

Dollar News

Dollar Gala

Thursday 2nd June to Saturday 4th June

We are delighted to announce the return of the Dollar Gala after a two-year absence. The theme for this year's Gala is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the format will be much as in previous years. We do hope that everyone will come along and enjoy these fun family events.

What's happening?

**Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June
5pm-8pm:**

Funfair rides in the Market park, next to the Hive.

12.45pm at the main entrance doors of Dollar Academy:

Activities will start with a **procession** led by the Academy pipe band and including our Guest of Honour Alec Simpson and the Gala King and Queen and will proceed to Market Park. We would encourage local children to wear fancy dress in the Platinum Jubilee theme.

From 1pm in the Market Park adjacent to the Hive:

There will be a whole series of attractions:

- the funfair rides continue
- a local dance company show
- Hillfoot Harmony performance
- football & tug o' war competitions
- emergency services exhibitions
- fancy-dress competition judging
- market and craft stalls
- a BBQ and a bar.

To help us plan, we would ask Tug o' War teams to register with us in advance. Please contact rebecca@dollarcdt.com or call 07563 405939.



Harviestoun Beacon

Harviestoun Estate will light a beacon on the top of King's Seat at 9.45pm on 2nd June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



May 2022

Hillfoot Harmony

Under our new musical director, Michael Longden, we have been learning new repertoire over the winter months in the Burnside Hall on a Wednesday evening.

And So It Goes, Hallelujah, Fly Me To The Moon, Big Spender and Someday are a selection of songs that we hope to perform to our many friends in the months to come.

Some of us will be singing a few of our songs at the Gala. If you are interested in joining our friendly group of ladies, come and have a chat or contact our Team Leader, Nicky Whyte on nicky@whyteinfo.co.uk

Kirsty Molnar



The Wonders of the Wonderful Dollar Cricket Club

Cricket in Dollar has a long and storied history, with the roots of Dollar Cricket Club being traced back as far as 1886. While the world has expanded and evolved over the past 136 years, the ethos of village cricket has kept their wicket intact. The idyllic setting, the odd yelp of an appeal, (sometimes) sensible play, and the slightly less sensible post-match festivities remain rooted in Dollar's identity.

We usually manage fifteen or so games a season, with home games being played in the amazing setting of the Academy grounds, and away games played in locations such as Elie, North Berwick, Comrie, Kinross, Edinburgh and Stirling. The final couple of matches see us take to the skies or seas for the annual DCC tour. Past locations have included Iceland,



Belgium, and Ibiza (yes, they all play cricket).

Despite the shortish season, and even shorter Scottish Summer, the club remains active 365 days a year. Thanks to our close relationship with the School, from September to April, we dust off the keys to the games hall and play games of indoor cricket that are endlessly more enjoyable than a dull BBC autumnal period drama. When the weather starts to bear a resemblance of spring, we venture

outside and have weekly nets, where everyone gets a decent stint playing some shots and plenty of practice with the ball. These take place on Wednesday evenings at 18:30. If you ever find yourself yearning for a stint at silly-mid-off, to have a swing with the bat, or a go at rolling your shoulder over, DCC is your calling. Even if you do not know your Cow Corner from your Gully, that does not matter. Feel free to come down to nets and say hello. A friendly smile and a love of hilarity is all we ask for. So, what is stopping you from joining the legendary ranks of, erm, Dollarites? Dollarers?? Dollawegians??? who have donned their whites and represented THE MIGHTY DCC. I promise you will be hooked (pulled, cut or driven) if you give it a try.

Mike Donaldson

Scottish Country Dance

The Dollar Scottish Country Dance (RSDCS) Class

Dollar RSDCS Class held its last night of the current season on 7th April. After our usual evening of dancing class, members, our teacher, Catriona Fleming and our accordianist, Billy Ferguson, got together for a light supper. We also held a raffle where everyone won a prize.

Classes, which meet every Thursday evening between autumn and spring, in the Burnside Hall at 7.30pm, will resume in October. If you are interested in an activity that is good for you physically, is mentally stimulating and very sociable, then please come along and try a session with us. All ages and abilities will be made most welcome. Look out for the posters with more details of the

start date in the early autumn or you can contact Catherine on 07463 510744 before then.

Catherine Roy (Secretary).



DOLLAR GOLF COURSE

The flag has been raised for the Summer season. The course is looking and playing beautifully thanks to Tony, our greenkeeper and Harviestoun Estate.



This is a great time and place to try golf without any pressure. As it is a non-competition course it is also an excellent opportunity for golfers to practice on some challenging holes! There is no need to book a tee time. A reminder to visitors to please pay by placing money in the honesty box or by paying through BACS. (Bank details on the notice board by the entrance). Our new website is now open where you can find more information and ways to pay.

An annual pass is £150 for an adult and £200 for a family including children up to 18 years of age. A junior is £25 for up to 18 years of age

and a visitor pass is £7.50 for 9 holes or £10 for 18 holes per person.

Whilst playing you can enjoy beautiful panoramic views across open countryside. The tree plantations are now growing well and can be found above the golf course within the walking areas. Please can we remind all walkers and dog walkers to take any mess away with them and to avoid walking on the course for safety reasons.

Overall an excellent place to de-stress!

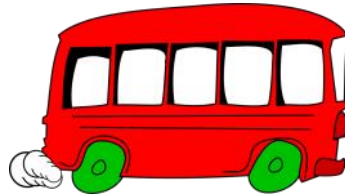
Nick Poett and Di Dunning

 dollargolfcourse.com

Buses - use them or lose them!

A huge thank you to everyone who completed the transport questionnaire. We received more than 130 responses which shows how important the subject is to people in Dollar. We are currently processing all the data from the surveys and we will use the data with Clackmannanshire Council and with the bus companies. We will share the results as soon as we have them.

Until then, a reminder that we do have a number of bus services today. We need to **USE** these wherever



possible to ensure we don't lose them. The current bus services are:

H2 Dollar to Forth Valley Hospital via Alloa. 9 times per day, every 2 hours.

324 Dollar to Bannockburn via Stirling bus station. Twice per day, schooldays only.

326 Dollar to Dunblane. Twice per day, schooldays only.

202 Kinross to Tillicoultry. 5 times per day, Monday to Saturday.

Volunteer Driver Service: On demand, run by Dollar Community Development Trust - 07565 712131.

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History Society

On 8th April The History Society, thanks to the continued support of Dollar Academy, held an illustrated talk on 1942: the darkest year of the Second World War. We were fortunate to be able to hold the meeting in the Music Auditorium, which is spacious and has excellent facilities.

There was an encouraging audience of 37 and it was great to have so many comments and questions from the floor. It kept the speaker on his toes and promoted further research on his part on several issues that came up.

