



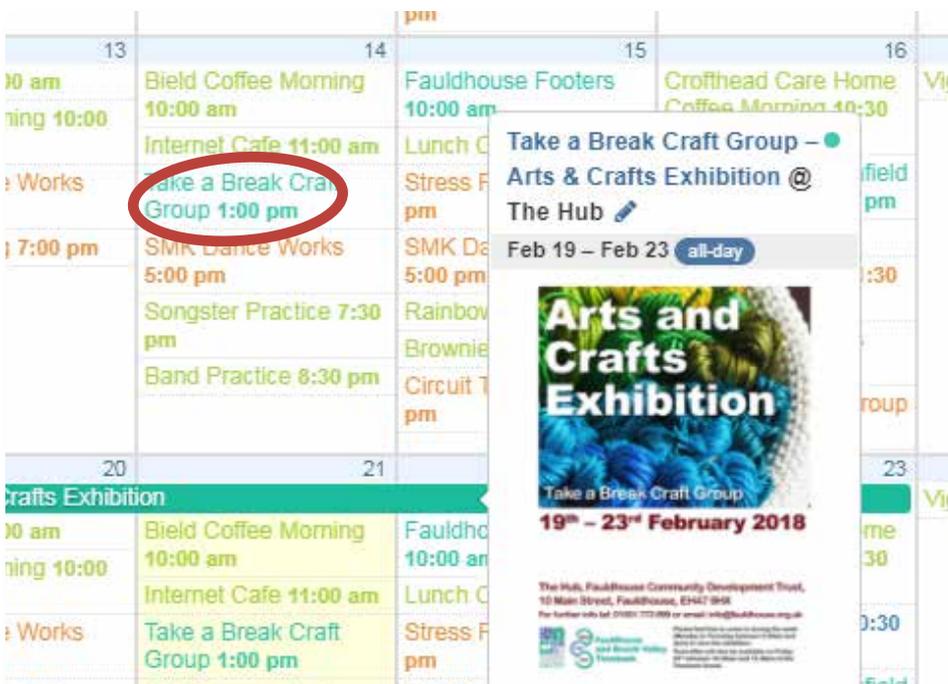
The latest news on developments in the village, from the FCDT Team

# Fauldhouse Together

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## Make a date with our new Community Calendar

Fauldhouse Community Development Trust has started a new community calendar on their website. Currently you can see 'what's happening and when' at the Eastfield Development Centre and The Hub, but we would like to develop this a bit further as it could be a really useful community resource.



This free community calendar could advertise many of the community events running in Fauldhouse, whether it be regular meetings, groups or one off/annual events in the village.

Why not contact FCDT with details of any events you/your group are holding in Fauldhouse and we can add these dates to the calendar. We would need the title of your event, the date and time of the event, whether it is a one-off or regular event (weekly, monthly, fortnightly), the venue, address and who is organising/running the event. It would also be very useful to have a couple of explanatory sentences and a logo, photo or graphic if you have one available.

For further information and/or to submit your event(s) please contact Lesley on 01501 773 699, email [lesley.dunsmore@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:lesley.dunsmore@fauldhouse.org.uk) or pop into The Hub with details of your community meeting or event.

See the Fauldhouse Community Calendar at [www.fauldhouse.org.uk](http://www.fauldhouse.org.uk)

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# TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 17 March 2018  
 10am - 1pm

Table for  
 £10

at Eastfield Development Centre,  
 Eastfield Road, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE

If you would like a table or further information contact  
 paul.renwick@fauldhouse.org.uk or tel: 01501 773 699



## Office space available to rent, Fauldhouse

The Hub has office space available to rent from 31 March 2018.

If you would like further details and/or wish to view the facilities, please contact The Hub, FCDT, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse, EH47 9HX, email: info@fauldhouse.org.uk or tel: 01501 773 699

## bsd Credit Union

The Blackburn, Seafield & District Credit Union are at The Hub every Friday from 12noon – 1pm. See www.bsdcreditunion.co.uk for further details.

