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Local television writer Stephen Greenhorn has just confirmed to our reporter that his highly successful stage musical 'Sunshine on Leith' (featuring the music of The Proclaimers) is to transfer to the silver screen.

Filming for the movie version is due to start in Edinburgh in October.

We shall keep you updated. Remember – you read it here first!

Congratulations to Clare Summers (Regeneration Co ordinator, West Lothian Council) and her partner Paul Stewart on the birth of their baby girl Grace.

Fruit & Veg cancelled

Unfortunately we will be unable to continue offering our Fruit and Veg on a Friday in The Hub. Thank you to our loyal customers for your support over the months. FCDT will look at this service again if there is a need in the village in the future.

Photocopying

Photocopier and laminator available. We can laminate and copy full colour up to A3. A4 copies from 10p/copy.

FCDT wedding belle



Fauldhouse girl Mhairi Stewart has been The Hub Administrator since May 2011. You'll recognise her as she is usually the first point of contact for any visitors or callers to The Hub building.

Mhairi and long term boyfriend Robbie were married in St John the Baptist Church on 15 June. I understand it was all a bit of a 'do'.

Don't Mr & Mrs Blake look fabulous on their wedding day!

Do you have an upcoming event?

If you would like your event to be mentioned in the next newsletter please email newsletter@fauldhouse.org.uk or contact Lesley on 07429 663 276.

Useful contacts

West Calder Police Station:
01506 871 218

Crimestoppers: 0800 111 555

Safety Advice from the Fire Brigade: 0800 169 0320 or communitysafety@lbfire.org.uk

Partnership Centre:
01501 773 000 or fpc@westlothian.gov.uk

West Lothian Council:
01506 280 000

Breich Valley Information Service: 01501 770 276

Doctors' Surgeries:
Dr Richie & Dr Jones:
01501 773 045

Breich Valley Practice:
01501 773 020

Community Health Reception:
01505 773 046

Dentist:
01501 773 032

Fauldhouse Together

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The latest news on developments in our village, from the FCDT Team

The Hub Cinema is now open!

The Hub Cinema is now showing movies to the folks of Fauldhouse.

We launched The Hub Cinema at FCDT's Birthday Event in May. We showed 'Puss and Boots' for the kids in the morning and Scottish classic 'The Steamie' for the adults in the afternoon. Both showings were very popular and well received.

Since then we have shown a selection of films including 'Mamma Mia', 'Les Miserables', 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' and 'The King's Speech'. So far, films have been shown fortnightly (on a Thursday) starting at 7pm.

Forthcoming films are advertised in The Hub and also on our Facebook and web pages. Currently, we do not charge an admission fee due to licensing restrictions. Donations are welcome to ensure that we can continue to show films to the community regularly. We do ask for you to contact us in advance to book though, as seating is limited.

The Hub's cinema facilities are also available to members of the community to hire. The hire cost helps us to operate as a community cinema. Whether you would like to hold a children's film party, you're an organisation wanting to show a film to your members or you are simply a group of friends wanting to watch your favourite movie together on the big screen, give us a call and I'm sure we can help.



We can seat approximately 30 and can also offer a block booking over a number of weeks.

To find out further information and/or to book our cinema facility, contact Mhairi on 01501 773 699 or email info@fauldhouse.org.uk

If you would like to volunteer with The Hub Cinema, whether to assist on some cinema nights or to help decide on future showings, please contact us.

Please support this new community venture and let your friends and family know. We think The Hub Cinema is a great asset to Fauldhouse and we hope you do too!



Join the Fauldhouse Community Development Trust

Membership of the Fauldhouse Community Development Trust costs £1 (life membership). For that you can show your commitment to helping us deliver positive, sustainable improvements to our village. Whether your commitment extends to being simply a paid up supporter of the organisation or you want to get more involved in our activities, your membership is very important to us. Please complete the form and join up today.