Our objective is to resume 'business as usual', on the second Tuesday of each month from this September until May 2023. The first talk of the new season will be given by Jenny Brownrigg,



Exhibitions Curator at the Glasgow School of Art, on the work of lady photographers who worked in the Scottish Highlands and Islands in the 1920s. She has curated an exhibition on this topic that will open in Edinburgh later this year. In October, David Price will give a lecture based on his book *The Crew*, a fascinating account of a Lancaster bomber crew during the Second World War.



There will be subsequent talks ranging from the turmoil of the 12th century to the heroic work of Florence Nightingale. A full programme will be published in July and posters will appear in the usual places about a fortnight before each talk.

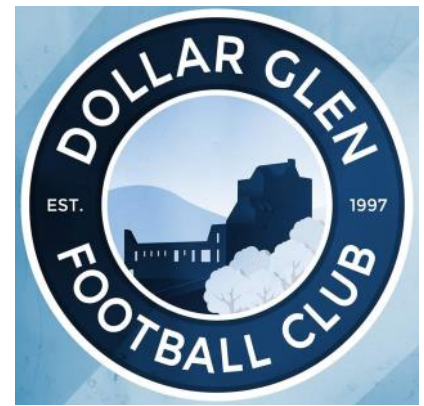
Les Barker

Dollar Glen Football Club

Since the last edition of Dollar News, the club has continued to partner Dollar Community Development Trust to finally develop changing facilities as a base for not only the club but also to encourage other users with their activities to share the facility.

We now have over 100 children on our register and, while this is great for the capacity building of the club, it brings with it the problem of lack of volunteer coaches. While parent assistance is greatly appreciated, the club is crying out for volunteers to take that one step further into coach education. Coach education is nothing to be worried about as the early children's certificates are purely attendance and knowledge based and you don't even need to have played football, although it does help. Why not give it a try and join our Dynamos sessions on a Monday night, 5pm to 7pm at Newfield, the DA rugby fields behind The Hive.

As this edition goes to print our new 2016s team (5/6 years old boys and girls) will have played their first four games against other small teams within the Fife Soccer Sevens Association based at Pitreavie playing fields, Dunfermline. This new team



joins our existing 2014s teams, of which there are two, our 2012s team and top of the pyramid system, our adult men's amateur team.

We have enough children to establish teams at 2015s (7 year olds) and 2013s (9 years old) age groups but sadly nobody to take charge of them.

Our amateur men's adult team has been evolving over the past few months with the introduction of many younger players as the more experienced longer serving members see the new over 35s side beckoning. The team has had a mixed season to date but are gaining in both confidence and ability as they take on "older heads" in the various fixtures played within the Stirling & District Amateur FA.

We are delighted to announce that The Inn at Dollar has agreed to be kit sponsor for our adult amateur side, our new 2016 team and further children's teams that are yet to be established. This sponsorship is really appreciated and joins our other team kit sponsors Arnold Clark and Cirrus Logic whose financial assistance is recognised on the training kit which is worn by all of our coaches, children and adult players.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the following; over 35s football, woman's recreational football or walking football, why not join us on Saturday 28th May for "come and try" sessions.

Kenny Mitchell

For further information:

dollarglenfc.co.uk

[@DollarGlenFC](https://www.facebook.com/DollarGlenFC)

Drama Club

Dollar Drama Club's December production *STARTING OVER* celebrated our return to the stage after two long years by presenting a fun evening of short plays and sketches. It was such a success, and received great reviews, so we decided to follow the same format for our next production, *HIDE AND SEEK*, which was performed on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th May 2022.

THE SOCIABLE PLOVER, a black comedy by Tim Whitnall, was directed by Stephen Lambert, and centred on the meeting between a keen ornithologist and a chance visitor to a bird hide. Damian Sherwood-Johnson played the ornithologist and David



Rehearsal photo showing (L-R) Damian Sherwood-Johnson and David Anderson

Anderson the visitor. The nice blend of comedy and drama kept the audience glued to the action to the very end.

THE BOOK CLUB OF LITTLE WITTERINGTON, a characterful



Rehearsal photo showing (L-R) Susie Easto, Catherine Gibson-Poole and Jane McGill

comedy by Joan Greening, was directed by Elaine Stark. A newcomer to a small village joins the local book

Make sure you keep an eye on our website dollardrama.org.uk for updates, or email dollardrama@gmail.com and ask to join our mailing list, or speak to one of our members. And, of course, if you are interested in joining us, we'd be delighted to welcome you.



Rehearsal photo showing (L-R) Sandra Ballantine, Linda Rice.

club, and the differing reactions of the existing members provided great laughs for our audience. The newcomer was played by Catherine Gibson-Poole and the club members were played by Sandra Ballantine, Linda Rice, Jane McGill, and Susie Easto.

Susie was relatively new to the area, and we were very glad to welcome her to her debut performance with Dollar Drama Club.

DOLLAR DRAMA CLUB are planning a further production this autumn. Watch this space!

Jane McGill

Dollar Academy Dates for the diary



**18th - 19th June
Sports Weekend**

Wednesday 22th June
The Form VI Leavers' Ball will take place in the evening. Please note that a fireworks display is planned for the end of the event at around 10:30pm.

**Saturday 3rd September
Open Day**

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Henderson Roche

Henderson Roche is under new management

As an established estate and letting agency, we are excited to tell you about changes that have happened at Henderson Roche over the last year.

We have employed a new Sales Manager, Vivienne Cazaly, whose previous experience has been with Savills and Rettie & Co in Edinburgh. Vivienne was also in The Scottish Borders, so has a wide range of knowledge across many areas of Scotland. Vivienne is also an interior designer so can advise you as a 'House Doctor' about things you can do to improve your property before marketing it.

'Our focus is on building strong relationships within the Community of Dollar and the wider area. We are a friendly and approachable team.

Selling your home is such a personal process and we will always strive to be sympathetic towards your needs and work at your pace.'

We offer a free valuation service, so if you are considering your options, it is always worthwhile to speak with us. The valuation takes place at your property and lasts for around 30-45 minutes. It's an opportunity to get to know Vivienne and ask questions about how we can maximise the value of your home. We can offer advice on all aspects of selling.

Good customer service and communication are paramount to us. We very much focus on quality, not quantity when selling homes. We want

to ensure that this is a positive experience for buyers and sellers alike and strive to exceed your expectations.

We also have a great deal of experience when it comes to selling new homes whether they be complete or selling from plan, so Developers large or small please get in touch to see if we can assist.

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Saturday 29th October: The Dollar Concert: keep the date!!

The Dollar Concert in the Assembly Hall at Dollar Academy
Music from stage and screen performed by the 30 piece Scottish Pops Orchestra conducted by David Christie
Raising funds for Jo's Trust - supporting Brain Cancer Research



Police Report

The community police officers for Dollar and the surrounding area are PC Barry Reiter and PC Barry Ritchie who are based at Kilncraigs, Alloa. They cover Clackmannanshire East ward which consists of Dollar, Muckhart, Forestmill and Clackmannan.