## Fauldhouse faces Pancake party

Pictured here are a couple of the 65 youngsters who took part in Pancake Sunday just before Shrove Tuesday at the beginning of Lent.



Photo: A Mancini

The party was held in St John the Baptist Parish Hall, fun and games all round plus burgers, hot dogs, pizza, a table top quiz and not forgetting traditional pancakes.

## Blackpool baywatch

Departing from the Commercial Inn, Fauldhouse Leaby and Eddie Callaghan with family and friends head for Blackpool where they will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Photo: A Mancini

Eddie has been a well know pigeon racer for nearly fifty years. Coming soon will be the annual Entertainer of the Year show in the Welfare Club on 1 April (Easter Sunday). The fundraiser, now into its 38<sup>th</sup> year, is organised by Eddie, Clark Smith and Al Mackie from the local Pigeon Club and has raised nearly £40,000 for local senior citizens.

Tickets on sale soon.



## Sad news in the village

FCDT was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of well known and popular Fauldhouse face, George Aitchison on 21 January 2018. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

George, born 2 October 1974, will be missed by everyone especially in 'Jacks Corner' where he was known as 'Papa Ding Ding' and we are told, often did a great sheep impression.

With the passing of George, his family and friends have been fundraising to buy a defibrillator, a piece of equipment which could have possibly saved him. Brilliantly, there have been enough funds raised to purchase two defibrillators. It is planned that one will be situated in Crieff, where George passed away and another in his home village of Fauldhouse. Both defibrillators could potentially save lives for years to come.

## Birthday bash at The Bield

The Bield Retirement Housing Development in Fauldhouse was the venue for the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Bernard McSherry (pictured front centre).



Photo: A Mancini

Surrounded by his family, friends and Canon Hugh White, Bernard shared his celebration with his 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Bernard has been the entertainment organiser for St John the Baptist's Over 50 Club for the past eleven years and he offered some delightful stories from when he was a singer in a band. He finished with a lovely vocal performance for his guests.

## Colours classical

Fauldhouse DJ Jon Mancini will mix the music along with the 60 piece Scottish Festival Orchestra and The Tron Community Choir in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh on Saturday 10 March.



The hugely successful show 'Colours Classical', playing some of dance music's most recognisable hits with a classical twist, was previously held at the SSE Hydro, Glasgow for an audience of over 5,000 in September 2017. The line up of guest vocalists also

includes local singer Garry Greig. Looks like a great event.



## Warm welcome to a new Reverend in Fauldhouse

The Fauldhouse St Andrew's Parish Church congregation recently welcomed their new minister into post.

Reverend Scott Raby and his wife Cherie arrived in Fauldhouse earlier this year and have been spending time settling in. Reverend Raby has been visiting organisations in the area to introduce himself and finding out a little bit about the village.

# Eastfield Development Centre Programme of Activities 2018



## Mondays

<b>Total Toning</b>	9.30-10.30am	Hall
<b>SMK Dance</b>	5.15-6.30pm	Hall
<b>Circuit Training</b>	7-8.15pm	Hall

## Tuesdays

<b>Home Start West Lothian</b>		
Tuesday 27 February	10am-noon	Hall
Tuesday 10 April		
Tuesday 1 May		
Tuesday 29 May		
<b>Social Afternoon with Tea Dancing</b>		
Tuesday 27 February	1.45-3.45pm	Hall and Community Room
<b>SMK Dance Works</b>	4.45-7pm	Hall
<b>Total Toning</b>	7-8pm	Hall

## Wednesdays

<b>SMK Dance Works</b>	5-8pm	Hall
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## Thursdays

<b>Stress Free Zone</b>	4-4.30pm	Community Room
<b>SMK Dance Works</b>	5-7pm	Hall
<b>Circuit Training</b>	7.05-8.30pm	Hall

## Fridays

<b>WLYF Football Reminiscence Group</b>		
Friday 2 March	10.30am-noon	Community Room
Friday 13 April		
Friday 11 May		
Friday 15 June		
<b>Stress Free Zone</b>	1.30-2.30pm	Community Room
<b>SMK Dance Works</b>	3.15-8.30pm	Hall

## Saturdays

<b>Table Top Sale</b>		
Saturday 17 March	10am-1pm	Hall

**Eastfield Development Centre, Eastfield Road, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE**

If you would like more information, please call 01501 773 699. You can also follow us on twitter @eastfieldcentre and like us on facebook at facebook.com/eastfieldcentre.

