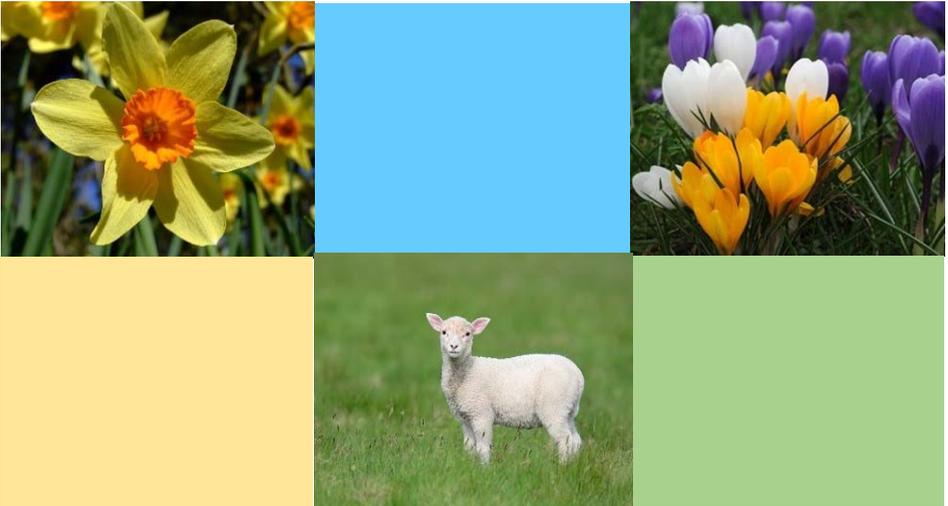


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Note from the Editor

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to this edition. We would love to hear from you and welcome new contributors as well as regulars. If you have any articles, events, photographs, puzzles, recipes etc. please send them to the Bugle email address provided below. The deadline for contributions to the August edition of the Bugle is 15th July 2016.

Contact the Bugle

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School Safety Surveys

At the time I am writing this article the subject of the school closures in Edinburgh is very much in the news. As soon as I formation was received from Edinburgh Council about the actual problem South Lanarkshire conducted safety surveys on a number of schools. These surveys did not identify any problems and surveys of all the other schools are ongoing. Edinburgh appears to be worst affected but I know that, for example, Argyll has found the same problem in at least two schools built by the same contractor, Miller Construction, as built the Edinburgh schools.

Millers did not build any schools for South Lanarkshire though another subsidiary of Galliford Try, Morrison's, did build some primary schools whilst still a separate company but, as I said, no faults have been found.

Walston School

As yet there has not been a report presented to the Council's Executive Committee about the recommended site for a rebuilt Walston School. I am told that the hope is that a report will be ready to be presented before the summer recess, possibly as early as the May meeting. If the recommendation is that the school should be moved to a new site there would be a period of public consultation to allow everyone to make their views known.

Note from our Councillor – Hamish Stewart



Council Budgets

Since I last wrote the Council budgets have been set for 2016-2017. There are no plans to close any facilities in this area though mobile library services do face a reduction. The state of the roads is always a topic for discussion but the budget has been left untouched again this year so the Roads Improvement Service will continue.

Biggar Toilets

I have been working with the group that is taking over the Public Toilets in Biggar – arguably a more important facility for residents of surrounding villages than for residents of Biggar itself- and the last hurdles are just about overcome to permit reopening in the very near future. Fundraising will continue to be a priority and major challenge in the years ahead but the will is certainly there to see the facility remain available in the years ahead.

Contacting your Councillor

As always, if there is anything I can do to help with Council issues please get in touch by letter to the Council headquarters, by e-mail or by telephone.

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Councillor Hamish Stewart

Black Mount Social Group

We would like to congratulate Gary Ross on his election as Linton Whipman 2016, and his wife Louise as his Lass. Gary spent his childhood and school years in Dolphinton and is still well remembered as the happy wee laddie who was always asking "Why?".

Later on he was a member of the Community Council, and was always a great help at all the events; the Sports in particular where he was in charge of the Welly throwing.

Gary still helps us out at the Flower Show, where his joinery skills are needed to build the staging for the flowers every year, and he is the strong man who is called upon to lift the boards after the Bowling Tournament.

