

Autumn 2019

THE AVENUES

Welcome

Welcome to the Winter edition of 'The Avenues', your Residents' Association's twice yearly newsletter. We hope you enjoy it and that it helps you feel part of the Scotstoun community.

The Association, the website and this newsletter (now in its 16th Year) can only exist with your support. The annual donation of £2 per household, suggested by the AGM in 2019, can still be made by contacting info@scara.org.uk. check out our website www.scara.org.uk for all the latest news.

Local BB Captain Retires

When the young Ronnie Campbell took on the rank of Warrant Officer in 1972, little would he have known that his BB adventure was really only beginning. Having come through the ranks as a Boy and been awarded the Brigade's highest award, the Queen's Badge, Ronnie became Captain of the 135th BB Company here in Scotstoun in 1988.

As well as tireless work at Company level, Ronnie has been fully committed to the wider work of the BB. He has served on countless committees and executive bodies from District to National level. He is the current Chair of the Scotland Committee and a trustee of BB UK and Ireland.



To all who have come in contact with the BB in Scotstoun, Ronnie has embodied what the Brigade is all about – caring for the individual Boy, engaging with families and the wider community and encouraging young men into lives of service to others. Thank you Ronnie. Enjoy your well earned retirement.



BAFTA
SCOTLAND

Scotstoun BAFTA Winners!

Scotstoun is home to a large number of creative people and the area is all the richer for it!

At the latest annual Scottish Bafta awards, two local residents (one present, one former) won awards for their work on documentaries. Mick McAvoy won the Scottish BAFTA for his documentary YES/NO: INSIDE THE INDYREF. Former Scotstoun

resident, Matt Pinder, won Scottish BAFTAs for directing the factual series Murder Case.

Meanwhile, in the world of amateur dramatics, local teacher Maddy Holtham starred in a fantastic theatre production in Eastwood Theatre in November. Maddy, cheered on by her many fans (who are coincidentally local Scotstoun residents) in the Minerva Club production of Made in Dagenham. Well done Maddy!

Living Advent Community Carol Singing

Join us at 6pm, on 22nd December on the Scotstoun MUGA for some mulled wine before we begin our tour of the living Advent windows to spread Christmas cheer throughout the Avenues.





Scotstoun Living Advent

From 1st -24th December Scotstoun will once again be opening the doors on a neighbourhood Living Advent calendar. Each night at 6.30pm for 24 days, a new Christmas scene will be revealed in one of the local houses. All the windows will remain lit for the 12 days of Christmas - until 5 January.

So grab your hat and scarf and take a wander through the streets to see Scotstoun transformed into a magical Christmas wonderland.

Keep an eye on Facebook or our website for further information.

www.scotstounadvent.uk
FB: [facebook.com/Scotstoun-LivingAdvent](https://www.facebook.com/Scotstoun-LivingAdvent)

Glasgow Warriors

Over the past couple of years there have been a range of issues raised by the local community with regards to Scotstoun Stadium in particular when Glasgow Warriors are playing at home. The Warriors have been working hard to address these issues and encourage more fans to travel to games by public transport and various improvements have been made. They have also held regular meetings with the community and regularly distribute their newsletter to keep them informed of progress in addressing issues. However there

are still on going issues and resolving issues in some areas has created issues in other areas.

They recently spent training time levelling and laying turf on the new activity area at the Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre. A gesture which goes a long way to cementing our relationship with them.

Glasgow Eco Trust has been working with some of the local community councils and residents associations on this issue. A survey has recently been carried out and we expect that the results will be made public soon.

A Real Drag

City Council wrote to our residents in September to advise of changes planned to the way our refuse bins are collected. At a subsequent meeting in the Heart of Scotstoun a large group of residents along with



SCARA Committee members were informed that the reason for the change was the poor condition of the lanes within the area and the health and safety of their operatives. As a result from 25th September, 2019 they ceased to provide a pull-out service for bins left in the lanes. Residents will now be required to present (ie, drag) their bins to either the lane end at the avenue or to the front of their property for all recycling collections.

The aged and infirm who feel physically challenged will be assessed and if successful allowed to leave sacks at their garden gate. How the filled sacks get there was not explained but presumably they'll have to rely on the old 'common sense' again.

For an assessment by a Supervisor call 0141 287 9700.

Keeping recycling bins permanently in the front garden, though colourful, is not an acceptable solution in any area let alone a Conservation Area. The SCARA Committee would be glad to hear of any 'assessments' made and the resulting arrangements. Contact us at info@scara.org.uk and we suggest that you spare a thought for your older neighbours who might welcome some help putting out and retrieving their heavy bins on a weekly basis.

Reading Corner

The Book People have started a scheme where, for every £10 you spend with them, they will donate £1 to a school of your choice for the school to spend on books. We would encourage resident book worms to check it out and help raise money for the local primary school's library.

For more information, go to: www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost



Pavement Parking

The Scottish Parliament has now passed the Bill which prohibits and potentially criminalises parking any motor car wheels on pavements, as is commonly practised in our Avenues. However, the Bill still has to receive Royal Assent which will be virtually automatic once any remaining technicalities have been ironed out. Even then, however, the new law will not be of any effect until ministerial regulations have been made and passed. As we have seen with the gasifier project, Scottish ministers can be a mite tardy when it comes to getting things done. Rather than try to investigate all the issues in this short article, we have made a

podcast explanation which you can find on our website at www.scara.org.uk. Go to Latest News and scroll down to Pavement Parking Podcast and click on the link provided. Please send your comments and any further information by email to info@scara.org.uk



Scotstoun School

Building works have begun to replace the Gym and dining hall damaged by fire in December 2017. The new building will also include more teaching areas and will be linked to the existing annexe. Work has started on the site hoardings, heras fencing and access routes and it is hoped that the new building will be open in August 2020.

The Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday the 30th November 2019**, 10am – 12pm.

The Fayre is one of the school's biggest fund raisers to support learning in the school. Come along and enjoy the home baking and crafts. You might even treat yourself with a visit to Santa Claus.

How to survive on Beer & Cake

It was 'Full House' at the fund raising event for the Heart of Scotstoun's new garden back in September. By means of a well produced slide-show local resident Steve Nelson gave an interesting and amusing account of his 48 day cycle journey across Europe entitled 'How to survive a 1500 mile bike ride by the cunning use of beer and cake'. Steve explained that the trek was arranged to coincide with his retirement in 2017 and a desire to visit his brother living in Kamona, a picturesque but remote village in Slovenia. The route took him from Norse Road to Newcastle, then by ferry to Amsterdam and onward through Europe for 1,000 miles to the scenic Black Forest (*no shortage of gateau there or beer. Ed.*) to join the Valley of the River Danube. On to Passau where he headed south to Salzburg, over the Julian Alps into Italy and finally Slovenia. No doubt to be welcomed by more cake and a few beers.

Steve was accompanied by his wife, Carol, for around 1,000 miles before she decided that going back to work was a more attractive option. Further company was provided when Steve bumped into some bicycle owning expats from, you guessed it, Norse Road, Scotstoun, (*It's a sma' world. Ed.*)

Beat The Street

During September and October, families and neighbours were beating the streets of Scotstoun! Beat the Street, a community initiative run by Glasgow City Council came to our part of town with schools including Scotstoun, Clyde and Jordanhill, competing for glory. Over six weeks, children and adults were running, walking



and cycling between beatboxes in this area and throughout Glasgow city area in order to

gather points for their school team.

In the end, Clyde Primary School won with a very impressive school and community effort. Scotstoun Primary came in a respectable second and the parents are a whole lot fitter as a result! Well done all involved!





Action in the Avenues!

I'm sure most residents noticed some filming on Earbank Avenue recently. This was for a new BBC drama 'The Nest' starring Glasgow's own Martin Compston (Line of Duty) and Sophie Rundle (Peaky Blinders/Gentleman Jack).

Filming in tight avenues such as ours can bring about problems with traffic management and parking but initial concerns by some residents that they couldn't park outside their house during filming, were overcome as the film company worked to accommodate most problems local residents had.

The busy crew even took time out to pay a visit to the school and give a talk about the filming process which a lot of the children were very excited about.

This isn't the first time the avenues have been used by the BBC, last year saw the filming of 'The Victim' in Verona Avenue starring Kelly McDonald for which she won the best actress award for at the Scottish Baftas last week. David Tennent has also filmed on Lennox Avenue and of course part of the BBC classic Tutti Frutti starring Robbie Coltrane was shot in one of our Scotstoun homes.

All of Glasgow's finest seem to love the avenues as much as we do. So keep your eyes peeled, you never know which Hollywood stars you'll see here next!

Rugby Heroes

Scotstoun is home to many Glasgow Warriors players, three of whom headed off to Japan to play in the Rugby World Cup for their countries. Jonny Gray and Peter Horne played for Scotland with Jonny winning the Mastercard Player of the Match at the Scotland v Samoa match in Kobe.

Meanwhile, DTH van der Merwe was in Japan, with the Canadian team. This was due to be a really significant tournament for DTH, marking his 62nd and final appearance for his country after thirteen years and four World Cups. However, Typhoon Hagibis struck, leaving a path of destruction across Japan as 74 people lost their lives and thousands of homes were destroyed. The Canadian team, finding themselves with no game to play and an afternoon to spare rolled up their sleeves and lent their weight to the rescue effort.



"When we went to the centre of Kamaishi we found the town was flooded with mudslides coming down from the hills," explained van der Merwe. "The house I went to had an 80-year-old lady living by herself and her house was on stilts, but it was still flooded two feet deep inside.

As the human cost of the typhoon became apparent, DTH gained some perspective on the disappointing ending to his international career. "It was quite upsetting to see this old lady's situation, but she was used to it, I think. She took everything in her stride, just telling us to throw things out. You make two piles – a keep pile and a throwaway pile – and there were no tears, she just got on and dealt with it."

No News is Good News

Five years have passed since WH Malcom Limited submitted a proposal for the building and operation of an incinerator/gasifier at 865 South Street, Whiteinch / Scotstoun for waste disposal. A public meeting was duly held on 23rd February 2016 when Glasgow City Council rejected the application. WH Malcom Limited lodged an appeal which was initially placed in the hands of a reporter whose recommendation would normally have been decisive.

However, due to the public sensitivity of the project ie the local feelings which were demonstrated in our campaign, we understand that the decision-making was taken over by Scottish ministers. Unbelievably we are still waiting on that decision to be announced!

We will let you know the outcome as soon as we find out but in the meantime anyone with any more up-to-date information is requested to advise us by email at info@scara.org.uk.

Scotstoun Parish Church
invite you to join them for
their annual
Christingle Service at 6pm
on Sunday, 1st December

and also to the
Christmas Day Service
at 11am.

All are welcome.