# Eastfield Development Centre is open for business

Fauldhouse Community Development Trust (FCDT) officially took over the management of the Eastfield Development Centre in May 2017 and there has been significant developments over the last six months.



Photos: P. Renwick

Thanks to funding from the Levenseat Trust and the Coalfield Regeneration Trust, FCDT was able to carry out essential repairs including the installation of a new boiler. The building has also been fully re-decorated with the total investment in repairs and improvements totalling over £15,000.

The building which contains a 207m<sup>2</sup> multi-purpose hall and meeting room is already being well used by the local community. FCDT has been pleased to welcome regular users of the building including SMK Dance Works, Total Toning, Fauldhouse Circuit Training, West Lothian Youth Foundation and Home Start West Lothian.



Several events have been run from the building including a social afternoon and tea dance with Ageing Well and Xcite. FCDT was also pleased to welcome Dynamic Earth who came down from Edinburgh and delivered their excellent workshop called 'The Polar Experience.'

To find out more about the upcoming events, please see the Programme of Activities on page 4. The Eastfield Development Centre is available to hire for groups, clubs, birthday parties and other occasions.

If you are interested in hiring the Centre or would like more information, please call 01501 773 699. You can also follow us on twitter @eastfieldcentre and like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/eastfieldcentre.



## Funding secured for mining tribute

Fauldhouse Community Development Trust are pleased to announce that we have secured £24,000 from West Lothian Council's Village Improvement Fund to take forward plans for a mining tribute in the village.

This funding comes after FCDT circulated a petition last year asking local residents to support the project. The petition was very successful receiving over 300 signatures and gained the support of the National Mining Museum and the National Union of Mineworkers.

FCDT asked local residents to choose their favourite mining sculpture from a shortlist of ten options. This took place at locations across the community and 669 votes were cast.

Funding will be used to recruit a sculptor to design, construct and install a sculpture that will be located on the Village Green. It is hoped that this sculpture will be in place by the end of the year.



Plans for the mining tribute are being led by a small committee consisting of (from left) Dave Huddleston, Colin McMillan, Paul Renwick (FCDT) and Colin Cunningham.

Photo: S. Fairlie

## Take a well-earned break

Timebank hosted an Arts & Crafts Exhibition in The Hub to display some of the lovely pieces of craftwork created by the Take a Break Craft Group.

This group have created such wonderful arts and crafts that we felt some examples should be shared with visitors to The Hub. Examples on display included needlepoint, sewing, knitting, tapestry, crocheting, drawing, painting and cardmaking. All the visitors who popped in for a look, really appreciated all the hard work and skills that had gone into the lovely items on display.



The group have been very productive and last year they:-

- knitted and crocheted pram baby hats, shawls, jackets and booties for St John's Baby Unit,
- made hats for children in Nepal,
- raised £222 for Poppy Scotland,
- crocheted shawls for local nursing homes,
- knitted blankets, butterflies and hats for SiMBA,
- made felt shoes for the Keech Hospice,
- raised over £100 for FCDT for the Fauldhouse Christmas tree,
- raised £1045 for Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning
- and, of course, created crafts for their friends and families.