I wish to join the Fauldhouse Community Development Trust and enclose my £1 membership fee.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer with the Fauldhouse Community Development Trust? _____

Yes/No

Postcode: _____ Would you be happy for us to contact you about any up and coming events? _____

Tel: _____ Yes/No

All the data we hold is gathered and managed in strict accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We will not disclose any information supplied by you to any third party organisation.

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Fauldhouse Faces



One has to be up early to catch Brian Connell who owns and runs Connell's Bakery on the Main Street. Flora Greenhorn Broughton did just that and heard Brian's story about what goes on behind the scenes at the Bakery.

Flora: We all know that when we think 'rolls' – we think 'Connell's'. Just how long have you been in the Bakery business?

Brian: I have been in this shop for nineteen years now and originally ran it as a Newsagents shop. Then about 10 years ago I introduced the Bakery business. This may seem a long time but John Healey who ran the Newsagents before me was in here for 30 years. In fact trading has been continuous on these premises for over a hundred years and did start with a bakery behind the building.

You are a Fauldhouse 'bairn' Brian (local term for born and bred in Fauldhouse).

Yes, my mum is Mary Mooney and my dad was Willie Connell. There are four of us in the family, I have two brothers and one sister. I still live in Fauldhouse and have a house in the new development at Fallahill Road (off Harthill Road). I left school with no formal qualifications and before I got into the Bakery Trade I worked with the Wm. Low Supermarket chain in Bathgate which was eventually taken over by Tesco.

Traditionally Bakers have a very early start to their day. When does your day begin?

I start at half past four in the morning and usually work till around two o'clock in the afternoon – six days per week. I would like to think I had Sundays off but I still have to do some preparation work for a Monday and I also have to catch up with my book-keeping tasks.

Sounds like a very busy working day here. How many assistants do you have?

There are six members of staff: Keith who helps with the baking, then Coleen, Mary, Lee, Laura and my partner Kristie who help with all the other duties. They are all good hard workers because the shop is opened from five in the morning till four o'clock in the afternoon five days per week and from five in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon at the weekend.

If 'rolls' are a best seller - What sort of quantity do you sell?

Over all the businesses it runs about one hundred and fifty dozen per day.

For the keen bakers in Fauldhouse, how much flour do you use?

I usually order about one hundred bags per month (16kg bags). A few years ago the bags used to cost around £5 now this price has doubled. The flour is a pure plain flour - not a special ready mix .

Apart from the rolls what other product sells well?

Next best sellers are the steak pies and mince pies followed by sausage rolls.

What meat do you use?

It is beef mince for the pies and beef steak for the steak pies.

We see a lot of programmes on television about 'Food Inspectors'. Do your premises get checked out?

Yes. It is usually an annual check. When premises are being checked this does not mean anything is amiss – it is just the normal routine visit. I am pleased to say our shop has passed every time.

Years ago the Government laid down rules about the amount of meat put into certain food products like pies. Does this still apply?

Yes we must abide by a code known as 'QUID' which means Quantative Ingredients Declaration and use the specified percentage of meat in the appropriate products.

Do you cater for vegetarians?

Yes. I had the shop renovated recently and there is now a separate serving area which has a good range of salad type dishes plus hot food for taking out. We also can take phone orders. Our main customers are really a mix of local people and a lot of passing trade like van drivers. We have one particular customer who drives all the way from Allanton to buy his rolls from us.

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Update from the Community Team in Fauldhouse

Generally over the summer months Fauldhouse has had very little major community policing issues and there has been good engagement from the community.

The area has had an issue though with thefts of gardening equipment and bikes from garden sheds. It may be worth making sure the security of your shed is good enough to deter any would-be thieves. If anyone has any information regarding these recent thefts we would ask you to contact Ali Byiers or any of his team.

Quad bikes have been a problem in the forests around the Fauldhouse area. Lothian & Borders Police, in a joint operation with Strathclyde Police and The Forestry Commission have been working together to prevent the Off Road nuisance in the area.

Also, a reminder of the Pubwatch scheme. This is a scheme to help pubs prevent anti-social behaviour on their premises. If customers repeatedly cause trouble in any of the pubs and clubs involved in the scheme, they risk being barred from all of them by the Pubwatch committee. By all means enjoy your evening out but please be responsible and respectful of others around you.