Community officers can be contacted by calling 101 or by emailing; ClackmannanshireEastCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Anti-social behaviour has continued to be reported through the winter months and usually increases when the weather improves. Community officers have been carrying out additional patrols in the Dollar area in the evenings and weekends and this will continue in the coming months. Additional patrols will be carried out on the cycle path, Castle Campbell, Law Hill and the schools. It is requested that residents continue to contact police by calling 101 at the time the behaviour is occurring. This



will allow us to have officers at the right place at the right time.

Speeding continues to be reported as an issue around the village. In particular Harviestoun Road, Muckhart Road and the new 40mph limit on Devon Road. Community officers have been carrying out speed detection patrols where possible assisted by the Forth Valley Road Policing Unit.

Reports in relation to online and telephone scams where people have

been deceived into giving out personal and bank details are still being reported across Forth Valley. These incidents can have a devastating impact mentally and financially on the victim. The vast majority of these incidents originate from abroad and are complex enquiries. Residents are reminded not to engage with these calls or emails and not to give out any personal/bank details. Further information and advice can be found at: www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/



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Girlguiding Dollar and Muckhart

Girlguiding in Dollar and Muckhart continues to flourish, with fun and exciting activities for all ages.

Rainbows is a busy and active group. Working their way through the programme has seen the girls birdwatching and stargazing with homemade telescopes, learning all about the Earth, the Sun and the Moon and how stars form constellations. They have learned how to look after themselves, how important it is to relax and have a good laugh. They have looked at charities and how important it is to be kind and look after each other and the world we live in. They have been to the cinema and have enjoyed a great day joining with the rest of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to celebrate Girlguiding Clackmannanshire with the Clacks Carnival event.

All our Rainbows have completed skills builder badges and this, along with interest badges has seen our girls earn awards too. Congratulations go to Abbie Key, Cora Fleming, Evie Sowden, Hannah Asher and Emily Convery who have gained the Rainbow Bronze Award. Well done to Cora and Evie on also achieving the Rainbow Silver Award - a lot of hard work with great results!

The **Brownies** had great fun tubing at Firpark and swimming in Dollar. They all earned their archaeology badge and have been working on Skills Builders too. They have tried Scottish country dancing, a dragon dance for Chinese

We have spaces available so if your daughter would like to join in the fun please visit girlguiding.org.uk/joinus and register your interest.

New Year and a photo treasure hunt around Dollar. They joined the rest of the district in an Easter egg hunt too. They won first prize in the Division 'Try for a Trophy' competition, with a display about the history of 2nd Dollar Brownies. Freya, Zooey, Emily, Blythe, Samantha and Murrin were all awarded their Gold Awards before heading off to join Guides, and Anika has almost completed her Gold Award too. Congratulations!

The Dollar **Guides** have been meeting again and doing lots of activities, including attending the Clacks Carnival, learning lots of skills, like map reading, and planning how they could travel round the world. They have also been outside playing rounders, building natural art and making solar systems. They will be



learning first aid in the next couple of weeks.

Girls from all units joined more than 200 girls at the Clacks Carnival, drumming with Beats of Brazil, crafting Top Hats and masks to wear, trying soft archery, dancing with Alva Academy's School of Dance, circus skills, fairground games and an escape room. They made s'mores and ate candy floss before joining in with the finale performance and campfire. A lovely day, with everyone together for the first time in more than 2 years.

Morag Whyte who is a Ranger at Muckhart has been elected as a Speak Out Champion for Scottish Guiding. Each year up to 20 Girlguiding Scotland members are selected to be Speak Out Champions, acting as spokespeople for Girlguiding Scotland and take on a direct role in shaping Girlguiding Scotland's campaigning and advocacy work. We are all very proud of her.

Tricia Davenport

Dollar SWI

We held our first meeting this year in March, when our speaker, Margaret Stephenson, gave us an illustrated talk on her trip in 2019 to India and Nepal.

Her colourful photos and stories took us to another world and it was just what we needed after two years of Covid. In April we had a friendship meeting when we went Down Memory Lane and remembered shops and businesses in Dollar over the last fifty years and it was amazing the amount that have come and gone.

In May we welcomed speaker Gillian Skene who told us about her jewellery making business, how she started and her techniques. Members were invited to knit with the fine metal she uses, a first for even SWI members! We are rounding off our programme with a Jubilee Strawberry Tea on 6th June.

Many of our members knit hats for seafarers which are gratefully received by The Seamen's Mission and presently we are asked to knit blankets and teddies for Ukraine.

Through our Federation there are opportunities to attend craft classes and social gatherings.

Dollar SWI now hold our meetings in the Burnside Hall on the first Monday of the month (1.30-3.30pm) from September to June.

Visitors are always welcome, information about our meetings are displayed monthly in the local shops.

Sue Millar



Flood Group

The Dollar Flood Group (DFG) is a subcommittee of the Dollar Community Council (DCC) which has been set-up to put in place a Resilience Group in the event of flooding in Dollar. It is closely allied to the larger Hillfoots Flood Group. The DFG is seeking community volunteers to join the core members of the DCC in building a community response team in the event of flooding in Dollar. They will be the eyes of Dollar around identified FLOOD HOTSPOTS, and feedback to the WhatsApp group (see photos). More importantly, if an event happens, we will need our volunteers be ready to jump into action! The DFG works with support from SEPA (sepa.org.uk), the Scottish Flood Forum, and Clackmannanshire Council.

Mark Bancroft



Dollar Flood Group needs volunteers!



Clackmannanshire Council is working with Flood Groups along the Hillfoots and we need volunteers to join the Dollar Group.

Having an active Community Group working for Dollar with the council, the Scottish Flood Forum and the emergency services will help Dollar be better prepared to deal with the effects of flooding before, during and after flood events.

This benefits the whole community.

If you are interested in helping the group, please contact **Stuart Cullen**, Council Flooding Officer:
scullen@clacks.gov.uk
or **Mark Bancroft** :
dollarfloodgroup@gmail.com

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It's been another busy six months for the Trust; not only has our staff team grown but we've also successfully taken ownership of the Hive from Clackmannanshire Council, which means it is now owned by and for the Dollar community. In addition, since November our volunteers have planted another 500 trees, repaired over 156 items at our Repair Café saving the equivalent emissions of driving over 20,000 miles, supported a variety of sessions for new parents at the Hive, driven 705 miles as part of our volunteer driver service, lent 484 books from our community library, and worked hard to ensure a successful transition of the community events from the Dollar Community Council to the Trust. We continue to recognise that none of our activities would happen without the dedication of a huge number of local volunteers as well as other local organisations and businesses. So, thank you, to each and every one of you for your continued contribution to making the Trust a success. Read on to find out what we've been up to since November...

