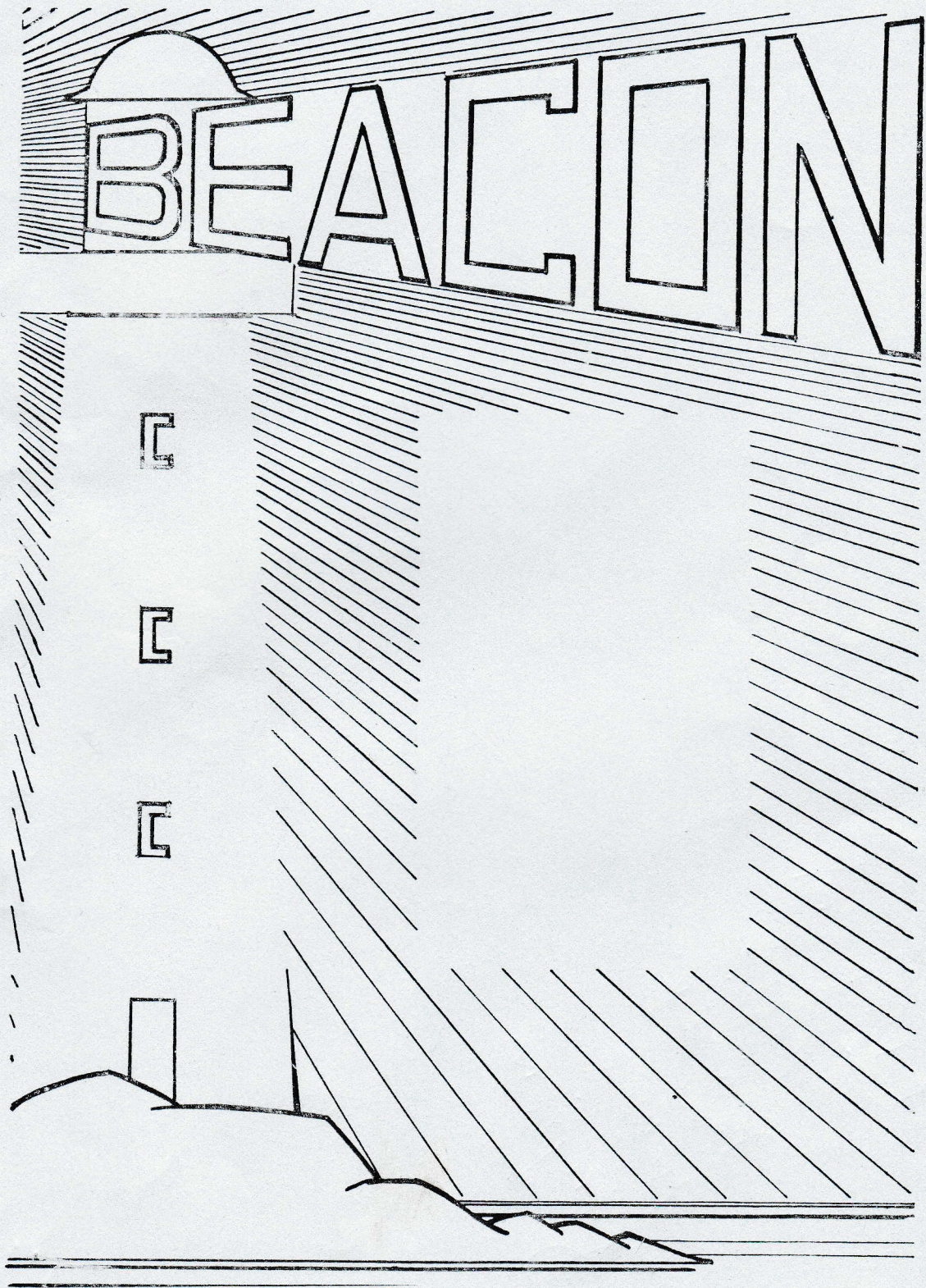


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From: Councillor Charles Gray, J.P.

I would like to congratulate Chryston Community Council in introducing this first newsletter so as to better inform residents of what is happening on their behalf.

The Council has proved its worth in the innovations which it has introduced over the last year or so, not least being the Annual Gala and the involvement with the "baths bus" for children. As your Regional Councillor, I support the Community Council in all its splendid efforts to make our area a happy place.

Strathclyde Region.

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From: Councillor Robert Coyle,

I am delighted to learn that the Community Council is embarking on publishing a monthly newsletter and I wish the venture every success. I feel it would fill a void in public information in which our so-called local press fall down, forgetting the outlying areas of the District and concentrating on the more central parts.

I would be very pleased to give brief summaries on District Council aspects pertaining to Chryston Ward as and when they arise.