If you require further information about any of these, or other issues, contact Ali Byiers on 01506 871 218 or email alistair.byiers@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively, come and speak to him on an informal, one-to-one basis at Fauldhouse Partnership Centre from 6–8pm, on Monday 10 September, 8 October, 5 November or 3 December. You can ask for advice, raise any police related issues, let him know what you think police should be doing and get to know your local police officer.



Neil Findlay MSP represents the Lothian region and holds regular surgeries across West Lothian.

For more information on surgeries contact:

Neil Findlay MSP
4 Northfield Court
West Calder
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www.neilfindlaymsp.com



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Advertising opportunity

With the increase in the size of your quarterly newsletter and are now able to offer advertising space to local businesses. Prices from £40.

Currently 'Fauldhouse Together' is delivered to every home in Fauldhouse.

If you are interested in placing an advert in 'Fauldhouse Together' or just wish to discuss the possibilities, please contact Lesley on 01501 773 699/07429 663 276, email: lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk or pop into The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse.

What's available in The Hub

The Fauldhouse Business Hub

Office, meeting and conference space is now available at The Hub.

We have a variety of office and meeting spaces available with very flexible terms and competitive rates. Our office rental starts from as little as £35 per week, or £135 per month. For this you will have your own work space within one of our shared offices. We are also happy to discuss daily rates for office rentals. We can also provide meeting space and conference facilities at very competitive prices. Whether you need a space to hold interviews, seminars, training sessions, business meetings or one off events, Fauldhouse Business Hub can accommodate your needs. Catering can be arranged and our experienced staff will be on hand to help you with your event. The number to call for more information is 01501 773 699. Please ask for Julie Smith or Lesley Dunsmore.

We are also considering providing flexible child care and crèche services for our Business Hub clients, if you would like to discuss this service further please contact Julie Smith, Project Manager on 01501 773 699.



Soft play area for under 5s

Come along and let your pre school kids play in our soft play area for £1/hour (includes free juice for kids). Coffee and tea available. At the moment we are open Tuesdays to Fridays 9.30am – 3pm.

Children's parties

The Hub is available to book for children's parties.

We have

- our soft play area for younger kids parties (under 5s),
- a large multi-use space (upstairs) for party games, children's entertainer, face painter, crafts or whatever you plan for your child's party,
- cinema facilities for children of all ages and kitchen facilities

Just bring your own party goodies and birthday cake.

Contact Mhairi on 01501 773 699 for further information.

Cinema bookings

Now The Hub Cinema is up and running, it is available to book by local groups and individuals:-

- kids cinema parties
- groups wanting to watch a movie together on the big screen
- organisation/clubs showing film to members
- organisation wanting to use the facility for a conference

Contact Mhairi for further information and bookings.

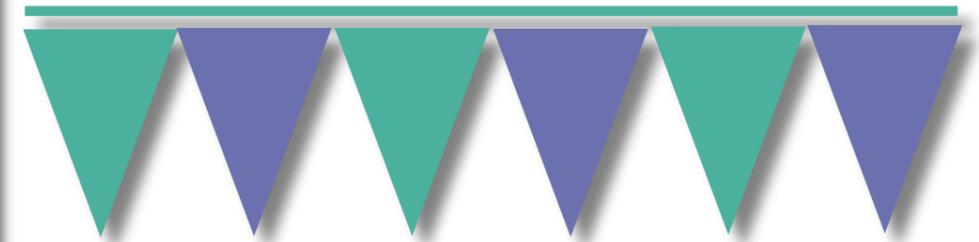
Blackburn, Seafield & District Credit Union

are at The Hub every Friday from 12noon – 2pm.

Contact us

If you are interested in finding out more about anything going on at The Hub, please contact us by telephone on 01501 773 699, email lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk or pop in to see us.