Our New Team!

You may have noticed new faces in the Hive over the last few months. Thanks to funding from the National Lottery's Community Fund, the Fair Work Initiative, and the Clackmannanshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund we have four new part time members of staff. Morven Cadell is leading our work to help make Dollar more inclusive, particularly for those with dementia and their carers, Sarah Donnachie is leading our Sustainable Dollar work, Eva Cortes has joined as our new Admin Assistant and Helen Hudd as the lead for our support for new families. All are doing a fantastic job developing new services to offer the community. We have also been lucky enough to find a

new Membership Secretary, Karen Kenyon, who will be taking over the reins from Eric over the next few weeks, so if you are a member (and if not, please join!) then please look out for an email from Karen in the near future. We would once again like to express our huge gratitude to Eric for his time as membership secretary at the Trust.

Sustainable Dollar Sustainability Festival 2022



The Sustainable Dollar Working Group, led by Neil Houston, is working with our new staff member Sarah to put on this year's Sustainability Festival. The theme this year is 'biodiversity' and we will be running it alongside Open Gardens 2022 on Saturday 21st May. The event will include workshops, talks and activities on how to improve the biodiversity in your garden, composting, creating a wormery, the importance of bees, and making seed balls. You can also join the tour of Dollar Academy's impressive wormery, composting, and bee keeping set up, or have a go at making your own smoothie on the smoothie bike! So why not pop down to the marquee on the afternoon of Saturday 21st May!

Dollar Repair Café

The Repair Café is going from strength to strength since its launch last October. It is being run at the Hive on the last Saturday of every month from 10am to 1pm and we continue to receive a very wide range of broken items. In total our volunteers have fixed 156 items since we set up, saving over 525kg of items going to landfill, and the equivalent emissions of flying over 30,000 miles! A special thanks go to volunteers Laura Cox and Jack Smart who have



led on the set up and organisation of the monthly Cafés, along with all our enthusiastic and highly skilled volunteer fixers. See our website for more details on how the Repair Café works and what you need to do if you want something fixed.

Tree planting

Since November we have planted on various Harviestoun Estate locations, one at Loanhead Farm, another on the old golf course north stone wall, as well as the new Harviestoun Community Garden site. This was with help from Harviestoun Estate, Dollar Academy, the Guides and a community volunteers planting session. In March, we planted a hedge and individual trees at the west fence of the future Harviestoun Community Garden Dollar site, 420 trees were planted by children from Strathdevon Nursery and Primary schools - every



pupil in school over a two-day period planted at least one tree. Community volunteer planters helped us to plant the rest of the Garden hedge and trees and then plant a further section of hedge on the old golf course. There has been a huge amount of support with the planting, with the local schools playing a key role. We have now planted over 5500 trees in two years. If you would like to help us maintain the trees please get in touch – all help is very gratefully received.

The Trust would like to reiterate our thanks to Harviestoun Estate for offering the land to plant on, and their sterling efforts to prepare the areas for planting – we could not do it without

The Community Development Trust

them. A special thanks also goes to our Board member David Duffus, whose meticulous dedication and enthusiasm has helped to drive this work forward, helping us achieve our ambitious planting targets.

Harviestoun Community Garden



We completed the initial design and feasibility work for the Harviestoun Community Garden Dollar by the middle of 2021; community input led to several modifications of the original design, so thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to that process. The 6.2-hectare site, located

just to the south of the Devon Way, west of the old railway embankment, was kindly made available to us by Harviestoun Estate, and will eventually be split into five sections. If you would like to see more detail on the design, please see our website. During the consultation we also received many offers of help from local volunteers and we plan to start involving them very soon. We have been very fortunate to receive an Awards for All grant from the National Lottery of £10,000; we plan to use this funding to do a detailed design of the Community Hub and Market Garden areas of the garden which is a huge step forward for the development of the garden. The Forest Garden, Woodland and Wetland areas will be progressed at a future date.

Caring, Connected Dollar

Our Connected Dollar

Our work to make Dollar more inclusive for people with dementia and their carers is developing well. We have had two drop-in information sessions and are now in the process of setting up dementia training and awareness raising sessions to be offered to all the local organisations and businesses in Dollar. The aim is to build the capacity of the community to support those who may be struggling. We are also keen to provide some support for unpaid (family) carers, particularly around power of attorney or wills etc. We are following the ethos that, if a community is inclusive for people living with dementia it is inclusive to everyone. We're really excited about

this work, but would love to have more help, both from local organisations, businesses and individuals.

Support for new families

We have set up and trialled a wide range of support in the Hive for new families since November, including a new baby café, baby massage, birth preparation sessions and a new music class. This builds on the successful transition of the Dollar Baby and Toddler group from the Burnside Hall to the Hive. If you are keen to support these services as a volunteer then we would love to have you on board – please contact us for more information. Just a couple of hours a week would be hugely appreciated.

Volunteer Driver Service



The Volunteer Driver Service is a small group of local volunteers who offer lifts around Dollar and sometimes further afield, to those who struggle with transport. Since its return after COVID it has gone from strength to strength and has welcomed new volunteer drivers as well as new users. In the last year the service has driven over 700 miles for our local community. A huge thanks again to all the volunteers involved.

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Can you help out? Here are our current volunteering opportunities!

Caring, Connected Dollar

- Train and volunteer as a **Digital Buddy** if you would like to support older people to get online
- Get involved in our dementia activities with Morven and our Community Connectors to help us make Dollar an inclusive and welcoming place for everyone
- Could you support one of our sessions for parents, babies and toddlers?

Sustainable Dollar

- Do you like fixing things?** Why not be a volunteer at our Repair Café?
- Tree maintenance** – be one of the team looking after our newly planted trees

Help us develop the Hive

- Now we own the Hive we'd love to have more of the community involved in its running, could you help us maintain the garden? Or help with the weekly internal checks?

We have lots of other volunteering opportunities – you can find out more on our website!

DOLLAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & DOLLAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

What we do and how we work together for the benefit of Dollar and its community...

DOLLAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DCC is a statutory body consisting of 14 Community Councillors selected through a local election process by the people of Dollar. Their primary role is to represent the Dollar community

Campaigns on local issues e.g. traffic

Is consulted on a range of issues by Clacks Council

Comments on local planning applications and the development of the Local and Structure Plan

Communicates with the local residents & represents their views to local government and other relevant local and national bodies.

Has a statutory responsibility to comment on alcohol licensing in local pubs, restaurants and shops.