Strathkelvin District Council.

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From: Councillor A. Hogg,

As Chairman of the Chryston Community Council, it is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to introduce our newsletter the "BEACON" to you. It has long been one of our major commitments to have in the Community, a local organ, which I hope will not only benefit the Council by informing all local residents of the services it provides, but also be of interest to local organisations which may wish to make the people aware of their functions.

In launching "BEACON" I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Councillors Ian Austin and Ralph Anderson for their dedication to this publication. I hope that all readers will find it lively and informative and that it will be widely read and discussed, thereby extending the Community Spirit in our area.

Chryston Community Council.

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Meetings for session 1980 -81

Held in Muirhead Public Hall at 7.30p.m.

27th. October, 1980	23rd. February, 1981
24th. November, 1980	30th. March, 1981
15th. January, 1981	27th. April, 1981
26th. January, 1981	18th. May, 1981 - AGM.
	29th. June, 1981

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Strathclyde Regional Councillor: Charles Gray, J.P. 9 Moray Pl. Chryston.

Strathkelvin District Councillor: Robert Coyle, 4 Beard Cres. Gartcosh.

CHRYSTON & DISTRICT DISCUSSION GROUP.

The Discussion Group under it's able President, Mrs. R. McCulloch, resumes those cosy evening sessions on Wednesday, 7th. January, 1981 in the Lesser Public Hall, Muirhead at 7.30p.m.

Mr. Michael Murphy who has more than a nodding acquaintance with most of Scotland's mountains will be giving a talk on the delights and art of mountaineering.

On Wednesday, 21st. January, a most informative and worth-while evening will be spent hearing Mr. W. McCall give a talk entitled "The Care of Pot-Plants"

New membership information is available from W. McCulloch, tel. 041.779.1506.

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CHRYSTON CHURCH MEN'S CLUB.

The Assistant Minister of Chryston Parish Church launches the Club into 1981 with a lively discourse on "The Future of the Church of Scotland" on Wednesday, 7th. January. Mr. Hair hopes for a large turn-out of members.

14th. - Games night

21st. - Visit to National Coal Board Mine Rescue Station, Coatbridge.

28th. - Visit to Gartcosh Men's Club.

Further particulars of the activities of the Club are obtainable from Dr. I. McLaren. tel: 041.779.1657.

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CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

At their next meeting the Ladies of the Guild will take Bible Study with Dr. Ian Brown. This will be on Monday, 19th. January, in the Church Hall.

A very interesting talk will be given at the following meeting on Monday, 2nd. February, when Mr. J. C. Haddow will present "Royal National Lifeboat Institution."

This will be a joint meeting with members of the Young Women's Group also present.

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LUNCHEON CLUB.

WHERE else could anybody get an excellent two or three course meal followed by tea and biscuits for just 35p.? But that is what is happening at Muirhead Public Hall every Thursday at 12 noon.

There is however, just one catch! Patrons must be in receipt of the retirement pension (60 years for the ladies, 65 for men) Nevertheless, anybody thus qualifying is invited to apply to Mr. Irving, tel: 041.779.2767, giving at least one week's notice.

The Club is seeking volunteers to assist with a multitude of tasks including serving up, distribution and clearance of equipment. There are two ways in which help can be given. Firstly, the Club desperately needs reliable help from anybody who is willing to devote two or three hours on each of their rota days. (once every 4-5 weeks). Then the Club needs to build up a reserve team, any member of which may be called out at very short notice if one of the regulars is inadvertently prevented from attending. Although members of the reserve team have no regular commitment, it is essential to have a stand-by ready to fill in any gaps.

If any reader is willing to put her name forward, please contact Charles Irving, 19 Berryknowe Ave. tel: 779.2767.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP.

Y.W.G. wishes everybody a Happy New Year!

Dr. Ian Brown will present a subject of vital interest on Monday, 12th. January in the Church Hall at 7.30p.m. Entitled "Life in Our Hands - A Christian Approach to Abortion", this should provide material for discussion for a long time hence.

As usual, the following meeting will be held on Monday 26th. January at 1.30p.m. when the Assistant Minister, Mr. Hair will conduct Bible Study.

Members are reminded that creche facilities are available at this meeting.

On 2nd. February, the Group will join with the Women's Guild to hear Mr. Haddow talk about the "Royal National Lifeboat Institution".

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St. BARBARA'S UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS.

Members will be really looking forward to Wednesday, 14th. January when they will be whisked off to the Pavilion Theatre to see Peter Morrison and Andy Cameron in "A Wish For Jamie."

