

BLACK MOUNT BUGLE



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A BIG THANK YOU



After eight years of help and support to the local community, through the design and publication of the Blackmount Bugle. Norma Love, is handing over the production of the bugle to Nicola Levy from Dolphinton.

The Blackmount bugle has been read and enjoyed by numerous local residents in the Blackmount community. Norma has produced the Bugle from May 2007 from edition No. 73, until the last one No. 105, August 2015, producing 33 Bugles over 8 years.

The Blackmount Community Council would like to sincerely thank Norma for her creative layout, design, stunning photography and editorial expertise in pulling together an informative and unique Bugle every quarter of the year for the last 8 years.

If you have any suggestions for new features, articles, news, photographs, events please drop an email to bugle@blackmount.org

The Blackmount community is on Facebook!

You can check out our page at www.facebook.com/bmccouncil where we'd welcome you to become a friend to receive news and updates. We'd love to receive any photos you have of the area, together with any information on groups and events you'd like the community to know about.

David Darling

BMCC Community Council **VOLUNTEER WANTED**

The Blackmount Community Council is looking for someone to support the community council in the taking, typing and preparation of meeting minutes. A small fee would be paid. It is anticipated that the commitment would be a couple of hours per month on the months that the Community Council actually meet, so availability to attend on the first Monday of the month would be required. The Community Council meet on average eight times a year.

If you are interested in supporting your Community Council or would like more information then please do not hesitate to contact the BMCC Secretary at:

Secretary@blackmount.org

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Your WI in Danger

This year Dolphinton Scottish Women's Institute celebrates its 90th birthday. But, the celebrations will be somewhat muted as their very existence is threatened. Membership numbers have fallen steadily over the past few years, to a level where the current membership will struggle to fulfil the group's commitments for 2015/16.

The first of these is the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. This has been held annually for many years and is a calendar highlight for all the local children under the age of 12. This party is always well supported and enjoyed, giving as it does an opportunity for families to get together and for the children to have lots of noisy fun!

Early in the New Year the WI hold a LADIES BOWLING TOURNAMENT with as many as 12 other local groups attending and competing. This is a full day, where lunch and afternoon tea are provided by the hostesses, and is always well attended.

Mid-August sees the DOLPHINTON WI FLOWER SHOW. This is a popular event for young and old alike, the always high volumes of entries reflecting this popularity.

Along with these major calendar highlights, regular meetings are held, mainly on the third Wednesday of the month from September until April. At these invited speakers give presentations and demonstrations on subjects as varied as, for example this year, 'green beef', Dementia Care, and alternative crochet. Annual membership is £15.

So what could Dolphinton WI offer you?

- ✓ Friendship and networking opportunities;
- ✓ Sharing of skills;
- ✓ A way for you to enrich and contribute to your local community.

To lose the WI in Dolphinton would be a huge loss, not just for the current members but for the community at large. No more Children's Christmas Party, Bowling Tournament or Flower Show. In addition, a severe reduction in bookings for the Village Hall could bring even nearer the closure of the Hall due to lack of use.

Your support for the WI would be very much appreciated by all the members. Its continued existence and its place in the community depend on you.

To find out more about the 2015/16 schedule of meetings, or to offer assistance for the Christmas Party or future events, please contact Anne Hutchison on 01968 682256. Further information on the SWI can be obtained from their website: www.theswi.org.uk

Pam Taylor, new member

Friendship
Community
Informative
Social
Fun

**DOLPHINTON WI
NEEDS YOU!**

Skills

COUNCILLOR HAMISH STEWART



As I sit writing this article it is a fine autumnal day outside but no doubt by the time you read it the winter will have set in. Cheering thought!

It is no secret that the Council is facing severe financial constraints for next year. The process that is followed by South Lanarkshire each year involves an information session for councillors at which suggested cuts are put to Councillors to take away and digest. Queries get e-mailed to the Director of Finance, answers come out and further sessions are held at which any other options suggested by Councillors are discussed.

What we do know is that the options to be put to Councillors this year will be for savings of £36million, what we do not actually know is how accurate that figure will prove to be. The Scottish Government is unable to advise Councils of their grant figures until they themselves know how much their settlement will be from the UK Government. The settlement figure will be known in November and it will be at least December before the Councils get told their individual grant figures. Councils have to set their budgets in February. It may be that the £36million figure is pessimistic but what is certain is that huge cuts will require to be made that, one way or another, will impact on all residents.

