



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

# Fauldhouse Together

Issue 27 Spring 2015

## Welcome to FCDT's new look Fauldhouse Together newsletter!

**We hope you enjoy it and find it of interest. If you have any news, local stories, or information you would like to share with the community please get in touch and we can add to our next edition. You can also use the newsletter to advertise your business, your services or local events.**

Did you know that the Fauldhouse Together newsletter is produced here at The Hub? FCDT's 'Design Services' can produce similar newsletters, banners, flyers and posters for individuals, businesses, community groups and organisations. We can also design logos, help you develop your website and produce a range of advertising and marketing materials. We do everything from helping individuals design invitations for parties and events, to marketing and publicity materials for your business. So if you need our services please contact Lesley for more information.

As you will see from this edition of the newsletter, it's been a very busy few months. Last month we held the FCDT Spring Time Event, working with the Forestry Commission's Ranger Services to provide a fun and informative community event. We have also been working with Together for Health and the Schools Tobacco Project on events such as the Great Fauldhouse Bake Off and the Fun with Food Festival.

The Trust also organised an online survey regarding Fauldhouse Railway Station and potential Environmental Improvements to the Station. FCDT would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone for their input and feedback. The findings of the survey have been passed to the relevant organisations and we are now waiting for their response. We will of course keep you updated.

The Falla Hill & Benhar Bings Feasibility Study was completed a few months ago and first stage applications have been made to the Big Lottery and to the Levensseat Trust. We will let you know as soon as we have any news. Keep an eye on our facebook page and website for updates.

Septemberfest is FCDT's next big community event, which runs from 6 September. Last year's event was a huge success. However, FCDT are planning to make this year's Septemberfest bigger and better! There will be more activities, more stalls on the day, and there will be more events taking place in various venues throughout the month of September. Anyone wanting to help organise the events for this year should contact Lesley, or come along to one of our Events Sub Group Meetings, details will be found on our web page.

As you will see from this edition of our new look newsletter, a lot of exciting things are happening here at The Hub. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 6 July, and a full update of this year's activities will be included in our Annual Report, copies will be available at the AGM and on our website, or you can pop into The Hub and pick up a copy.

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# Fauldhouse Faces

## Fauldhouse Pigeon Club



*Eddie Callaghan and Christine Cook*

**Eddie Callaghan from Fauldhouse Pigeon Club recently presented a cheque for £800 to Mrs Christine Cook of the OAP Monday Club. This cheque brings the total donations from Fauldhouse Pigeon Club to £30,000 over the last 35 years.**

The Pigeon Club generates this money from an Annual Talent Show that they run in the local Miners Club where each pub and club enter a local singer for the show.

In the last six years the Pigeon Club are proud to say they had three singers that have achieved the impossible dream and reached heights that thousands of singers will never reach.

Andrew Muir, Eddie Callaghan's grandson, reached the final of 'Britain's Got Talent' and the last eighteen on the Australian 'X Factor'. Other local talents, Paige Turley reached the semi-final of 'Britain's Got Talent', only a few places off the final and Garry Greig reached the boot camp on the 'X Factor'.

**A fantastic achievement for a local talent show. The Pigeon Club are hoping to unearth another diamond in years to come.**

## After all these years

**Fauldhouse playgroup, now into it's 46th year, is based in the Partnership Centre.**

Daily sessions are Monday–Thursday 9.15–11.30am. The club is suitable for all children aged from 2 years 4 months up to four years old.

**For more information call Debbie on 07813 705 024.**



*Debbie and the most recent intake of playgroup children*

## Charlie and friends

**The Fauldhouse Over Fifty Group meet every second Wednesday at 7pm in St John the Baptist Parish Hall and is open to everyone. The club, now into its 17th year, organise a various selection of entertainment suitable for all tastes within this age group.**



*Pictured is Charlie McPhillips (left) with Alex Cambell, John Walker and Phil Bell*

The Armadale players have been entertaining audiences off and on for over forty years with their own mixture of Scottish, Irish, folk and pop! They appeared recently at one of the club nights.

At the time of writing, social convenor, Benard McSherry is planning a summer and autumn programme for the Wednesday evening club.