We are proud that this "son of Dolphinton" has all the qualities which are mentioned in the Installation Song:-

*"The Whipman is an honest chiel,
A merry laughing honest laddie"
"well and honourably known among his fellows".*

He will be declared to be THE LINTON WHIPMAN on Friday 3rd June, and the festivities will continue until Sat. 11th June.

Anne Hutchison

Next Event

Sports will be on Thursday 26th May at Newbigging
Playing fields starting at 6.30 pm.

WI News

Dolphinton SWI April Meeting & AGM

On Wednesday 20th April, Dolphinton SWI had its last meeting of the 2015/2016 session followed by the AGM.

Our speaker for the evening was Anna Clements of Alzheimer's Scotland who gave us an enlightening and encouraging talk about the work and role of Dementia Friends. They are a charity who work with and support people directly affected by forms of Dementia and the families who care for them. She stressed that early diagnosis is key, so that anyone with the condition can, with medication and additional community support, live "well" for many years.

Short term memory does naturally deteriorate as you get older, but if it is causing you increasing anxiety and stress – go to your GP and ask to be tested. It is better to put your mind at rest and stop unnecessary worry, but more importantly if there is a problem then it is dealt with quickly for the best optimum outcome.



As it was our last meeting of the year we were able to announce that this year's winner of the Points Trophy silver salver was Jean Campbell.

Well done Jean

WI News

Come Along to a Meeting

If you are interested in finding out more about the SWI in Dolphinton and making new friends please come along to one of our monthly meetings held every 3rd Wednesday in Dolphinton Village Hall at 7.30pm. We would love to meet you.

Our new session begins again in August with the annual Dolphinton Flower and Vegetable Show – Saturday 20th August.

Monthly meetings begin again in September – schedule still to be arranged.

Fiona Hegharty
Dolphinton SWI Secretary

BLACKMOUNT SOCIAL GROUP

Our members are:-

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Mara Orr	Sports convener	01899 810219

New members are always wanted. If you are interested please get in touch!

Elsrickle WRI

The final meeting of the session of Elsrickle Rural took place on Wednesday 23rd March. Paralympian wheelchair curler Ms Aileen Neilson gave a fascinating talk about her many achievements. The local superstar from East Kilbride delivered an inspirational and entertaining description of her journey through intense training and dedication to the sport, to the pinnacle of her achievements to date: bronze and silver World medals and a bronze Olympic medal won at Sochi in 2014. Her talk was illustrated with slides showing the challenges overcome, friendships made and much fun and enjoyment had during her many travels. The presentation was very much appreciated and enjoyed by the large turnout of members. The evening was concluded by the AGM and prizes and trophies were awarded to members for their hard work throughout the session.

The next occasion for your diary is

Elsrickle Open Flower and Vegetable Show
Elsrickle Village Hall
Saturday 27th August

Entries should be in place by 10 am and the show will be opened to the public at 2pm.

Refreshments will be available.

This event is open to everyone, both within and outwith the district and it is hoped there will be many entries submitted for the various classes.

Norma Love

Walston Primary School News

Health and Wellbeing Week

On the last week of term we had a Health and Wellbeing Week. On Tuesday we had Micro Fitness and Zumba. On Wednesday we did cooking. Mrs Ramsay helped us to make Linguine in a Lemon and Basil sauce with ciabatta bread, followed by Meringue Nest filled with lemon crème fraiche and fresh fruit. YUMMY! On Thursday, the whole school and nursery set off for a walk up Blackmount. The weather was perfect for walking and the views were perfect too!



RECYCLING

Walston Primary would like to remind everyone that we recycle inkjet cartridges and mobile phones. The company will accept Hewlett Packard, Lexmark and Dell cartridges (or see website for full listing- www.therecyclingfactory.com). These may be handed into school or given to any pupil/ staff.

Thank You.

