown ended and we got back to normal, I went back to working in schools. We still have restrictions and now vaccine passports.

Hopefully this coming year will see an improvement and we will get home for a visit!

Take care.

Lesley Gentles

Formerly of West Rosssburn Lane Farm, Blair Drummond

Helen Anderson Brisbane
16.06.1934 – 20.01.22



Gran

On Thursday 20th January I received the sad news that our beloved Gran, Helen Brisbane, peacefully passed away in her sleep. As I reflect on her life, and the 23 years I was lucky enough to have her as grandmother, she will be remembered as the storybook granny, just along the road in the farm cottage, aptly named 'Gran's house' by us all.

She was a constant figure in our lives from the very beginning, being one of the first to introduce us to life at Westwood Lane and marking the occasion by making a personalised cross-stich for each of us. She was always busy, from tending to her beautiful garden, her cross-stitching, sudoku, meeting with friends, attending church and local events, to helping mum manage the four of us. This was no easy task, and she was quick to decide she'd prefer to have us in batches of two! The mere 200m between our houses meant Tara and I regularly turned up at the cottage door around lunchtime in the hope of coinciding with a tasty hot lunch, this was always Lorne sausage, chips, peas and a J2O, and she would be happy to lay an extra place or two and listen to our various stories.

In the days of primary school, she would take us individually into Stirling to help get us organised for the next school year. It would always be on a Friday and the day was planned out with military precision. The first stop was the paper shop for the Observer and the Herald, followed by a trip to WH Smith for pens and a pencil case, then M&S for polo shirts and trousers. The day was concluded by a very special treat of an M&S lunch with Margaret Dunn, before which we were given terse instruction from Mum and Dad to be polite and behave. The thrill of getting to sit in the front seat of the BMW for the entire day without having to battle three siblings was a feeling unmatched and it was always a great day out.

The BMW was also the on-call vehicle to escort us home from a sick call from school, mainly because we would always ask for Gran, as she was much more sympathetic than mum! Those afternoons would be spent watching TV, stuffing ourselves on Cheese and Onion crisps and playing with our 'Gran's house' toys, as anything precious or involving small pieces, such as our Polly Pocket collection, were left at the cottage for safe keeping.

She would always be ready with a cheery wave to us as we passed the kitchen window on the ponies whilst she was whipping up one of her delicious recipes; meringues, traybakes, fairy cakes, lunches or cheese and apple sandwiches, always cut into triangles with no crusts. It was a source of great excitement when papa and she had friends over for afternoon tea and the leftovers would be posted along to the farm the following day for us to enjoy – unsurprisingly they didn't last long! We are lucky she was meticulous enough to write out all her recipes and we have since attempted to recreate them, though never as well as Gran.

In the later years she took a keen interest in our various pursuits, praising everything we did or made and making us feel very special. I can remember her delight when I followed in her footsteps playing hockey at school and choosing to study in Edinburgh. We often compared notes on the city where she spent many happy years at The Edinburgh College of Domestic Science at Atholl Crescent. In more recent years she continued to be a polite, cheerful and determined character, never losing her great sense of humour - she was an all-round wonderful person and the perfect gran who we will all miss very much.

We would like to thank all the carers who helped to look after her, particularly Elma and the Oakeshott Care Home, who made her last few weeks so comfortable and pleasant.

Hannah Brisbane

Kincardine In Menteith Church Evening Music Concert



We were fortunate and lucky to be able to stage a musical evening in our local church in these uncertain times.

The concert on the 2nd December allowed over 90 in the audience to hear some wonderful songs and arias performed by three very talented 3rd year students from the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow. Namely Susanna Davis, Andrew Neil and Constance Grandperrin. They were accompanied

by Kathleen McKellar Ferguson [Kippen] on the piano, who had also devised the programme and prepared the students for their first live performance in eighteen months.

The programme included works by Mozart from his operas *Così fan tutte* and *Don Giovanni*; Puccini's 'Quando M'en vo' from *La Bohème* which was a familiar piece for some; Benjamin Britten's 'Tell me the truth about love' and a trilogy of George Gershwin compositions including the famous 'Embraceable You', which has been performed by so many artists.

The audience were really appreciative of the wonderful talent that the students have and listening to them was a real pleasure.

Also performing was Bryony MacGregor from Allanfauld Farm, Kilsyth. She is a highly talented musician and singer who performed three songs on her piano which either she or her mother had composed! Bryony's music was really appreciated by the audience and was a wonderful contrast to the classical music of the students.

We wish the students good luck with their careers and hopefully they will come back one day when they are 'famous' and perform for us again!

The concert raised nearly £750 for our badly depleted church funds and we offer a big Thank You to those who attended and donated 'what they could afford'.