**If you're interested in coming along and would like more information, please call our treasurer, Robert Lee on 01501 771 457. A warm welcome awaits you.**

# The Hub Spring Time Event



*A well earned break at the campfire*

**On Saturday 25 April, FCDT held their annual Spring Time Event. There were walks in the local forest, information, planting and refreshments back at The Hub.**

The weather forecast was not great but in the end it turned out to be a glorious, dry day. The group was taken on an informative walk through Fauldhouse forest by Forestry Commission Community Rangers, Jim and Geraldine. A local storyteller, Colin, also told Scottish tales along the walk and there was a stop off at a camp fire in the forest to toast marshmallows and enjoy the sunshine.

Back at The Hub, there was planting, Levenseat Trust and Levenseat Ltd had information available and the GRC Triathlon Club brought some of their members along including Franco McSherry who has recently qualified for the Duathlon World Championships. He gave us a demonstration and chatted about his experiences.

Thanks to everyone who came along and was involved in the event.

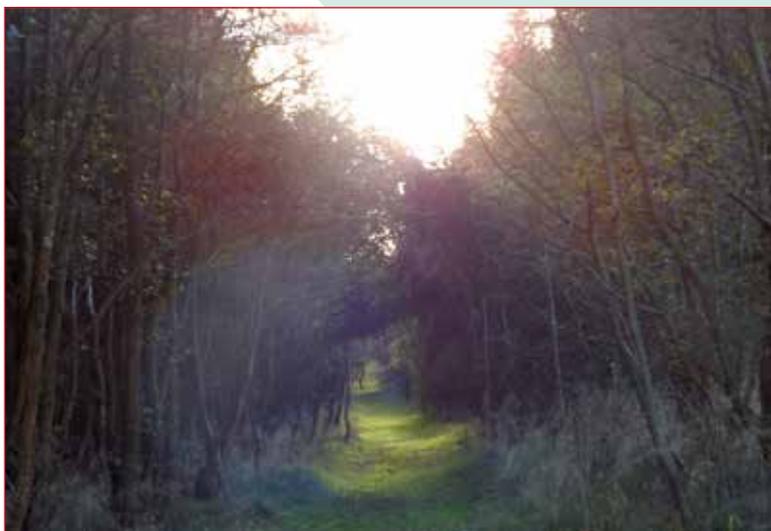
**We certainly would like to make this day of forest walks an annual FCDT/Forestry Commission event, especially as next May 2016 will be The Hub's 5th Birthday.**

## Spring Time photography competition winners

As part of The Hub Spring Time Event, FCDT asked the people of Fauldhouse to send in their photographs of 'Fauldhouse in Spring'.



Thanks for all your great entries. Below are the winners of our Under 16s and Over 16s categories, Carla Mancini and Flora Greenhorn Broughton. Each winner received a prize of £50, kindly donated by Levenseat Ltd. Congratulations to both winners!



*Flora Greenhorn Broughton, Over 16s Winner*



*Carla Mancini, Under 16s Winner*

## WW1 Exhibition

The 1914-1918 World War One Exhibition is now on at The Hub. Come and view the exhibition Monday-Friday, 9.30am-4.30pm. If these times do not suit you please let us know and we can arrange opening time for you.

## FCDT AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 6 July, a full update of this years activities will be included in our Annual Report, copies will be available at the AGM and on our web site, or you can pop into The Hub and pick up a copy. If you would like to get involved, come along.

# Communities Tackling Sectarianism Together

We are pleased to announce that the Communities Tackling Sectarianism Together Project has been granted funding for another year and will continue to work in our area.

**Communities Tackling Sectarianism Together**



Last year the Communities Tackling Sectarianism Together Project worked with local people, individuals and community groups. The project aimed to raise awareness, identify issues, initiate discussion and work with the communities to tackle sectarianism locally.

This led to a wide range of initiatives such as training workshops, awareness raising and the Anne Frank Exhibition. The exhibition was a resounding success with over 200 taking part, attending the exhibition and follow up workshops.

However, sectarianism is a very sensitive issue for all sorts of reasons and local people found it very difficult to discuss in a group setting or with people they didn't really know. With this in mind, this year CTST has extended its remit. The project will continue to try and work with individuals, families and communities, but the project will

now also aim to work with local service providers such as community workers, equalities projects and youth workers for example. Many local workers already have trusting relationships with their community therefore they are in the best place to assist and provide solutions when the issue is raised.