Walston Primary School News

Daffodil Tea

We held a marvellous Daffodil Tea in March. There was a scrumptious baking table, an exciting Tombola stall and a lovely Easter basket to be raffled. The Eco group had a table selling plants and quizzes. Mrs. Jackson helped us to bake cupcakes and shortbread on our new cooking trolley and these were served with the teas and coffees. We entertained parents and friends with some Easter/Spring songs. Altogether we raised just over £250.00. **THANK YOU EVERYBODY!**

Cross Country

P4-7 took part in the Small Schools Cross Country event held at Lanark Racecourse in March. We had been practising hard and our efforts paid off. Everybody did really well and our medal winners were-

- P7 Girls – Niamh Cairns 1st
- P7 Boys – Ronan Connolly 2nd
- P6 Girls – Eilidh Armstrong 3rd
- P4 Girls – Lauren Brown 3rd

They then went on to represent South Lanarkshire against other authorities at Chatelherault Country Park. It was very tough, muddy conditions. We are very proud of them and Niamh helped P7 girls to come home in first place.



Mrs Ramsey

Dolphinton & Blackmount Bulk Oil Buying Groups

Our two local Bulk Oil ordering groups (Dolphinton and Blackmount) got together again in March to place oil orders on the same day. In January there was a cost benefit for both groups when the orders were placed with one company. However, in March there was no cost saving for a joint order by both groups, therefore, orders were placed separately with different companies to ensure the best possible prices for everyone.

The Dolphinton group placed their order with Bryce Oil - 31,500 litres over 35 drops at the price of 23.85ppl.

The Blackmount group placed their order with Oil Fast - 19,200 litres over 25 drops at the price 23.8ppl.

Tricia (Dolphinton) and Catriona (Blackmount) will continue to work together going forward to negotiate the best possible oil price for all members.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has placed an order with the groups to date and we welcome all new members. If you'd like to join us or to discuss how the scheme works, then please contact:-

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Our next order is planned for the beginning of June and we will be contacting all members during late May.

Best Wishes,
Tricia and Catriona

Tesco Bags of Help Grants

The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in England, Wales and Scotland is being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

The grants programme will be open to organisations such as: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, schools, hospices, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

The deadline for Funding Round 2 applications is 3rd June 2016. There are several funding rounds so if you can't get your application in for round 2 the deadline for Funding Round 3 is September/October 2016. For subsequent funding round deadlines and further information about the grant scheme please visit the following website.

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/tesco-local-community-grants/>

Sunday Worship

Church of Scotland, Dolphinton

Morning Service – Sundays 9.45 am

St Isidore'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

HOUSEKEEPER REQUIRED

Housekeeper required for 3 hours per week, Dunsyre.

Duties to include predominately house cleaning, with occasional ironing, and taking elderly Labrador out for a short walk.

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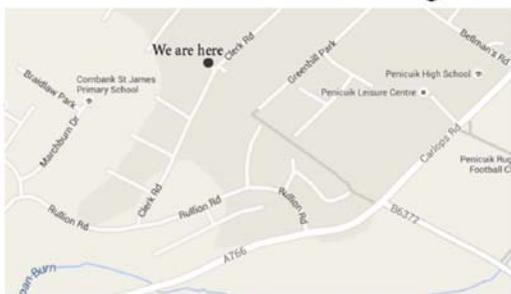
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Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Location	Time
26 th May	Sports	Newbigging Playing Fields	6.30pm
6 th Jun	BMCC Meeting	Dolphinton Hall	7.30pm
4 th Jul	BMCC Meeting	Dolphinton Hall	7.30pm
20 th Aug	Dolphinton Flower and Vegetable Show	Dolphinton Hall	TBC
27 th Aug	Elsrickle Open Flower and Vegetable Show	Elsrickle Village Hall	Entries by 10am Open to public 2pm
5 th Sep	BMCC Meeting	Dolphinton Hall	7.30pm
3 rd Oct	BMCC Meeting	Dolphinton Hall	7.30pm
7 th Nov	BMCC Meeting	Dolphinton Hall	7.30pm

Do you need crockery and glasses for a large function or family event?

The social group have cutlery, plates and wine glasses available to lend for any local events or members of the community.

Please contact Anne Hutchison for more details on: 01968 682256

Puzzle Corner

Answers in the next issue



February 2016 Edition answers:

Where am I? – Church Hall, Dolphinton

Mind gym – 18

Word - sanctuary

Can you make a word
using all the letters

E	N	U
T	A	E
D	V	R

Joke

Q: What is as big as an elephant but
weighs nothing?

A: Its shadow!

Mind Gym Exercise

Can you complete
this maths chain
in under a minute:

21
multiply by 3
subtract 8
multiply by 2
add 13
subtract 7
divide by 2
subtract 6
multiply by 2
divide by 4

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