

Uphall Village News



The community newsletter of Uphall Community Council

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Welcome to the second issue of Uphall Village News, brought to you by Uphall Community Council. We hope you find the articles interesting and enjoy the read.

Please feel free to come along to our meetings. All residents are welcome as observers, with no commitment to join the Community Council.

Irene Bishop, Chair, Uphall Community Council



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TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

With the town centre regeneration scheme well under way it is good to see Uphall looking so fresh with our new paving, hanging baskets, new bins, cycle racks and two seating areas. A community notice board has been erected at the foot of the Ecclesmachan Road. Please have a look to find out what is happening in Uphall. This notice board is for use by any local group. The art work for the Shale People Project by Mike Inglis and Andrew Crummy is enhancing the area.

MOBILE POLICE SURGERIES

Community Police Officers from Broxburn Police Station will continue to hold police surgeries in the car park of the Community Centre on the third Wednesday of the month from 6p.m. - 7p.m. Contact Broxburn Police Station on 01506 852121 for further information. Police reports can be read in the Community Council minutes.

COLD CALLING CARD UPDATE

New adhesive red cards are being delivered with this newsletter. They should be prominently displayed and we hope that the system will continue to deter bogus callers and rogue traders as it has done on numerous occasions since it was first introduced in Uphall in 2008.

UPHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Uphall Community Council has thirteen members(including two youth members), all volunteers, whose aim is to protect the interests of Uphalls residents and promote sustainable development. Our office bearers and members are as follows:

Chairperson: Irene Bishop

Vice Chairperson: Jonathan Moore

Secretary: Halina Hinton

Treasurer: Fraser Graham

Press Officer: John Richardson

Planning Secretary: Dr Gerald Paisey

Members: Irene Jones, David Flight, Marina Davies, Anne Milne, Jeanette Cumberford, Rhona Hay and Gemma Archer

If you need to contact the community council, please email uphall@wlacc.org.uk or call our Chairperson, Irene Bishop, on 01506 857356.

Our meetings are held at 7.00pm in Uphall Community Centre. Meeting dates for the rest of 2011 are: 18th May, 15th June, NO MEETING IN JULY, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November, NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

BOTTLEBANK

The bottlebank has been recited from it's original site opposite the car showroom to the car park at the Community Centre. The Gala Day benefits from glass recycling so your help would be greatly appreciated.

UPHALL CHILDREN'S GALA DAY

This year's Gala Day will be held on Saturday 11th June. Yet again the committee is small but determined to put on a day to remember for the children of Uphall. Anyone who is willing to assist in any way either with fund raising or on the day is asked to contact a committee member. The annual door to door collection will take place in May. It is important to the children of Uphall that we all give a donation.

FAIRTRADE IN UPHALL

Uphall has been a Fairtrade village since 2007 The Uphall Fairtrade Group is chaired by Graeme Morrice M.P. Fairtrade Fortnight this year was 28th February - 13th March and the theme was "Show your Label". Open Door and the community centre had displays, Primary pupils took part in a competition and the South Church held a Coffee Morning.

The New signage on entering Uphall (part of the Town Centre Regeneration) includes the wording "A Fairtrade Village."

YOUR COMMENTS

Should you have any comments to make or want to advertise in our next newsletter, please use the following details to contact us:

Phone: 01506 857356

E-mail uphall@wlacc.org.uk

BROXBURN ACADEMY PRESENTS; GUYS AND DOLLS.

Pupils from 1st to 6th year will be performing the hit musical "Guys and Dolls" on the 14th, 15th and 16th of June at 7p.m. in Broxburn Academy.

The story follows the characters Sergeant Sarah Brown, of the Save a Soul Mission who tries to spread the Word and make a difference to the sin and depravity of the streets, full of tipsters, gamblers and con men. Adelaide, the showgirl, desperate to leave behind her seemingly glamorous lifestyle for a white picket fence with her fiance of 14 years: Nathan Detroit, who is trying to find yet another new location for his floating dice game, keeping just one short step ahead of the law. And the coolest, highest roller of them all: Sky Masterton, who would bet on anything that would turn him a profit, including a bet involving Sarah Brown.