The overall aim is to make CTST a part of everyone's general equalities work. We feel that this approach will enhance our ability at all levels to identify and address issues relating to sectarianism in Scottish communities.

If you are a local worker such as a Health Visitor, Housing Officer or possibly GP in the area and are keen to increase your level of knowledge on sectarianism please get in touch (details below).

**Similarly, if you are a local person, member of a local group or organisation and you would like to know more about the project, work to date and our aims and objectives, please pop in for a chat with Jim, phone on 01501 773 699 or email [jim@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:jim@fauldhouse.org.uk)**



*Some of the lovely knitting for St John's Special Baby Unit.*

## Take a Break group

**This informal group meet upstairs in The Hub's Community Room on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm.**

The group try various crafts but are currently knitting beautiful tiny baby clothes and blankets for the Special Baby Unit at St John's Hospital in Livingston.

If you would like to come along and join the group you would be most welcome. Alternatively, if you have spare baby wool that the group could use, it would be much appreciated. Pop along to the group for a coffee/tea on a Wednesday afternoon or drop your wool into The Hub's reception Monday-Friday.

**For more information contact The Hub, email [lesley@fauldhouse.org](mailto:lesley@fauldhouse.org) or tel 01501 773 699**

## Greenburn Captain presents cheque to local charity



*Captain John Mitchell and the local representative receiving the cheque.*

**On Friday 27 February a charity fundraiser was held at Greenburn Golf Club in Aid of the Edinburgh & Lothians Prostate Cancer Support Group. Entertainment was provided free by Last Men Standing and Friends.**

The evening was an outstanding success and raised a total of £1188. A huge thank you to all volunteers involved in the organisation of the event and also to everyone whom attended and supported.

# Touched by Suicide event success

On behalf of Touched by Suicide (Scotland) Des 'n' Tim would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the fundraising concert 'P in the Dark 7' a success on Sunday 3 May 2015 at the Fauldhouse Miners Welfare Club. Touched By Suicide (Scotland) are now in their 7th year and with your support and generosity, have raised £32,000 along the way.

Thanks to Fauldhouse Miners Welfare for the use of their premises and their bar staff, the people of Fauldhouse and local community for their enthusiastic participation, local businesses and individuals who gave prizes and donations.

Also thanks to 'Last Men Standing' - Jim 'n' John with friends, Stevie Watters, Kat Graham, Lesley Muir, Sean Lynch, Paige Turley, Garry Greig, Shannon McCafferty, Nicole White, Lucky 7 with Zander, Mark, Jim and Chris, MD Tommy McSherry and MC's Francie Bowser, Tim 'n' Des.

On the door: Alex Hendry, Brian Howley.

On the raffle: Margaret Hendry, Maureen Howley, Mary Watson, Jackie Timmins, Tammy Nicholson Kitchen staff: Eileen, Anne Marie and Margo.

Raffle Sponsors: Tommy Murphy (Station Hotel, Shotts), Jackie Timmins, John Donnelly (Harringtons of Harthill), Brian Lynch (Mia's Gift Shop) Alan McAllister (McAllister's FD, Shotts), Frank Sweeney.

Just announced 'P in the Dark 8' May 2016. Hope to see you then!



Touched by Suicide (Scotland) coordinator Linda Nicoll receives a cheque, on behalf of her voluntary group, from Robert Norris, Jim Timmins, Des Murphy and Francie Duffy.

The local TBS support group meet on the last Thursday every month from 7–9pm in Whitburn Community Centre.

For more information contact Linda on 01294 229 087.

## Fauldhouse Summer Camp

This programme has been set up for primary school children in P4 to P7. This programme will run for one week during the forthcoming school holidays at Fauldhouse Partnership Centre.



This programme will consist of a mixture of Centre based activities as well as some outings for the children. Sessions within Fauldhouse Partnership Centre will run from 10am–2pm. The trips to Beecraigs Country Park and Blair Drummond Safari Park will depart from Fauldhouse Partnership Centre at 9am and return around 5pm.

