

# BLACKET



*Newsletter*

*May 2014*

## **Open Gardens Evening on 13 June**

**The annual Blacket Summer Event will this year be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, when four gardens (Numbers 15,17, 19 and 21 Blacket Place) will be open to present and former residents, their children, and friends between 6.00 and 7.30 pm, followed by refreshments from 7.30pm in the garden of number 19, hosted by Simon and Mary White.**

Hazel Dunn, Blacket Chair, writes that **there will be a particularly warm welcome for newcomers to the area**, stressing the event provides a great opportunity for them and their families to get meet up with neighbours and residents more generally.

**A new feature this year will be a plant stall**, with Blacket residents being encouraged to bring along on the evening cuttings from their own gardens (suitably potted, labeled and priced). Proceeds will go to Association funds. For further information please contact Bobbie Smith at [bobbie.smith@zen.co.uk](mailto:bobbie.smith@zen.co.uk)

## **Wall Hanging Donated**

The Association has been given a Wall hanging, drawing on several of the 'five streets' within the Conservation area. The Wall Hanging, created by former Blacket resident Jan Atrill, was recently gifted to the Association by Rosemary and Bob Plum, themselves former residents. 44 Blacket Place, where they previously lived, was once the home of Joseph Bell, said to be the model in some respects of Sherlock Holmes who featured in Owen Dudley Edwards' fascinating recent talk for the Association on 'Conan and the other Doyles'. The wall hanging will be on show at the next AGM but is currently gracing the wall of 32 Blacket Place, should anyone wish to have an earlier look

## **Planning and Minto Street**

One planning matter has caused your Committee considerable concern, given the apparent variations from the originally approved – conservation consistent - plans for a house development in the garden of 23 Minto Street. The Committee has made representations to the

Council but is less than happy with the outcome given the fact that 'non-material' deviations have now been allowed to go forward.

## **Clambers, at The Commonwealth Pool... a possible event for local children**

We are keen to canvas opinion from Blacket residents, with children under ten, as to whether you would be interested in attending an evening event at Clambers with your child/children, partly to get to know your neighbours and help build local friendships. 50 spaces would be available at a likely cost of £4-5 per child, from 6-8pm one Friday or Saturday evening in September. Please feedback directly to [beckytimms@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beckytimms@yahoo.co.uk) to register your interest so we can assess whether this would be feasible.

## **Trouble with Freeview?**

Lindsay Johnston is co-ordinating the Association's response to problems that some residents have experienced with FREEVIEW, due to the roll out of 4G Mobile telephony. She can be contacted at 60 Blacket Place, [lindsay.a.johnston@googlemail.com](mailto:lindsay.a.johnston@googlemail.com)

## **Forthcoming meetings**

The next meetings of the Blacket Association Committee will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Monday 13 October. The next AGM is provisionally scheduled for Monday 17 November.

## **Conserving the Cemetery**

The Newington Cemetery Interest Group is planning that Working Parties should take place in the Cemetery monthly, starting on Monday, 19 May and Monday, 16 June, from 10am to 12 noon. If you would like to be involved, please contact the group's chair, Janet Sidaway [janet.sidaway@csr-consulting.com](mailto:janet.sidaway@csr-consulting.com)

## **.NeighbourhoodWatch Co-ordinators**

Ian Chisholm writes:

As the Blacket NW coordinator I have circulated details recently about various house, garage and shed break-ins. I have also circulated details of crime prevention advice from Police Scotland and links to other sources of advice. We thought it might be helpful to let all residents know who is their street NW coordinator. I very much rely on their advice and information to keep up-to-date lists of residents. You should contact them if you are moving house or changing email addresses. You may also wish to let either them or myself know of any incidents or suspicious behaviour that should be shared with other residents. Any such information will of course only be shared as general information, eg location, description of incident, and not by identifying individuals. Serious incidents should of course be reported to the police.

**The local NW coordinators are:**

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