Publishes the **Dollar News**

Housing Development Response

Some Community Consultations e.g. Section 75

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TRUST

DCDT is a charity with a Board of 11 volunteers that deliver projects aimed at making Dollar a great place to live for everyone

DOLLAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Runs the Hive, including the community library

puts on **Community Events** e.g. Truck Race, Gala, Open Gardens, Beer Festival

Develops **Community Facilities** e.g. Harviestoun Community Garden, Devon Way Sports Park

Caring, Connected Dollar projects e.g. Dementia Friendly Dollar, Volunteer Driver Service

Sustainable Dollar projects e.g. Tree planting and Repair Café

Destination Dollar projects - e.g. public toilets, litter picking and visitor management/tourism



The Community Development Trust

If you are interested in using the Volunteer Driver Service, please phone 07565 712131 and leave a message with your name and contact number. We will call you back within 24 hours to discuss your request and make any necessary arrangement. A comprehensive description of the service is available via leaflets located in the Hive and at Dollar Health Centre, or via the Trust's website.

Dollar Community Library

The Community Library, located in the Hive, continues to welcome regular visitors and new members. Thank you to everyone in Dollar who has given books to the library; your generous donations have helped to increase an even wider range of reading material and volunteers have been working hard to organise the Library stock.



Author events are taking place again: In January, Keith Broomfield generously gave a charismatic talk on his book "If Rivers could Sing", reminding us of the joy to be found in exploring nature on our doorstep, especially by the River Devon. Keith's latest book, "A Scottish Wildlife Odyssey", is now available and we look forward to another event in the library when he can tell us more about the incredible wildlife he loves to discover.

Early this term, with support from Scottish Book Trust, we invited a Scottish storyteller, Dougie Mackay, to give a presentation to the pupils of Strathdevon School, the first talk of this kind the children have been able to enjoy for a long time. Dougie is a warm and dynamic storyteller who fascinated his young audience with age-old tales, given a fresh twist. His clever riddles encouraged the children to respond enthusiastically with their own! Mrs Tomlinson has therefore set the children a project – to produce a

book of Strathdevon favourite riddles. Look out for its appearance later this summer.

We also plan to continue to support the Baby and Toddler Group, meeting on Monday mornings, by opening the library for parents and children and look forward to new young members who love to enjoy books.

If you are not yet a member, do come and join the library. No charge, no limit on borrowing and best of all, you are recycling and re-using. The library is currently open twice a week: Wednesday 2pm – 4pm and Saturday 10am – 12 noon.

Future plans? Author events will continue to take place so keep an eye on the Trust website for further information.

Community Events

Open Gardens 2022

We are happy to announce that Dollar Open Gardens went ahead this year and was organised by the Trust over the weekend of 21st/22nd May.

25 hosts opened up their gardens to the public and tea and cakes were enjoyed at the Hive.

Destination Dollar

Devon Way Sports Park

Many of you will have seen the stall in Bridge Street around Christmas to gain support for the project. This was part of the community engagement process, the results of which will form an important part of our future funding applications. A questionnaire was delivered to most homes in the town with an online version available on the Trust's website. All in all, 97% of residents are in favour of the project. Two of the main comments given in the survey were, what would the facility look like and the need for a larger parking area.

There were many suggestions for activities that could be held at the park. Many people said they would be interested in taking part in women's recreational football, over 35s football and walking football, as well as other non-football activities suggested. These could all lead to the formation of new activity groups in the town.

There were also a few suggestions to establish a family cycling group using the proposed facilities as a base while using the Devon Way or other routes.

The next stage of the process is to hold a "come and try" session on Saturday 28th May where members of the community will be able to take part in the suggested activities. Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for all the latest information on the project.

Meanwhile on the new pitch there seems to be a problem with rabbits. So, if anyone knows how to cure this problem, as humanely as possible, please get in touch.

Public Toilets



While progress is relatively slow, we are moving forward in our quest to reinstate the public toilets on West Burnside. This has been a long-drawn-out process but progress is being made by our committed Board Member, Sue Price, from the Sorting Office. We now have an engineer coming who is hopeful to be able to fix it. While we are not promising anything just yet, we hope to have them open to the public before too long.

Community Marquee



You may have noticed our community marquee back up in the Hive grounds again? It will be in situ until after the summer. A huge thank you to the volunteers who have helped to put it up. If you would like to hire the marquee, please see our website for details.

The Community Development Trust

The Hive on Park Place – now under community ownership!



We are delighted to announce the successful acquisition of the Hive, Dollar's Community Centre, from Clackmannanshire Council. The purchase has been supported by the Council who offered a 20% discount on the value of the building and the Scottish Land Fund who contributed 95% of the remaining cost. The Trust is very grateful for the help of our three local Councillors, the Officers of the Council, Scottish Land Fund staff, Development Trust Association of Scotland and the local community for their consistent support over the past two years in achieving this major milestone for the community. We have big ambitions for the building, particularly around the use of renewable energy, and we would love to have more volunteers to help keep the building going, so if you have ideas and enthusiasm, please get in touch!

We have a full weekly schedule, so please see our website for full details of everything that's on offer at your buzzing community centre!

Do you want to be the first to be informed of what we're doing? **Then please join us and become a member!**

The Trust is a membership organisation and our success relies on your support! The more local members we have, the more representative we are of the Dollar community, and the more credibility we have to take forward projects, secure funding and influence decisions made about Dollar.

As a member we will keep you up to date with what we are doing and how you can get involved in our projects and activities – you will also be the first to know when tickets are released for our events. You are also entitled to cast a vote at our AGM, elect Trustees and submit resolutions. Joining only costs £1 and can easily

be done online, just scan the QR code to go straight to the membership page on our website.



Alternatively, drop into the Hive and complete a paper membership form there. *****Membership does not mean you are required to volunteer with us, it is merely a way of you showing us you support what we're doing.*****

Grants received, acknowledgements

We have been successful over the last six months at getting grants to support our work – in particular, we would like to acknowledge support from: Together for our Planet, Clackmannanshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, the Fair Work Initiative, Awards for All, Scottish Land Fund, and we also continue to be a local cause that you can choose

to support through the Co-op. If you are a Co-op member, please consider us as your chosen charity to benefit each time you spend money at the Co-op – for more information go to: coop.co.uk/local-causes


Rebecca McFarlane

How to contact us

If you would like to find out more, or have queries about any of the information provided in this update, please get in touch:

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Whether it's a light or full breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, dinner or just some drinks, our happy local staff will be delighted to cater for your every requirement. Our menus have been put together using only the finest freshest ingredients and sourced locally wherever possible.

There is also a wide range of gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan dishes so hopefully everyone's food tastes have been catered for. We have a wide selection of draft beers, cask conditioned ales, malt whiskeys and gins for you to try. If you're favourite drink doesn't happen to be on our shelves then please just let us know and we will endeavour to source it for you for your next visit.