Hopefully see you all again next winter if we are allowed....

Silent Auction

Everybody was very generous in their donating of items to the 'auction' which resulted in raising over £250. Most of the items found new homes. The unsold items were donated to the Salvation Army in Stirling where they were warmly received.

Rory Duff, Kincardine In Menteith Church



Briarlands Farm



We are currently closed for our usual January maintenance, and will be reopening to the public at 10am on 11th February 2022.



We finished off the 2021 season with our second year of Christmas on the Farm. Customers enjoyed a tractor and trailer ride up to Santa's workshop in the farm yard where he spoke to all the children and the naughty elves kept everyone entertained. Instead of Santa giving out presents this year he gave a token which the children exchanged for an item from Santa's toy shop in the building. The event was a great success and everyone who attended enjoyed the experience.

We welcomed some new friends to our animal family just before Christmas in the form of donkeys Basil and Rosemary. They are still a bit shy but hopefully by the summer they will be fully settled into their new home and ready to meet everyone.



We are currently looking to expand our team and are recruiting for an Assistant Centre Manager. Duties will include serving in the café, serving at the admission desk, birthday party coordination, etc. Must have good communication and computer skills. If you think you, or anyone you know, is flexible and adaptable and would like to join our small friendly team, you can contact us via email on info@briarlandsfarm.co.uk or by phone on 01786 841309.

Booking to visit is still preferred and you can do this by visiting our website www.briarlandsfarm.co.uk and following the book now link. We look forward to seeing you all once we open again on 11th February.

Mary Inglis

Blair Drummond Community Hall Association

Our regular pre-Covid classes are returning with Co-Step 'Learn to Dance' classes every Wednesday at 7pm, with a second class available on a Monday from 28th February. Contact Mary on 07513 046016 (alldance@costep.co)

Yoga classes will resume from Thursday 24th February at 7pm, with an additional class possibly being offered at 10am on Tuesdays from 5th April, if there is sufficient interest. These classes come as a 4-week block and are not available on a drop-in basis. *See ad on Page 14.*

We look forward to the return of our Over 50's Exercise Class this Spring, and we hope to hold a Spring Fayre sometime in May to replace last year's Christmas Fayre which had to be cancelled due to Covid.

The first Beetle Drive of the year is scheduled for Friday 11th March at 7pm. For those who are new to this experience it is a very popular family event offering 2 hours of fun for all ages...and there are PRIZES!

On Thursday 5th May the hall will once again be used as our Polling Station for the local elections.

The community hall is an ideal venue for celebrations of all kinds particularly children's parties as it affords plenty of space for energetic youngsters to let off steam. With an hourly rate of just £17 it represents good value for money and saves wear and tear on one's home! Please contact our Booking Secretary Louise Maxwell on 01786 841342 for further details.

Our next committee meeting will be held in the hall on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

Kate Ingle, Chair

Blethers

And so, here we are going into Spring 2022 already! It's been quite a time for everyone but it looks as if things are slightly easing at last.

Perhaps by the time of our next edition of the Grapevine, we could consider having a one off afternoon cuppa and catch up? If all goes well that could be the afternoon of the last Monday in May? That would allow us to know if our membership would like to have the Blethers as part of their monthly diary, or not? Please watch for an update article in the next edition of the Grapevine.

Meantime, very best wishes and please stay safe.

Christine Bauer

Births



Lachie Alastair William Drummond was born on the 5th of October 2021 weighing a sturdy 9lb 9.5oz. He is settling in well at Ashentree and has two sisters who are absolutely besotted with him.



Congratulations to Danielle (nee McLeod) and Thomas Hay on the birth of their first child Scott Thomas Hay, born on 4th November weighing 7lb 9oz and arrived 2 weeks late!



Aveline Lily Marguerite Smith arrived in the early hours of 27th November 2021 during Storm Arwen weighing 6lbs 8oz, thankfully her temperament doesn't appear as stormy for now! Her older brother Grayson dotes on her but hopes her interest in tractors grows over time. (Bruce & Nathalie Smith, Mill Lodge, Rossburn Lane)



Blair and Debbie Craig, Milton House, Sommers Lane are delighted to announce the birth of Zander Kerr Craig, born 10th January 2022 weighing 6lb 7oz. A little brother for Logan.

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Doune Library

Doune Library is open for business, and welcomes everyone to come along. There are lots of new books in stock, for all ages, as well as audio books, DVDs and the facility to download e-books free of charge.

E-book and e-audio book platforms are really easy to download and enjoy, using your library membership card. Follow links from Stirling libraries website or speak to staff in the library.