This informal group meets on Wednesday afternoons in The Hub from 1-3pm. New members are always welcome just bring along whatever craft you enjoy. If you want to find out more tel: 01501 773 699 or email [info@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@fauldhouse.org.uk)

Photos: A Holloway

## Timebank offers and needs



### Requests/needs:

- Lunch Club helper (serving soup) in Bield
- Costumes altered/sewing
- Trishaw bike – volunteer pilots needed (drivers)
- Gardeners
- DIY/handy person
- Bit of painting (touch up's in FCDT)

### Offers:

- Swimming lessons
- Tuition, NAT5/Highers (contact for further info)
- Bit of shopping
- Phone help (making calls)
- Changing/hanging curtains
- Log splitting (for firewood)



### Exchanges taken place:

- Art easel loaned
- Help with sewing machine
- Local lifts and companionship
- Dropping off a bit of shopping
- Football memorabilia donated

Timebank has many more Needs and Offers. If you can help or want further info pop in to The Hub and speak to Ann or email: [ann@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:ann@fauldhouse.org.uk)

## Timebanking in your community



## Springtime Event April 2018

This year, FCDT's Timebank project is holding another Springtime event, aimed at local children, to be held in The Hub on Saturday 7 April from 11am to 2pm.



The plans for the event this year are to include an Easter Hunt and an Easter Hat Decorating Competition. Young Engineers (Lego Masters) will be holding three workshops on the day (booking for the workshops is essential). In the workshops children will build a Lego model to learn about different science and engineering concepts. There will also be local artist, Sally Lamont, creating her rather unusual 'machine art' with the children and Langasm with their virtual reality demonstrations where children will have the opportunity to have a go.

Please check our website ([www.fauldhouse.org.uk](http://www.fauldhouse.org.uk)), facebook page and look out for posters around Fauldhouse over the next couple of weeks which will give further details of the day including how to book your tickets for the event. Tickets are £2 per child (includes juice, biscuit and Easter egg when taking part in the Easter Hunt). Further information can also be found by phoning 01501 773 699 or dropping into The Hub, FCDT, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse.

## Upcoming Timebank Social Coffee Mornings

Unfortunately there will be no Timebank Social Coffee Morning in March as it falls on the Easter Weekend.



There is one on the following month though (on the last Friday of the month as usual). The April Timebank Social Coffee Morning will be on Friday 27 April from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

In addition to the usual tea, coffee and cake, this Timebank Social will include a visit from a Castlemilk Timebank member (an inter-Timebank exchange!) who will offer to show people how to arrange flowers.

Hope to see you then in The Hub, 10 Main Street, Fauldhouse. Tel: 01501 773 699 or email: [info@fauldhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@fauldhouse.org.uk) for further info.

## WAT IF Timebank startup

Timebank worker Ann Holloway has been providing her experience, support and advice to West Lothian WAT IF (Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation) in starting up a Timebank of their own.



Photo: A Holloway

The group have asked for Ann's assistance having heard of all the good things that the Fauldhouse & Breich Valley Timebank have been doing.

The new WAT IF Timebank had a highly successful open day in Tarbrax Hall on Friday 2 February and 24 new

Timebank members were signed up as part of this launch. What a great start, I'm sure you'll agree.

The above photo is of WAT IF Development Worker Jane Wilson and the very first Timebank member to be signed up to this new project.

## Want to help FCDT raise money just by shopping online?

When you shop at over 4,000 top stores including Amazon, Expedia and John Lewis via Give as you Live, they'll turn a percentage of your spend into funds for FCDT! Sign up at [www.giveasyoulive.com/join/fauldhousecdt-ltd-scotland](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/fauldhousecdt-ltd-scotland) and start shopping!

## 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

### Fauldhouse 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:

01501 773 046

### Dentist:

01501 773 032

## At The Hub

### Opening hours

The Hub is open Monday – Thursday from 9am to 4.30pm,  
Friday from 9am to 3pm (plus evenings/weekends as required).

**The Take a Break Craft Group** are at The Hub Wednesdays from 1-3pm

**Fauldhouse Footers** leave from The Hub every Thursday from 10am.

Walks around the village are moderate and suit most abilities. Newcomers to the group are always welcome.

**Timebank Social** on at The Hub last Friday/month, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Blackburn, Seafield & District Credit Union** are at The Hub every Friday from 12noon-1pm.

**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

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## Join 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yes/No

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

Yes/No