- **Free Internet Access**
- **Meeting Rooms** available for local/community groups & board meetings



FCDT Annual Fair Day

On Saturday 8 September, Fauldhouse Community Development Trust will be holding their Annual Fair Day.

We are having a day of events around the village and we hope will have something to suit everyone including:-

- stalls
- crafts
- home baking
- face painting & balloon fun
- mini zoo
- bouncy castle
- teas, coffees, treats

Come along for some fun and to support your local community projects.

Events will start at 11am to 3pm. Fingers crossed the rain stays away from our Fair Day for a change!

For further information or if you want to get involved, please contact Mhairi or Lesley at The Hub. Tel: 01501 773 699, email: info@fauldhouse.org.uk or pop into see us at The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse.



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5am – 7 days a week

COMING SOON!

National Lottery and Scratchcards

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Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Indoor Market

1 Blackfaulds Place, Fauldhouse



Sunbeds
Cards, Gifts & Novelty Shop
Fresh Fruit and Veg
The Pamper Studio
Betty Boop Cafe
The Kid's Play Station (Free)
TLC Studio Arts & Crafts
Breich Valley Pound Store
Flora Pet Shop
Ladies Lingerie & Kiddies Clothing
Breich Valley Information Service
Monumental Cemetery Services Ltd

All of the above services look forward to serving the people of Breich Valley
Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Market would like to thank everyone for their support

You did have a business with The Cross Cafe at Whitburn in the past but you now have spanking new premises further along the road next to the Post Office.

Yes this is a Sandwich and Hot Snack Shop with its own bakery and it's doing good business.

How do you decide when to open up a new business?

I usually take things step by step and try not to rush into business deals. I may keep an eye on a business opportunity for a couple of years before I make a final decision.

What advice would you give to a young person leaving education now and looking for a career?

They have to 'put the hours in'. Success does mean hard work. It helps if it is something they like and have keen interest in. I say "Do something you enjoy and get paid for doing it."

You are very successful now. At what stage in your career did you decide 'Yes - I've made it'?

I still don't think I've reached that level yet especially when I read Richard Branson's book! I am not very materialistic. Big fancy cars don't really appeal to me but I have been able to build my own house which is great.

Talking of 'new'. What do you think of 'new look' Fauldhouse?

I'm all for changes for the better and I like the tidy modern look up at the Partnership Centre. We could do with more buildings or enterprises like that to bring a bit more life to the place. I like The Hub development for the village and think the cinema is brilliant. The old Fauldhouse Cinema was known as the 'Flea Pit.'

Do you manage to get away on holiday at some time during the year?

In the past I have been really terrible about holidays and had a long spell when I never went on holiday but have to admit in recent years I have made a point of going away for a break at least once in the year.

Are there any other expansion plans in the pipeline?

As a matter of fact there are. I am preparing to open a new Hot Food Take Away Shop at the entrance to the Whitehill Industrial Estate in Bathgate. So it is an exciting time for me at the moment.

Certainly does sound exciting – but how about making one more plan to make sure you remember to take a holiday this year!



Follow up to previous Fauldhouse Face

The Fauldhouse Together team were concerned to hear of the attempted robbery at A&S Stores back in May. Mohammed, last issue's 'Fauldhouse Face', bravely fought the robber off and he fled the premises empty handed turning the shopkeeper into a bit of a local hero and media star.



Fauldhouse CDT needs you

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with various projects based here at The Hub. You do not need to have any volunteering experience, just a desire to make Fauldhouse an even better place to live and work. We currently run a wide range of Community Based Projects, this includes the Events Group (which organises events such as the music festival and the annual fair), The Newsletter group and the Fauldhouse Growing Project. The Growing project aims to encourage and facilitate (among other things) food growing and composting in Fauldhouse. No experience required, only a willingness to learn and get involved.

We are also looking into the possibility of setting up an access to education, training and employment facility here in Fauldhouse. But we need you.. local people.. to get involved. Whether you are interested in an existing project based here at The Hub, or you have an idea of your own, get in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please call Julie Smith or Lesley Dunsmore on 01501 773 699.