### 3–7 August 2015

<b>Monday 3 August</b>	Fauldhouse Partnership Centre	10am–2pm	£3 (pack lunch required)
<b>Tuesday 4 August</b>	Beecraigs Country Park	9am–5pm	£6 (lunch included)
<b>Wednesday 5 August</b>	Fauldhouse Partnership Centre	10am–2pm	£3 (pack lunch required)
<b>Thursday 6 August</b>	Fauldhouse Partnership Centre	10am–2pm	£3 (pack lunch required)
<b>Friday 7 August</b>	Blair Drummond Safari Park	9am–5pm	£10 (lunch included)

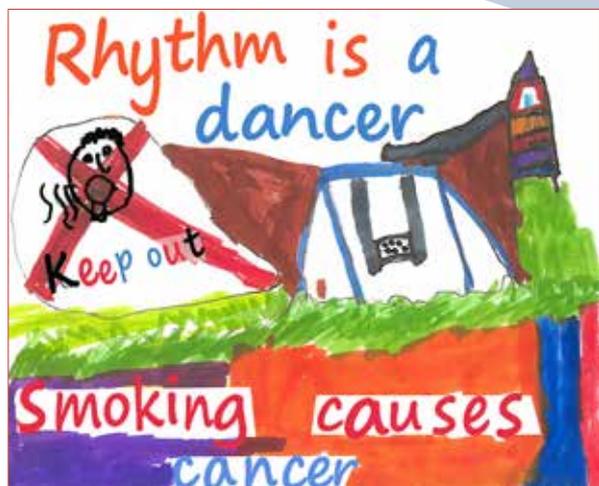
**\*Special Offer\* FULL WEEK FOR £20**

To book a place please contact Fauldhouse Partnership Centre. Booking forms and payment due at time of booking. Tel: 01501 773 000

# Smokers stay away, so we can play all day

**Pupils from Falla Hill Primary School would like their local play parks to be smoke free.**

The Schools Tobacco Project asked the primary school children to design a logo for their smoke free play park. The winner was Zoe Logan, a P6 pupil from St John the Baptist Primary School. Great design Zoe!



*Zoe's winning entry for the logo competition.*

There have been also a couple of large and exciting community events planned in partnership with the Schools Tobacco Project and Together for Health which will raise awareness of this issue. You may have been at the excellent Great Fauldhouse Bake Off last week. There will also be a Fauldhouse Community Football Tournament on Saturday 20 June.

**For more information on the Schools Tobacco Project, please contact Angela Jenkins on 01506 281 090. For information about the Together for Health Project, contact Shona Keenan tel: 01506 281 105 or Lindsay MacGregor tel: 01506 281 031.**

## The Hub Cinema

### The Afternoon Cinema

The Hub Cinema currently runs a monthly Afternoon Cinema Club on Thursday afternoons at 1pm. We do not charge an entrance fee but do ask for a donation to cover our costs.

### The Kid's Cinema Club

The Hub's weekly Kid's Cinema Club is on Friday at 1.30pm. To attend film showings, children need to join the The Hub Kid's Cinema Club. Membership is £2 per film and if you come along to three films you can see a fourth for free!

We try and show films, old and new, that we think you might enjoy, but we would also like input from you. If you have any suggestions or ideas for future movies or clubs, please contact us.

**For more information on films and how to become a member, see our website, contact The Hub on 01501 773 699, email [lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk) or pop into see us.**

## Septemberfest 15

**FCDT are currently organising their annual music event, Septemberfest. Music events will run in various venues around Fauldhouse from Saturday 5 until Saturday 26 September 2015.**

There are plans to have bands, local singers, workshops, a series of movies and more. Many local venues and organisations in Fauldhouse will be taking part so look out for our programme and publicity over the coming months.

FCDT's Annual Fair Day will kick off Septemberfest15 on Saturday 6 September 2015. The Fair Day will run from 11am – 2pm and we plan to make it a family day with stalls, music, crafts, tombola, face painting, mini zoo, raffle, activities and events, bouncy castle, teas, coffees, treats and more.

**If you wish to take part in this year's Septemberfest in any way, wish further details and information, please contact Lesley. If you are interested in taking a stall, putting on some kind of activity and/or getting involved in the Annual Fair Day please tel: 01501 773 699, email: [lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk) or pop into The Hub for a chat.**

## Good luck

We are sorry that we've had to say goodbye to our FABTimebank Development Worker, Morag Buxel and Mhairi Blake, The Hub Administrator. We will miss them and wish both Morag and Mhairi all the best for the future and in their new jobs.