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Lunch Club

Part of The Playpen Café Group, The Lunch Club at Home project has been going strong in Dollar and surrounding villages for over two years now, and the team don't show any sign of slowing down! With a whopping 57 local volunteers, the organisation is now very much at the heart of the community in Dollar. Founder Alexandra Ostroumoff-Croucher, had this to say:

“We are always in awe of our volunteers and the time they devote to the community; and we are very grateful to the Dollar Community Development Trust for allowing us to rent out a corner of The Hive to help secure the longevity of our services. Since we started our operation at the outset of the pandemic, we have flitted from one kitchen to another with the help and kindness of Dollar Academy and the Harviestoun Estate, but now we really feel we have found our home. It's wonderful to be working in such a vibrant community space, with so much going on.”

In their new home, the team cook up a storm twice a week, sending out hearty two-course meals to the over 65s. So, if you've visited The Hive anytime lately for a spot of yoga or Thai chi, then those delicious tantalising smells are from Lunch Club's cooking! As well as a team of volunteer peelers and choppers, the group were lucky enough to snap up a new chef David, formerly of Café des Fleurs. If you were a fan of David's scones from his time at the cafe, you might be pleased to know you can still buy some by ordering direct from the Lunch Club, who also now offer an outside catering service in the community.

As well as Lunch Club at Home, the group have expanded their offering to include a weekly Lunch Club Café on a Thursday at The Hive, where guests are treated to a delicious four-course meal, often with live entertainment. In recent weeks, the lunches have been visited by ukulele music group Clackulele and were treated to a daytime disco from Glasgow-based charity Weekday Wow Factor. Visits from Alloa-based charity Give a Dog A Bone is on the agenda soon, where they will bring along some of their



fluffy therapy dogs as a special treat and Alexandra hopes to invite Cycling Without Age back in summertime for another trishaw ride around the village.

As if that wasn't enough, the Lunch Club Big Day Out project launched this year, that takes Lunch Clubbers out on the road to local tourist attractions and beauty spots. So far this has included The Japanese Garden at Cowden, Glendoick Garden Centre and the Scottish Antiques Centre in Doune. Working again with Weekday Wow Factor, these trips are supported by an occupational therapist and physiotherapist. Alexandra said:

“The cafés and bus trips have been so much fun and its been fantastic to see the community begin to come back out and socialise again. The bus trips are a real treat, and with the cafés our team of cooks work so hard to create a truly delicious meal that is a cut above your average lunch club! With welcome canapes followed by two-courses, then little petit four and coffee from local supplier Counter Roast, our guests leave with big smiles and full bellies – and often a takeaway box for later!”

All the initiatives are open to the over 65s, but Alexandra says,

“You don't need to feel “old” or infirm to take on our services or come along to our café. These days 65 doesn't mean what it used to. With a better diet and lifestyle, we know many of our local over 65s are still very active. What we encourage is simply coming together with likeminded people for some great food and company. Of if you just need a break from cooking, or a tasty meal on hand in the freezer for a rainy day, then look no further.”

To arrange for a meal to be delivered, to book a spot at the café or on a bus trip, please call Pauline on 07830 220375.

Alexandra Ostroumoff-Croucher



Museum

Dollar Museum opened for the 2022 season at Easter. The Museum is a lively, award-winning visitor attraction. It is situated at the top of the Burnside, by the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen. We will be open at weekends until Christmas: from 11-1 and 2-4.30 pm on Saturdays and 2-4.30 pm on Sundays.



New for this season is a Model of Dollar Mine as it was before closure in 1973. Almost no trace of this mine is visible today and yet it was, at one time, the most productive mine in Scotland. The model has been made by Mick Rice, who last year presented us with an impressive working model of Dollar Railway Station as it was in 1964. The Mine Model shows the surface buildings, a working coal train, and the entrances to the shafts to the coal faces. A wall display explains the uses of the different buildings and an

interview with ex-Dollar miner Dougie Blackie gives the visitor fascinating insights into working underground. Photographs and maps show how the mine looked in the 1970s and how the same fields between Gowanlea and Westertoun Farm, a popular walk, look today after landscaping. Beside the model in the Museum reading room,



Dollar Mine in 1971

there is a selection of books and maps illustrating the history of mining in the Dollar area – and also local quarrying and geology. Mick Rice plans to add an underground section to his model next year, with a working coal train bringing coal from underground up to the surface.

Our other exhibitions include: The History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, Dollar Academy, the Devon Valley Railway, Robert Burns in Dollar, prehistoric items excavated in the local area, Local Witches, and a small

display on: Were the Romans in Dollar?

Children will enjoy Granny's Kitchen and the Children's Corner where they may play with the Dolls' House and our collection of Victorian toys. Upstairs there is a Reading Room with a wide range of local books, photos



Mine Site in 2022

and maps where you are welcome to browse, and our volunteers can help you with research.

Entry is free and all are welcome. There is disabled access. The Museum will also open on request at other times for visiting groups and researchers – please contact us or see the museum website.

Janet Carolan

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Dollar Horticultural and Garden Club with Dollar in Bloom

By the time you receive this newsletter the tubs on Bridge Street should be ready to plant up for the summer. They have given us a great spring display with the tulips. Thanks to all the volunteers who help with these jobs. This year some of the tubs will be planted with perennials, which will be more environmentally friendly and also more cost effective, but no less attractive!

The Memorial Garden project is at last moving forward with the new rose beds prepared ready for soil improver to go on and give the roses the best start in their new position. The large shrub bed has also been cleared in preparation for new planting. At the start of this project we indicated that people would be able to donate towards costs in memory of a loved



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one and we shall be in touch shortly on how to make a donation.

The other good news is that this year we are going to be able to have the **Annual Flower Show and Craft Exhibition on the 3rd September in the Burnside Hall** after a two year absence. If you were a prize winner in 2019 and still have a trophy these can be returned to any committee member or to Devlin's shop in Station Road. Schedules will be available nearer the time with details of all the classes and will be in the usual shops and posted on our website.

For further information on our activities follow us on Facebook. We can also be contacted by email at dollar.gardens@gmail.com

Margaret Stephenson

County Council Elections

Our congratulations to Denis Coyne and Kathleen Martin for their re-election to our ward of Clackmannanshire East and we are very pleased to have them back!! May we take this opportunity of thanking Graham Lindsay for all of his hard work on our behalf and wish him all the best representing his new ward of Clackmannanshire West. We must also welcome on board to our ward Scott Harrison and we look forward to our County Councillors' reports in our November issue.



Kathleen Martin (Labour)



Denis Coyne (Conservative)



Scott Harrison (SNP)

Bowling Club

A welcome from your local Bowling Club.



April saw a return to the bowling green for the coming season.

After a difficult few years for all, and rumours going about of the club closing after 150 years, we are pleased to report the club is still very much open, and open to all.

