

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your committee member will be round soon (if not already been!) to collect your £5 subscription. We are pleased that the Burnbrae is continuing its 10% food discount on production of the card, and remember that membership also gains you access to our wide range of gardening and other equipment, including our newly-purchased pressure washer and shredder.

The Association is run for the benefit of all residents, and without the subscriptions there would be no Association. Membership is not compulsory, but please remember that those collecting subs are volunteers giving up their time to help the community, and treat them accordingly. There are a few—luckily, a VERY few—residents whose behaviour towards these volunteers leaves something to be desired.

## ROADS REPORT

The council appears to now have a fairly fast response time to reported potholes, although sadly the repairs do not seem to last any longer than previously. There is also a reported issue with council (and other) lorries breaking kerbs and gully drains by parking on them. Do as I do - photograph the culprits and send the photographs to your councillors!

## NEW TREES?

Now that the play park is nearing completion, we are considering the purchase of new trees for the top of Mosshead Road. However, it's a decision for the residents of that particular area. Please let your committee member know if you'd be for or against this, perhaps when subscriptions are being collected.

### LOOKING FOR TUTORING OR CONVERSATION IN GERMAN?

[All levels]

German native speaker is offering 1:1 lessons (£15 p.h.)

Call Sigrid on 07791 638775

### FANCY TRYING SINGING?

Kelvin Choir is looking for new members, especially men!  
No audition, just come along to St Andrew's church hall, Roman Rd, Bearsden, at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 30th August, or any of the following 3 Tuesdays.

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Newsletter

# Burnbrae Residents' Association

The 68<sup>th</sup> AGM of Burnbrae RA was held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in Kilmardinny House .

This was a well-attended meeting, covering issues ranging from the state of the roads, Tesco and other planning issues, to council cuts. Guests included local councillors Duncan Cumming and Ian Mackay, Jo Swinson MP, MSP candidate Des McNulty, Peter Swinson of We Like Milngavie, and David Devine (EDC Roads).

As we did last year, we again turned the floor over to our guests for a **very** lively Q & A session on issues raised by residents present at the meeting.



We bade farewell to 1 committee member who was leaving office, and were successful in attracting two new committee members. Office bearers elected for the next year are

*President : Janice Kennedy*

*Vice-President : Victor Budas*

*Treasurer : Jim Robertson*

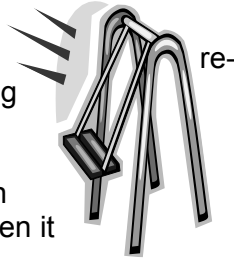
*Secretary : Margaret Robertson*

The meeting concluded with a well-attended cheese and wine buffet.

## Kilmardinny PALS update

The crawl tunnel is being removed and will be replaced with another piece of equipment requiring less maintenance and upkeep.

PALS will shortly disappear, as its function will have been fulfilled, but it will go into hibernation rather than be disbanded—you never know when it might be needed again!



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## CHARITY CABARET EVENING



We shall be hosting a Charity Cabaret Evening in aid of St Margaret's Hospice, with the incomparable vocal impressions of Gerry Anderson

This will be held in Milngavie Bowling Club on Saturday 12th November 2011, and you can get your tickets, priced £10 from committee members. Tickets are available up until November 1st. Gerry is very popular wherever he goes, having recently sold out the Concert Hall in Glasgow, so as

well as being for a good cause this should be a good fun night out! If you have anything we could use for raffle prizes, please contact us.

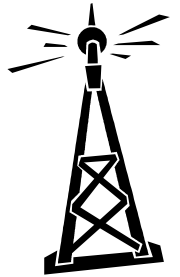
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## Warning—this from one of our members....

At this time of year you may be thinking of installing cavity wall insulation, especially with your electric/ gas supplier offering to pay the costs. Please think very carefully about this. Recent experience in the area shows that the individuals sent to survey properties are frequently non-qualified sales persons only interested in getting you to sign on the line! Poorly installed cavity wall insulation, or that applied to a home that is not suitable can cause *thousands of pounds worth of damage* as well as *untold stress* to the house owner. Think carefully before you proceed and consider other energy saving alternatives that may be available from your provider.

## VODAPHONE—proposed mast in grounds of Kilmardinny House

Vodafone have started the pre-application consultation process for a proposed **23m high** telecommunications base station installation at Kilmardinny House. This would be visible from pretty much ALL of the Burnbrae area (and beyond) as it extends significantly above the trees in the grounds of Kilmardinny House. From maps provided, the installation appears to be around 37m from houses and 31 m from the main road. Residents who live nearest to the site have been informed, and they in turn informed us! Keep a look-out for further details as they appear.



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## KEEP CLIPPING!

Be a good neighbour and remember to clip back shrubbery etc which overhangs any access paths, pavements etc. It's difficult for those with prams, wheelchairs etc to get past on pavements which are blocked on one side by cars and on the other by overhanging branches! If you have an access lane behind your property remember that's your responsibility, too!

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## PLANNING UPDATES - Public meeting about Tesco plans

There is a public meeting taking place in Milngavie Town Hall on **Monday 3rd October** about the Tesco development plan. Check local press for details and times. Tesco are legally required to consult with local groups, but appear to be very selective in their choice - for example, they are consulting Milngavie Pipe band, but NOT the We Like Milngavie group. One can only speculate as to why .....

You may also have read about proposed boycotts of Tesco : again, check local press for details. Personally, I've been boycotting them for quite some time!

Planning permission has been granted for the division of Burnbrae House into two residential properties, the larger of which will be using the Right of Way for vehicular access (as will the new property on the left of the lane). Do NOT let this prevent you using the RoW!!