The current opening hours are;

Monday 2.30-7 Wednesday 9.30-12 2.30-5.30

Thursday 2.30-7 Saturday 10-1

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Alison McAlpine, Community Library Officer
Doune Library 01786 841732

Doune Health Centre

Thank you

We would like to start by thanking you for your Christmas wishes, generous gifts, tempting goodies and cards which are much appreciated by all the staff groups.

Vitamin D

In Scotland everyone should consider taking a Vitamin D supplement for roughly half the year, if not all year round, should you wish. It is important that people get enough Vitamin D as it has a number of important functions mainly for bone and muscle health. Our main source of Vitamin D is sunlight. In Scotland, we only get enough of the right kind of sunlight for our bodies to make Vitamin D between April and September, mostly between 11 am and 3 pm. From October to March, we need to rely on dietary sources of Vitamin D. Since Vitamin D is found only in a small number of foods, it might be difficult to get enough from foods that naturally contain Vitamin D. Good food sources are oily fish and eggs, fortified foods such as breakfast cereals and spreads. Vitamin D supplements can be purchased from most supermarkets, pharmacies or online. For most people, 10 micrograms (400 IU) per day is enough and safe.

Pregnant women

Healthy Start vitamins, which contain Vitamin D, are available free to all pregnant women in Scotland. Ask your midwife or health visitor for further information.

Breastfeeding women and children under 12 months in Scotland can get free Vitamin D supplements containing the recommended daily amount.

Covid

Just as we had started to settle into what felt like a period of stability, we have once again had to re-invent new ways of working due to increased cases of Covid and the new Omicron variant. We would ask that you continue to bear with us as we become used to this recent set back.

All patients entering the surgery will be screened for the key symptoms of Coronavirus: new persistent cough, fever or loss of sense of taste and/or smell. Do not come to the surgery if you are experiencing any of these symptoms.

If you require a mask, please ask at reception and we can issue you with a suitable medical one.

A word about masks. What are you wearing?

Mask terminology is confusing. Here is how the European Safety Federation classifies them:

- Cloth face coverings like homemade masks, scarfs and neck gaiters vary tremendously. They are unregulated.
- Medical grade/surgical masks (typically the blue water-resistant type that most people wear). Designed primarily to protect others from infective agents like bacteria and viruses exhaled by the wearer. Look for the CE label.

New ANP for Health Centre

Advanced Nurse Practitioners are Registered Nurses who have done extra training and achieved academic qualifications to be able to examine, assess, diagnose, treat, prescribe and make referrals for patients who present with a variety of ailments and complex conditions that require advanced clinical skills. Due to their training they have the ability to act autonomously and get the care required for patients quickly. Over the years ANP staff have made a big contribution to the NHS and the role has been introduced into different settings in primary and secondary care. In an era of GP shortages, they can substitute for doctors which is important nowadays.



We are very fortunate to have Andy McAviney join the expanding team in Doune and he comes highly trained with an impressive clinical work profile.

His career followed mainly an acute services pathway. Starting off in Edinburgh in Cardiology he then moved to the Emergency Department for a substantial period of time which sealed his leaning towards acute medicine. Next, he moved west to Glasgow to Cardiothoracic and Intensive Care before taking up the post of Emergency Nurse

Practitioner and Senior Clinical Nurse working in FVRH and Minor Injuries Unit (MIU).

Being an ANP beckoned and after qualifying, worked in the acute assessment unit in Forth Valley as part of the Acute Care Team. The next phase took him to the Beatson in Glasgow where he helped to set up the Acute Oncology Assessment Unit.

Before coming here, he worked as an ANP in Dollar Health Centre.

During his career he has been involved in teaching and training ANPs and continues to do this during the rest of his working week. He also works in Out of Hours.

Duty times in Doune will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am-6pm. He will deal with telephone and face to face consultations during which he will be available to deal with a variety of acute ailments “on the day” as they present.

Linda Keay, Practice Nurse

BLAIR DRUMMOND CURLING CLUB

Happy New Year to you all as we emerge from the 2nd year of the Corona virus restrictions. We look forward to the further easing of restrictions and returning to a level of normality.

I am pleased to say that we have managed to keep playing our normal club games over the season although we have had one or two members who had to isolate. The Points competition had to be postponed due to a number of members having to isolate, the remaining members who came along had an opportunity to have practice ice and play a few games. We welcome back to the ice Jack Brisbane who has recently graduated from his studies as an Engineer and is now available to get back to curling for Blair Drummond.



December saw us play Port of Menteith in the Moss Cup at the Peak with skip Rory Duff, Claire Giles, Graeme Walker and Anne Christie playing for Blair Drummond. Port of Menteith won the Moss Cup. The Graeme Giles trophy will be played in

February in honour of Graeme Giles who was Vice Chairman of Blair Drummond Curling Club. Graeme was a member of Borestone and Stirling, Airthrey Castle and also coached Stirling Young Curlers, who are all represented in the Bonspiel.