Many folk believe bowls to be a sport just for the older generation, but we want to let people know that this is really not the case! It is a game for all ages alike. If a couple, or a whole family joins they can use the facilities of the club and green to play and practice on a sunny day as little or as often as they choose, 7 days a week throughout summer, no need to book.

and for free! A great incentive to get outdoors without costing a penny.

So as a reminder, for those who don't know, as well as being a community facility, your local village bowling club provides a precious uniqueness which everyone can value and enjoy


A Bowls Club offers

- A hobby in the form of the simple pleasure of a friendly game of bowls...
- It offers a base to move that hobby to a competitive sport level, taking it as far as your skill allows...
- It offers a form of gentle outdoor exercise for all ages and abilities...



DOLLAR MUSEUM CALENDAR 2023

COMING SOON!



The ever-popular Dollar Museum Calendar will soon be available in local shops and on sale at the museum during its weekend opening times. Always a sell out: the perfect present for friends and family! A great selection of Dollar views and vistas at £4.50.



@Dollar-Bowling-Club-223068697763352



Young Church

Our Young Church meets every Sunday. We start off in the church for the first part of the service then go to the Burnside Hall for stories, games, and activities.

Recently we enjoyed making Easter gardens and on Palm Sunday 25 of us



met at Lawhill Community woodland for an activity trail "In search of Easter". We were looking for clues,



watching short videos on our phones and finding out more about the Easter Story.

On Easter Sunday as well as enjoying the church choir singing, we greatly



appreciated the lovely display of flowers throughout the church depicting the Easter story.

Muriel Simpson

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club is busy with the beginning of the main tennis season and some lovely weather. Our coaching programme is virtually full though there are a few spaces should anyone want come along. You don't have to be a member to join in. If interested please contact us through our website. The Central interclub competitive matches have started and we have ladies, gents and junior teams out playing every week.

We were very thrilled to have Emma Howat win Tennis Scotland's Young Person of the Year award following her success with the Clackmannanshire Sports award. She thoroughly deserves the acknowledgement for her work in the club not just as a coach but more for her voluntary effort in helping the kids. She organised



practices, junior teams, little competitions, barbecues, the creation of a logo and new green hoodies all with a lot of fun and laughter involved! Everyone loves her and we wish her luck now as she has been put forward for the national junior award.

Casha McNab

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Anna's Pawfect Pooches

I am a qualified DTC-CDT trainer. After a six-month course at the Dog training college, I passed with distinction and with a specialised qualification in puppy training.

Puppy Classes at The Hive, Dollar, now booking!

This is for anyone with a puppy aged 12 Weeks to 12 months old. I am a specialised puppy trainer offering the important early on training, as well as helping build owner relationships and confidence with their new pup! I will always recommend signing up for the full 5-week course, which is an hour a week, every Sunday morning. This includes helpful weekly training and tracking sheets, as well as additional handouts demonstrating the new behaviours we will be teaching. The last week is always great fun, graduation week! You will receive your very own graduate certificate as well as a rosette for your puppy and a fun goody bag! I believe in making training as fun as possible, we want to create happy positive experiences for both us and our pooches!

All puppy classes are only £25 per puppy per class!

Full 5 week sign up ensures 10% off!

Hurry limited spaces available!

Looking for some specialised training, or maybe you're feeling a bit nervous about training, 1:1's might just be for you!

Free consultation to find the right fit for you!

All 1:1 Sessions are £60ph.

Still offering group walks for the Dollar area.

Contact me now:

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Community Council Chairman's Report

Over the last six months the work of your community council has continued at a good pace.

With regard to the proposed building developments, we have continued to



work with the local authority planning department, the development proposers and our Clackmannanshire Councillors and MSPs. In February, Clackmannanshire Council planning committee met and approved the proposal in principle for 350 houses for Dollar, rather than the 500 units which were initially proposed by the land owners. Additionally, Dollar Community Council were invited to continue to be involved in the discussions around the detailed planning proposals as they are presented to the Planning Department. In preparation for these further discussions, DCC met with a representative from Planning Aid for Scotland to develop a fuller understanding of the new Scottish Government planning regulations and how they influence the current proposals for Dollar. We intend to hold further public meetings in Dollar in the near future to gather the community's views regarding the developments. I would like to thank Derek McDonald and Paul Dearden for their ongoing hard work here.

Every house in Dollar recently received a complete bus timetable for all buses to and from Dollar. We also asked residents to participate in a travel survey. This initiative was in response to the proposed loss of one of the bus routes which service Dollar. Working with Muckhart Community Council, locally elected representatives including MSP Mark Ruskell achieved the reintroduction of a temporary service with funding from Perth and



Kinross Council. Thank you to Andrew Peterson for his work here.

The ongoing traffic issues within Dollar have been raised by a good number of residents. We have now completed an initial inventory of identified problem areas and possible remedies for these locations. This includes the Strathdevon Primary School Travel Planning produced by the school which incorporates a number of safety issues in relation to children's movement to and from school. The safety of the pupils at Dollar Academy has also been considered here, particularly in relation to the crossing of Bridge Street. We intend to start engaging with the local authority transport and planning departments to start addressing these



issues with the support of our local elected members. This initiative has been driven forward by Hamish Taylor whose commitment has been noted, particularly with him joining our last meeting via Zoom from a work trip to Madagascar!

The Dollar Flood Response Group has continued to work with Clackmannanshire Council and the Scottish Flood Forum. Arrangements for appropriate planning and training to respond to flood events are underway. Although there are a number of volunteers involved, we are always looking for more. Mark Bancroft and Ian Alston are keen to involve as many people as possible in helping with the monitoring of local sites of risk as well as being willing to respond to local flooding events. Further information regarding this should be coming round your doors soon.

Since taking responsibility for the running of the Hive from the local authority four years ago Dollar Community Development Trust has shown how effectively the community

centre can be run for the increased benefit of the town. The Trust took ownership of the building on behalf of the community at the end of March this year. With full ownership of the building, I am sure that the Trust will continue to develop the potential of the Hive for the benefit of the community. We would like to congratulate The Trust members and board in their outstanding work in securing the Hive as a community asset. We would also like to thank The Trust for taking on the management of our local events from ourselves. I am sure that the great band of volunteers who help deliver the Duck Race, Summer Gala, Firework Display and Winter Festival for us all will be ably supported in their hard work by the Trust.

Finally, we would like to say goodbye to one of our outstanding Community Councillors, Stephen Leitch. Stephen has spent the last decade dedicating his spare time to the community. His work in leading the events team has



led to the extremely well organised and professionally coordinated events programme that we are now handing over to the Trust. In addition to this, he has also held down so many roles within the DCC that we have had to ask three of our new councillors to take on the work he had been doing! Thank you to Alison Marshall, Sandra Jones and Marcus Keaveney for stepping forward here. Stephen has been a real force in promoting the interest of the community as well as delivering real benefits for the town. With the support and hard work of his family at events over the years we have all been very grateful for what they have done in making Dollar a nicer place to live.