Recycling

I frequently get asked about individual glass bins for those areas of the Blackmount that do not have them. The Council are currently rolling out a new waste collection initiative that has started in Hamilton. Every household has 4 bins – paper and cans, glass and plastics, garden and food waste and non-recyclable waste. The non-recyclable and food waste bins get collected fortnightly and the others every four weeks. There are no plans to go down the route adopted by Fife of collecting the residual waste monthly.

The new system has been running in Hamilton for a few months now and is working well. Recycling rates have risen substantially and teething problems have been sorted out. East Kilbride will be the next area to change followed by Rutherglen/Cambuslang and Clydesdale. The roll out in Clydesdale should commence next June.

Throughout South Lanarkshire the recycling rates were 41.6% in the last quarter and the trend is rising.

As always I can be contacted by phone on 07748 114 582, e-mail at Hamish.stewart@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or by writing to me at South Lanarkshire Council, Almada St, Hamilton ML3 0AA.

Councillor Hamish Stewart

Black Mount Social Group

Bonfire night is approaching!!

Thursday 5th November at Dunsyre at 6.30pm. The bonfire will be lit at 7pm. sharp, and there will be soup and hotdogs to follow as usual.

Senior Citizens Xmas dinner

The Senior Citizens Xmas dinner will be held on Friday 4th December in Elsrickle Hall at 7pm.

If you, or your partner, have reached your 60th birthday before then, please let Anne know, so that an invitation can be sent. Tel: 01968 682256.

This means everyone who lives in Libberton, Candymill, Dolphinton, Dunsyre, Walston, Newbigging, Elsrickle and all points in between!!

Sponsored Walk

On Sun. 6th Sep. we had a most successful walk, taking a circular route from Kippit, via Ingraston, Karecole and Haughhead, and back to have a lovely tea.

Many thanks to Angela MacKenzie for her hospitality at such an ideal venue.

We raised over £400, which will go towards funding the Xmas dinner.

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| Thanks must go to those who kept the Flower tubs at the Halls in such good condition this year...they have been lovely! |
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Anne Hutchison

Dolphinton WI

We had our first meeting on Wed Sep. 16th and had one of the best and most interesting evenings ever. Mike Shannon; farmer, seeds expert, father of 8, butcher, internet seller, couthy Irishman, founder of DAMN DELICIOUS, told us about the setting up of his business at his farm at Thankerton Camp at the foot of Tinto Hill.

Competition winners were:

- Meat loaf: 1st Jean Campbell, 2nd Ann Ross, 3rd Anne Hutchison
- Flower of the Month: 1st Ann Ross, 2nd Effie Dickson, 3rd Jean Campbell.

Our next meeting will be a talk by Anna Clements titled “Dementia Friends” on Wed Nov. 18th in Dolphinton Village Hall. Competition will be: The best wrapped tissue box and all entries will be donated to Kello Hospital.

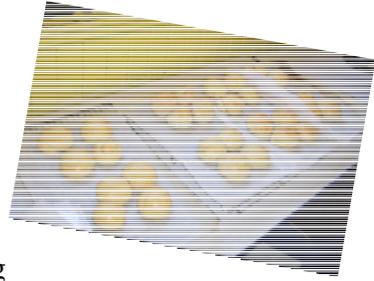
Anne Hutchison

Elsrickle WI

On Wednesday 14th October Elsrickle Rural ladies celebrated the 95th birthday of the Institute with a splendid meal in the Village Hall. This was a very well attended social occasion for the members to recognise the unique place the Institute has in the local community. The evening was concluded with most enjoyable entertainment provided by Samantha and Andrew Erskine playing a medley of familiar and well-loved tunes on accordions.....what a great family! Thank you to these talented youngsters.

Norma Love

Walston Primary School News



This term, we have been learning all about HARVEST. We have followed The Cereal Story from the farm to your plate. Mr. Warnock, a local farmer gave us a very informative talk on growing cereals and his life as a farmer.

We made our own bread with help from Mrs. Wise and we had a visit from Warburtons, who took us through a ‘sandwich workshop’.

We learned songs to sing for our parents at Open Evening and wrote poems about Harvest and Scarecrows.

Erika says *“I’m looking forward to making my vegetable animal”*



Harley’s favourite moment was baking the bread. *“I made 4 rolls. I gave one to my Dad, one to Jayme, one to Craig and one for me. Everyone said they were delicious.”*

This was Lauren B’s best bit too. *“It was fun and Calum and I ate them all.”*

Mrs Ramsay



Fairyland

P1-3's topic this term is Fairyland. The dragon left a trail of glitter to follow. At the end was a letter from the dragon. It was a letter asking for help. Fairyland had disappeared! To get it back we have to read lots of fairy stories and believe in Fairyland. We have done lots of work and the good news is that Fairyland is beginning to come back.



