



Blacket Association Newsletter

October 2019

AGM WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER THE OLD BELL

An AGM is a legal necessity but proceedings do not normally take more than 45 minutes so socialising with neighbours can occupy the greater part of the evening.

The 50th Annual General Meeting of the Blacket Association will be held on Wednesday 30 October 2019 in the Old Bell in Duncan Street from 7:30pm, with the AGM starting promptly at 7:45pm to be followed about 8:30pm with an opportunity to socialise with other residents. The upstairs bar in the Old Bell has been reserved exclusively for our use. Copies of the minutes of last year's AGM and the reports from the various committee members will be issued by email before the meeting. If you do not receive the email, let a committee member know. We may not have your email address or have it incorrectly. Please bring these with you, although there will also be some printed copies available at the AGM.

All members, prospective members, friends and residents in the Blacket area are welcome – new members particularly so. All are invited to raise any points of interest that they would like to discuss.

Agenda

- Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (24 October 2018);
- Election of committee members and office bearers.
Ian Chisholm, Stan Bird and Richard Scothorne have reached the end of their three-year terms of office and are happy to stand for re-election. Mhoraig Blair is nominated to the Committee as Website and database manager. Nominations are invited to the Committee as Social Convener.
- Chairman's report;
- Planning report;
- Treasurer's report;
- Neighbourhood Watch report;
- Blacket Avenue working group report;
- Any other competent business.

COMMITTEE 2018–2019

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| CHAIR | Ian Chisholm | 11 Dryden Place |
| TREASURER | Anne Henderson | 4 Mayfield Terrace |
| MINUTES SECRETARY | Fiona Courtney | 52 Blacket Place |
| NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH | Stanley Bird | 4 Dryden Place |

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| PLANNING/SHRUBBERY | Hugh Mackay | 42 Blacket Place |
| PLANNING | Richard Scothorne | 7 Alfred Place |
| WEBSITE/DATABASE MANAGER | Mhorag Blair | Arthur Lodge |
| NEW RESIDENTS/CARDS | Arlene Doherty | 56 Blacket Place |
| COMMUNICATIONS | Pauline Platt | 27 Mayfield Terrace |
| SOCIAL CONVENER | vacant | - |

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events are an important part of life in this area, and we are always looking for new ideas that reflect the many and varied interests (and ages) of residents. We would like to hear any suggestions you may have for future events.

Architectural tours

Last year an architectural tour of the Blackets was conducted by Richard Scothorne and Hugh Mackay, our Blacket history and architectural experts. The tour was very well supported, with more than thirty residents attending. Other residents expressed disappointment that they could not make it so we arranged another tour earlier this year, though unfortunately the weather was wet and kept numbers down. Meanwhile, an architectural trail guide of the Blackets, which was written some years ago, has now been revised by the Association. It is now on the Blacket Association website at http://blacketedin.org/downloads/Architectural_trail_of_the_Blacket_area.pdf

Open gardens

The annual Open Gardens evening was held on Friday 21 June. We would like to thank Susan Hezlet (30 Mayfield Terrace); the residents of 36 and 38 Mayfield Terrace; Patricia Cacho (46A Blacket Place); and Don and Penny Gower (48B Blacket Place) for the chance to have a look around their policies. A special thanks to the Gowers for hosting the traditional end-of-evening drinks and the chance to chat with neighbours.

BLACKET CARDS

At Christmas, Blacket residents display a wide variety of wreaths on their front doors. Some pictures have been taken from which we have prepared a selection of these wreaths images for sale as Christmas cards, with a packet of twelve cards costing £5.

The other Blacket Cards are also still available for purchase. Each card with envelope costs only £1.25, with five cards costing £5. Cards can be obtained from Arlene Doherty and at Blacket events such as the Open Gardens evening and AGM.

NEW RESIDENTS

If you have 'recently' moved to Blacket you should have received a welcome card from Committee member Arlene Doherty, giving you details of the Blacket Association, together with an invitation to join us, and information about our website and Committee members. If you do not have this information, please make yourself known to Arlene.