If anyone is interested in joining Blair Drummond Curling Club please contact Secretary Stephen Walker on 07724042730 or myself on 07877441108. We play at the Peak Stirling on a Wednesday/Thursday evening with sessions 5.30pm and 9pm. The Peak is doing Try Curling sessions for anyone interested, the Young Curlers sessions at the Peak are on a Saturday morning, which starts from age 9 upwards.

Hope you all have a happy healthy New Year.

Anne Christie, Chair, Blair Drummond Curling Club

BIN COLLECTIONS

In the past few months there has been consistent disruption to bin collections. Every year there can be good reasons why collections are affected such as bad weather or staff shortages and we all understand that. However, this should only be occasional, and people should expect their bins to be collected as scheduled on a regular basis. The change last year to monthly collections for both grey and blue bins has added to the problem. There is simply no capacity within the reduced collection schedule to cope with any disruptions. Many people's bins are already full or overflowing by the time their collection is set to take place.

I have received a great deal of correspondence about this one service from residents across the ward area. I wanted to put together a short piece that I hope people will find useful and informative.

The lack of capacity to cope with any disruption was one of the issues, along with many others, that I and other Councillors have raised since the decision to reduce the service was taken in June 2020. I believe these cuts to a fundamental service that everyone relies on to be wrong. Some of the other reasons why are as follows.

There were no other options put before Cllrs, despite it transpiring that they had been developed. There was no consultation at all with residents; no discussion took place which would have allowed those that use the service to present their thoughts, comments or suggestions. There is a great deal of talk about involving people in decision making but one must 'walk the walk' rather than simply paying lip service to the concept.

There has been little evidence presented to support the claim that these cuts will improve recycling rates. Only one other Council in Scotland has introduced monthly collections - Falkirk. This was done in late 2016. Since then, official figures show that they have recycled the same amount as when they had two weekly collections. I cannot understand how cutting the blue plastics/cans bin collection to monthly, supports better recycling. Concerns that fly tipping would increase have also been raised. More figures from Falkirk Council show that since their move to monthly collections reported fly tipping cases increased by nearly 500.

I would suggest that if one is serious about improving recycling and reducing fly tipping then the Callander waste facility should be open for longer periods, rather than just a few hours in an evening & weekends. More localised, well serviced recycling facilities across the rural area would also help.

When one looks at other Scottish Councils Waste Services, they manage to collect bins more often, for substantially less than it costs here in Stirling. Official figures that compare costs and services across Scottish Councils show that here it costs £130.62 per household (the most expensive by far) whereas the Scottish average cost is £68.82. Highland Council's cost per household is £72.60 with fortnightly collections and food waste every week.

Should anyone wish to raise any points with me or be interested in the background information and statistics relating to any aspect of the article please drop me a line at earlm@stirling.gov.uk and I will be happy to respond as required.

Martin Earl, Cllr. Trossachs & Teith ward

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Scottish Legislation Change

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By 1st of February 2022, every home in Scotland must have:

- Smoke alarms in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings
- Smoke alarms installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purpose
- Heat alarms installed in every kitchen
- All smoke and heat alarms should be interlinked
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Thornhill and Blair Drummond Community Council

Here is a summary of the salient points from the meeting held on 12 January 2022 via zoom. The full minutes are at <https://thornhillstirling.org/thornhill-and-blairdrummond-community-council>.

Police Scotland Report

Road Safety

On 18 December police were called to a vehicle that had come off the road on A873 near the junction of A84.

Theft

On the evening of 28 December a theft occurred at Stirling Trailer Centre, Craigforth. Enquiries are ongoing.

Other incidents

On 27 December males have been observed to be hare coursing on Chalmerston Road on two occasions that day. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to both incidents.

Community Policing

It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.

Your Community Policing Sergeant is Grant MacDonald, who is based at Dunblane Police Office. Your Community Officers are Police Constable Donald King and Police Constable Lorna Deans based at Callander Police Office.

For any policing issues, please contact Callander Police Station on 101 or by email to TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Stirling County Councillors: Jeremy McDonald and Martin Earl in attendance

The Council is starting to discuss Resilience Plans in the next couple of weeks. We will be asking for a summer programme for things like picking up seasonal rubbish and discussing tourism, etc.

Blair Drummond Community Hall

There is a problem with fly tipping at the hall. Around Christmas there were boxes and bags dumped around the hall. The only recycling there is a bottle bin. There will be a meeting at the hall with the Hall Committee and Waste Services to see what can be done. There seems to be confusion within the community as to whether the glass recycling is for the hall only or for local residents. Community Council Secretary Gabriela is going to contact the hall committee and ask.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7:30pm via zoom

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