Mrs Ramsay

BLACKMOUNT SOCIAL GROUP

Our members are:-

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| Anne Hutchison | Chair | 01968 682256 |
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New members are always wanted. If you are interested please get in touch!

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If you require more information please contact: 01555 895491

Elsrickle Carpet Bowling Club

Elsrickle Carpet Bowling Club will be held every Thursday night 7.30 to 9.30, starting 29th October 2015. All old and new members welcome. For more information contact: A Kinloch on 01899810232 or A Steele on 01899810232

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Church of Scotland, Dolphinton
Morning Service – Sundays 9.45 am

St Isadore's Roman Catholic Church, Biggar
Holy Mass – Sundays 12 noon
Weekdays (Mon, Tues-Thurs, Fri) 9.30 am

St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church, West Linton
Sung Communion – Sundays 10.00 am
Said Communion – Wednesdays 10.30 am



WALSTON PRE- 5 GROUP
Wednesdays
9.15am until 11.15am

Walston pre 5s meet on a Wednesday morning in

Elsrickle Village Hall

for children aged 0-5 years of age . (Children 0-2 1/2 years must be accompanied by an adult). Each session runs from 9.15-11.15 am

The playgroup helps children develop their social and learning skills through free play and creative art work such as: dressing up, singing, painting, play dough, reading and musicall within a safe environment . Younger children are welcome to join in the fun or relax in our baby and toddler area.

If you would like more details or to register your child please contact Yvonne Stuart (Play Leader) or Jenni Dods or you can drop in on a Wednesday morning to a warm welcome.

Contact Details

Yvonne Stuart Tel 01899 810320 / 07900 466582

Jenni Dods Tel 07795 082949

**You can also find us on face book : Walston pre 5's
(Community Organization)**



**Blackmount Bulk Fuel Buying Group (Elsrickle,
Dunsyre, Walston, Newbigging Area)**

Thanks to everyone who ordered through the bulk fuel group in September. Our order totalled 13,050 litres at a cost of £0.2990 per litre – another lowest ever price! The order was placed with Bryce Oils this time.

The next bulk fuel order for this group will take place in **December 2015** and we will be in touch to collate orders **mid-December**.

For group members who are not on email, please call Catriona on 07966 971 307 with your order details.

Oil Order Email: blackmountfuelgroup@gmail.com

For any other queries, please find our contact details below:

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| Catriona Malone Email: Catriona.malone@honeywell.com Tel: 07966 971 307 or 01555 841 107 | Chris Fitzpatrick Email: chrisfitzpatrick74@icloud.com Mobile: 07801 585 085 |
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Catriona Malone

Dolphinton Bulk Oil Buying Group

The Dolphinton oil order was placed with Bryce Oil in mid-September and we got our best price yet at 28.95p per litre. Five companies were called and the prices ranged from 28.95p to 30.9p. Thanks to everyone who were part of this 18,600 litre order.

We plan to make our next order at the start of December. If you're interested in joining the group or would like more information then please contact Tricia Brown at DolphintonBulkOil@btinternet.com or call her on 01968 682319.

Tricia Brown



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Time</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Nov 2 nd | BMCC Meeting | Dolphinton Hall | 7.30pm |
| Nov 5 th | Blackmount Bonfire | Dunsyre | 6.30pm |
| Nov 18 th | Dolphinton WI – Dementia Friends | Dolphinton Hall | 7.30pm |
| Dec 4 th | Senior Citizens Xmas Dinner | Elsrickle Hall | 7pm |
| Dec 7 th (TBC) | BMCC Meeting | Dolphinton Hall | 7.30pm |
| Dec 19 th | Children’s Christmas Party | Dolphinton Hall | TBC |
| Jan 20 th | Dolphinton WI - SSPCA | Dolphinton Hall | 7.30pm |
| Jan 30 th | Bowling Tournament | Dolphinton Hall | TBC |
| Feb 2 nd (TBC) | BMCC Meeting | Dolphinton Hall | 7.30pm |

** Dates for the BMCC meetings are to be confirmed at the AGM meeting in November.*

Last Date for Contributions to the next Bugle is JANUARY 15th 2016

Please send your articles, dates, photographs, reports, news and advertisements to:

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