Calum Jackson

Roads and Planning Report Spring 2022

Both developer planning applications for permission in principle for new housing in Dollar were granted in February 2022. DCC and DCDT took part in the Planning Committee meeting and once again stated concerns and objections to the applications as they stood. Particular concerns were as previously; housing numbers, traffic problems, additional load on School and Health Centre services and measurable Community Benefit from the developments. Concerns were noted by Clackmannanshire Council Planning Committee and will continue to be discussed through detailed planning phases, where the "Section 75" agreements are yet to be negotiated and agreed. (These are monetary contributions, via the Council, that will be applied to requirements in and around Dollar).

Of particular note was the support from the Planning Committee for DCC/DCDT request to limit new housing numbers to that in the Council Local Development Plan. This is 350, (as opposed to the 500 originally proposed in total).

DCC is currently carrying out a survey exercise on the roads in and around Dollar. Pedestrian safety has been raised as an issue in the town and DCC



are identifying areas of greatest danger for pedestrians. Once complete, they will be graded according to risk and presented to Clackmannanshire Council with a formal request for action. A wide range of difficulties have been identified to date, with lack of line markings and no safe areas for pedestrians crossing roads included at present.

Derek McDonald



Dollar Health Centre

It has been a challenging few months for the team at Dollar Health Centre and we would like to thank all of our patients for their continued support and understanding. Due to the challenges, we have had GP locums in to help us out along the way, all of whom have helped us continue to deliver the best possible service we can to our patients.

Mental Health ages 12 – 18

Covid-19 has affected many of us and with this in mind we would like to inform our patients that we have a Mental Health Nurse who can see patients aged between 12 and 18 with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. Some examples of these are: low mood/depression, anxiety and bereavements.

Face Coverings and Covid-19 Spring Boosters

While there is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering please be advised the Scottish Government STRONGLY ADVISE that face coverings and masks continue to be worn in health and care settings. Please help us protect patients and staff by wearing a face covering while in the Health Centre.

If you have any queries regarding the Covid-19 Spring Boosters, please phone 0800 030 8013.

Travel Immunisations

Forth Valley's Immunisation Team have taken over the Travel Health Service for Forth Valley patients. Patients can self-refer to the service using a risk assessment e-form available on the immunisation page on NHS Forth Valley services page. Link available here nhsforthvalley.com/health-services/az-of-services/travel-health-service/ or phoning 0800 130 3120.

Public holidays

The Health Centre is open on Monday 30th May for routine/pre-bookable appointments only and we will be closed on Friday 3rd June.

If you require medical advice on either of these dates, please visit nhsinform.scot or for urgent matters call NHS 24 on 111.

Updates in the Health Centre

In other news, the Health Centre has recently changed the appointment structure which is working very well and has allowed us to reduce waiting time for routine appointments with GPs and Advanced Nurse Practitioners. This new system ensures anyone with an urgent problem who is unable to wait for the next routine appointment is dealt with appropriately through a clinical team review.

Another change in the Health Centre has been our new telephone system which has freed up more lines to allow the clinical and admin team to phone out more easily. Instead of getting an engaged tone, patients will be held in a queue making it easier to get through to our admin team.

We have a dedicated telephone answering service for prescriptions. This system is a recorded answering service only and will not connect you to a receptionist. The telephone number for this service is 01259 742120 and press option 2. If you have any queries regarding your medication, please phone 01259 742120 and press option 1 to speak to a member of our admin team.

We welcome feedback regarding all changes made recently. Please email fv.dollarHC@nhs.scot

And finally, not being one to make a fuss or be in the spotlight.....*Jessie*, who has worked in Dollar Health Centre for nearly 30 years will be retiring at the end of June. Jessie, we wish you very best wishes and thank you for everything you have done for Dollar Health Centre. Enjoy a very happy retirement.

Thank you,

Dollar Health Centre Team.



The Scottish
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KEITH BROWN MSP for Clackmannanshire & Dunblane

Keith is holding the following virtual surgeries:

Friday 17 June 10.30am - 12pm

Monday 27 June 10.30am – 12pm

**To arrange an appointment please
call 01259 219333
or email keith.brown.msp@parliament.scot**

It's said that all politics is local, and that the issues have to be tangibly felt at home in order for them to matter to people, but that's not necessarily true. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine is undoubtedly having an economic and social impact worldwide, and is set to do so for quite some time. But even before this could be felt, people in communities across Clackmannanshire and here in Dollar stepped up to the mark to do whatever they could to ease the pain of those caught in the middle of Putin's brutal attack on their country. Local folk have donated money, goods, and opened up their homes to house Ukrainian refugees at a severe time of need for millions of people. It's been heartening to see such a level of kindness demonstrated and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have been in any way involved in organising collections or supporting refugees coming safely to our country.

The Scottish Government itself has provided both financial and medical aid to Ukraine in order to help those who have had to flee their homes or been caught up in conflict. We also have a 'Super Sponsor' scheme, working on the back of the system set

up by the UK Home Office, to ensure that a smooth pathway is created that provides safe sanctuary in Scotland for Ukrainians who have sadly had to flee their country.

Though Putin has clearly not managed to achieve what he set out to do, this conflict could go on for some time - though we all hope that it comes to a peaceful conclusion very soon. However, it's an absolute attack on democracy and freedom and at every level, from government to community action groups, we've demonstrated that we just won't stand for it.

The conflict in Ukraine is contributing (alongside a number of other factors) to a hike in the cost of living for us all. Fuel prices at the pumps have hit a record high, and April saw a jump in energy costs - with another rise expected in October. Food prices at the supermarket too have seen a significant rise.

It means the money in our bank accounts isn't going as far as it did just a few months ago, and for many people that is causing some real challenges. Whilst there is much more that I believe the UK government can and should be doing to ease this situation for households, there are a

number of things happening within communities that can and are helping people.

Sustainable Dollar's recent repair cafe is an excellent example of this. A team of volunteers attended and fixed 28 out of 36 items brought to them. I understand this is a record number of items brought to the cafe, and activities like these not only save people from having to replace broken, worn, or faulty items from around their house, but also contribute to saving the planet by cutting out unnecessary waste.

I also understand the previous repair cafe saved over half-a-tonne of CO₂ emissions (or over 2,000 car miles), a phenomenal effort. So I'd like to thank those involved in making this happen, because these community-level events can and are making a real difference.

I'd like to finish by congratulating the three councillors recently elected to serve our local community - including my friend Scott Harrison who topped the poll for our area, and I look forward to working with them moving forward.

Keith Brown

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