Please contact the school office, nearer the time, on 01506 282300 to book your tickets for a guaranteed enjoyable night for all.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

Ryan O'Connor and Andrew Loch from 5th year at Broxburn Academy were selected to play golf for West Lothian in Texas, USA last year. They were there for 8 days, 5 of which were competition days. As a team they were unbeaten on all these days which led them to a comfortable margin of victory. Ryan (aged 16) has been playing golf for three years. In his first season playing he won the under 14's county championship. This has previously been won by Stephen Gallagher and Bernard Gallagher at the same age. He has competed in tournaments in West Lothian and the Lothians for the past two seasons. Last year he shot the best score of the year in West Lothian and the Lothians with a 62(-7) at Uphall Golf Club. For the previous two years he has been unbeaten in both the Junior League and Century Cup. He will compete in his second Scottish Boys Championship at Dunbar Golf Club this year.

Andrew (also 16) from Pumpherston Golf Club has won the Junior Championship the last two years and is involved in the Lothians and Scottish development squad. Andrew will also be competing in his third Scottish boys championship.

We wish them all the best for the future.

Shannon Archer is another Broxburn academy pupil who has had success at international level. She is a 12 year old gymnast.

Last year was a busy year for Shannon, she competed in the Celtic Cup which is a 5 way international competition. In June she took part in the British Championships and made it into a British final for floor exercises in July. In September she competed in the UK schools games. This is like a mini Commonwealth games with competitors from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. Following this Shannon was chosen to go to Russia with the Glasgow School of Sport. She was there for 10 days and trained at the Olympic Reserve School.

This year Shannon has competed in the Scottish Championships where she came second overall after becoming champion on the beam and joint champion on floor exercises. She took first place overall at this year's Celtic Cup.

Recently Shannon became a Bank of Scotland Local Hero and is part of a squad for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Shannon has many other competitions ahead of her this year and we wish her well in these.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police

Police HQ (Livingston)	01506 431200
Broxburn Police Station	01506 852121

Hospitals

St John's Hospital, Livingston	01506 523000
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary	0131 536 1000
Western General, Edinburgh	0131 537 1000
NHS 24	08454 24 24 24

Health Centre (Strathbrock Partnership Centre)

Dr Gunn and Partners	01506 771771
Ferguson Medical Practice	01506 771700
The Wood Medical Practice	01506 771800

West Lothian Council

All enquiries	01506 775000
Uphall Community Centre	01506 854451

Local Councillors

Councillor Alex Davidson	01506 281744
Councillor Ellen Glass	01506 281718
Councillor Graeme Morrice	01506 281736
Councillor Janet Campbell	01506 281741

Schools

Uphall Primary School	01506 852516
St Nicholas Primary School	01506 853509
Broxburn Academy	01506 282300
St Margaret's Academy	01506 497104

Churches

New Life Christian Fellowship	07564054377
St Nicholas (Strathbrock Parish)	01506 856433
Uphall South Parish Church	01506 852788
The Baptist Church	01506 857092
St. John Cantius and Nicholas	01506 852040

Travel

Rail Service Enquiries	08457484950
West Lothian Traveline	01506 775288

LOCAL WEB LINKS

Uphall Community Council - www.ucc.org.uk
Broxburn and Uphall Traders - www.buta.org.uk
Uphall South Parish - www.uphallsouthchurch.org.uk
New Life Christian Fellowship - www.newlifecf.org.uk
Uphall Primary - blogs.wled.org.uk/uphallps
Uphall Diamonds - www.uphall-diamonds.co.uk

Uphall On The Web - www.uphall.org
Uphall Fairtrade - www.uphallfairtrade.com
Strathbrock Parish - www.strathbrockparish.net
The BUSY Project - www.thebusyproject.org.uk
Broxburn Academy - www.broxburnacademy.net