Buses will pick up at various pre-arranged points around 5.45p.m. and will wait to bring the members back to The Knights of St. Columba Club, Moodiesburn after the show. At the Club a meal has been laid on after which there will be some enjoyable music until the bewitching hour of 11p.m. when the buses will return the guests to Chryston. At a total cost of only £5.50 it is likely to be a truly wonderful evening for such a modest outlay. To add to the pleasurable evening, they will have the company of Canon Kilcoyne.

We have been told that several seats are still available, and anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should contact Mrs. Meechan, tel: 041.779.1728.

The ordinary monthly meeting will be held as usual on Monday, 26th. January, 1981.

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St. BARARA'S PTA.

A Parent-Teacher Association was formed a little over a year ago to promote a link between teachers and parents of children attending St. Barbara's School. An elected committee of the PTA hope to achieve this object by recreational and educational ventures organised by members and friends of the association.

A talk has been arranged at the School on Thursday, 5th. February, to be given by a Primary Adviser of the Regional Education Department. He will explain "Scottish Primary Mathematics" which despite the dull title will most probably be of greatest interest and concern to parents.

Tickets are now on sale for a novel "Sportsnight" at which films will be shown and a quiz competition held between three teams. Our information is that a beer bar will be available. Admission by ticket priced 50p. is available from Committee members or from the School. The event will be held on Thursday, 26th. February.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF U.F. CHURCH.

The 50th. anniversary of U.F. Church in Church Road will be held some time in the very near future.

Regular services are held every Sunday at 11.30a.m. and 6.30p.m. by the Minister Mr. Murray.

Sunday School under the superintendence of Mr. Ralph Anderson is held at 11.10a.m. prior to the full service. For the benefit of children living in Moodiesburn an afternoon Sunday School is held in Glenmanor School at 3p.m.

With the congregation in good heart, they look forward with confidence and trust to the continuing witness of this part of Christ's Church in Chryston in the years to come.

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FOR THE DISABLED.

Strathkelvin Activities Club for the Physically Disabled starts the year off well by a visit to the Pantomime on Wednesday, 7th. January.

1981 has been designated the "YEAR OF THE DISABLED" throughout the civilised world. During this time it is expected that many thousands of disabled people will show the rest of the world that a physical handicap does not preclude sport and leisure activities.

The Club resumes on Thursday, 8th. Jan. at the Pivot, Moodiesburn and any disabled person wishing to join should contact the Secretary, Ellen Findlay, tel: 041.779.1481.

Now that the Club has its own 24 seater vehicle specially fitted with a hydraulic lift for wheelchairs, members from Stepps, Muirhead, Chryston, Mount Ellen and Moodiesburn are able to meet and to enjoy themselves.

"Wheelchair Dancing" is becoming a most popular event and takes place at Kirkintilloch Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons.

The Club is being represented at the National Bowls Competition currently held in Fife.

Every disabled person can join and will be made most welcome, so don't forget! The Pivot, 2 - 4p.m. every Thursday!

ROAD TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The Road Traffic & Safety sub-committee of the Chryston Community Council has expressed grave concern for the safety of pedestrians crossing Station Road at its junction with Cumbernauld Road between Coyle's Newsagents and the Muirhead Inn.

At certain times of the day traffic build up can become quite frightening to pedestrians due to the positioning of the traffic control lines painted at the junction. North bound traffic on Station Road must give way to traffic on the Cumbernauld Road, in consequence of which a tail-back up to Church Road is not uncommon if the first vehicle in the queue wishes to turn right.

Traffic from Lenzie or Glasgow on the Cumbernauld Road swinging into Station Road, usually does so at speed, thus creating a serious hazard for any pedestrian. More so, if it is a senior citizen, perhaps carrying a message basket on a filthy wet day. The fact that there are few accidents is perhaps due to the patience of the pedestrian.

The Community Council instructed the sub-committee to take appropriate action and it can now be said that David Hynd, the Regional Divisional Engineer has taken the matter up, after our Area Engineer, Mr. Allan made some investigation.

BUS STOP CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS.

Because of the position of the yellow lines on the north side of Cumbernauld Road at the bus shelter, it was not unusual to find a vehicle parked in such a position that an east bound bus could not come to the kerb at the stop. Mr. Hynd is arranging to have carriage-way markings appropriately placed for the safety of passengers boarding or alighting from a bus.

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A man who takes his son on a fishing trip, deserves respect.  
A man who takes his daughter shopping, deserves a halo!

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LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

Commencing Monday, 5th. January, a prominent local Solicitor will conduct a free advice clinic for the benefit of any local citizen with a legal problem.

This "surgery" will be open from 7.30 - 9.30p.m. on alternate Mondays, (5th. & 19th.) at Senior Citizen's Clubhouse at Lindsaybeg/Cumbernauld Rd. junction on the edge of the Park.