## Volunteers Wanted!

**FCDT are looking for volunteers for their Events, Newsletter and Environment Sub Groups. No qualifications required, just enthusiasm. For more information contact Lesley at The Hub, tel 01501 773 699 or email [lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk)**

**GRC TRIATHLON CLUB**  
PRESENTS



**GRC Fauldhouse Triathlon**

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> @  
Fauldhouse Partnership Centre,  
Lanrigg Road, Fauldhouse



Limited Places Available	Swim: 750m (pool)	Bike: 14km	Run: 5km	Ideal for Novices
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**Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Indoor Market Open Day (Old Health Centre)**

**Sunday 7 June**  
12 - 4pm

**Free Entry**

Cafe, spray tanning, henna tattoos, childrens crafting, Angel card readings, stalls selling handbags, jewellery, kids toys, cosmetics and lots, lots more.

## Casey's New Wheels



Casey's Wheels Fundraiser and Funday on Saturday 2 May at the Fauldhouse Partnership Centre was a huge success and £3000 was raised on the day which brought the total to over £9000 raised.

Casey's chair has been ordered thanks to the generosity of the local community in Fauldhouse and the surrounding areas.

Casey's family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported them.

## Your recipes wanted



FCDT and Together for Health are looking for the people of Fauldhouse to send in their recipes for a new community cookbook.

We are looking for healthy, affordable recipes and these could be starters, mains, desserts or cakes.

Get thinking and email your recipes to [lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:lesley@fauldhouse.org.uk) or drop them into The Hub with your contact details by Friday 31 July.

## The Food Train

Local volunteers provide weekly deliveries of fresh groceries to older people experiencing difficulties doing their weekly grocery shopping, ensuring they can eat well.

Due to the demand for the service The Food Train are always looking for new volunteers to help with driving, deliveries and shopping. All The Food Train volunteers have access to training, disclosure checks and support with personal development. It doesn't matter how little time you have to spare you can do something worthwhile to help older people in West Lothian.

If you are over 16 and would like to volunteer or are over 65 and feel you would benefit from the service call The Food Train on 01506 413 013, email [westlothian@thefoodtrain.co.uk](mailto:westlothian@thefoodtrain.co.uk) or visit [www.thefoodtrain.co.uk](http://www.thefoodtrain.co.uk)

## Useful contacts

### Need the Police?

In an emergency call 999

To report a crime call 101

Whitburn Police Station:

01501 740 222

Safety Advice from the Fire

Brigade: 0800 169 0320

West Lothian Foodbank:

01501 229 307

The Food Train: 01506 413 013

West Lothian Financial Inclusion

Network: 01501 771 775

Advice Shop Bathgate:

01506 283 000

Partnership Centre:

01501 773 000

West Lothian Council:

01506 280 000

Doctors' Surgeries:

Braehead Practice:

01501 773 045

Breich Valley Practice:

01501 773 020

Community Health Reception:

01505 773 046

Dentist:

01501 773 032

## At The Hub

### Opening hours

The Hub is open Monday – Thursday from 9.15am to 4.45pm, Friday from 9.15am to 4pm (plus evenings/weekends as required).

### Take a Break Group

This informal group meet in The Hub on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm. Crafts, coffee/tea and chat.

### The Fauldhouse Footers

The walking group leave from The Hub every Thursday from 10am. Walks around the village are moderate and suit most abilities. There are around seven to ten walkers attending normally and newcomers to the group are always welcome.

**Blackburn, Seafield & District Credit Union** are at The Hub every Friday from 12noon – 2pm.

**WLSN (West Lothian Social Enterprise Network)** have their office in The Hub. See [www.wlsen.org.uk](http://www.wlsen.org.uk) for details or tel: 01501 773 659.

**DNDP (Delivered Next Day Personally) CIC** also now have an office in The Hub. For more information see [www.dndp.co.uk](http://www.dndp.co.uk)

### Photocopying available at The Hub

A4 b&w copies	7p/copy
A4 colour copies	10p/copy
A3 b&w copies	14p/copy
A3 colour copies	20p/copy



## 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?

Yes/No

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_