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CONSUMER PROBLEMS ON THE INCREASE.

It has been disclosed that the number of consumer complaints arising from poor quality goods and services have increased of late.

As more consumers become aware of their rights, it is natural that more action will be taken.

In the next issue it is hoped to include some information regarding an organisation dedicated to advising consumers of their rights and showing how to make the proper decisions when buying anything from a second-hand car to a packet of sugar.

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TRAVELLING PEOPLE - HEATHFIELD

The Community Council have made representations to Strathkelvin District Council over their decision to site travelling people at Heathfield, particularly as the residents of the area were denied the opportunity to lodge objections. This was due to the District Council's decision to make the site a "permitted development" thereby removing the requirements of planning permission.

Our local District Councillor Bobby Coyle has also attempted to have the Council reconsider their proposal, following the submission of a petition from local residents.

These efforts at present have proved unsuccessful, but the Community Council intend to carry on their representations and to fully support Councillor Coyle in his efforts.

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Mt. ELLEN GOLF CLUB.

Weather conditions preclude much practice, so members must content themselves with the most important meeting of the year.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday, 26th. January, and ALL members should make every endeavour to attend.

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St. BARBARA'S BADMINTON CLUB.

After playing in the Lanarkshire leagues for over ten years with a modicum of success, St. Barbara's Club has just undergone drastic re-organisation after gaining promotion to the third division mixed league.

An ambitious new club has now been formed and determined to maintain a high standard of achievement. Thus, instead of the 'one night - one court' as in the past, the Club now plays on two courts on two nights per week.

Two sections each have a limited membership of 30 and is open to all local people. Emphasis is placed on coaching the junior section for players of between 12 - 16 years of age, some of whom play in senior competitions. It is in fact, a decisive factor in selecting the teams, that as many young people as possible should be given the experience of competition play.

The Club's senior section has, according to the highest authority, some serious players, some triers, and some non-triers! There are those who are fit, there are those who are unfit. And of course, there are the Comedians - all of whom are essential in the constitution of a happy and progressive club.

For membership application, contact one of the organisers, Pat Ferrie, Tom Duffy or Jack Doyle.

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NOTICE TO ORGANISERS, CLUB OFFICIALS.

Dead-line for inclusion of information in next month's BEACON is 20th. January.

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St. BARBARA'S GOLF CLUB.

The Captain of St. Barbara's Golf Club extends a warm welcome to BEACON and trusts it will shed beams of enlightenment among residents of our Community for many years.

Members are reminded that Winter Four Ball and quarter finals stages should be completed by the end of January, weather permitting.

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St. BARBARA'S JUNIOR SECTION  
GOLF CLUB.

Cold wet weather combined with Christmas and New Year festivities are not conducive to golf. As a consequence, there is little to report, except that it is hoped to have some arrangements made later this month.

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CHRYSTON COMMUNITY SWIMMING CLUB.

The Kirkintilloch Swimming Pool is in the process of cleaning and will be closed for two weeks, re-opening again ready for our members on 24th. January.

Bus leaves Lindsaybeg Rd. junct.	8.40a.m.
Chryston Church	8.43a.m.
Chryston Church	9.30a.m.
Holmes Place	9.37a.m.

returning from pool arr. Chryston

10.20a.m. 10.45a.m.

11.20a.m. 11.45a.m.

Inclusive charges: Adults - 25p.  
Children - 15p.  
Spectators - 10p.

ALL WELCOME!

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BANKING HOURS

The hours of business for Clydesdale Bank, Cumbernauld Road, Muirhead are:

Mon. Tues. Wed.	9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.
	1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.
Thurs.	9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.
	1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.
	4.30p.m. - 6.0p.m.
Fri.	9.30a.m. - 3.30p.m.

Clydesdale Bank Ltd., 148 Cumbernauld Rd.  
Muirhead.

Tel: 779.2463

B.B. SUCCESS.

The 1st. Coy. of Boys Brigade would like to thank all those who helped and contributed to "BB Week" and to the Junior Section Christmas Appeal.

Over £1,000 has been collected though about one third of this will be required for the Company subscription to BB Headquarters.

BB Membership is open to all boys and meetings are held in BB Hall, Main Street, Chryston;

Age 5 - 7 yrs. Tuesdays at 6.30p.m.  
8 - 10 " Wednesdays 7.p.m.  
11 - 18 " Fridays 7.30p.m.

To help raise funds, the Company collects waste paper of all kinds, including newsprint, magazines etc. A collection is made in the Chryston area every alternate Thursday.

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GIRL GUIDES SEEKING MORE HELPERS.

The Commissioner, Mrs. Marion Barr, has said that the programme for 1981 will call for more adult help during this busy year.

Eighteen units of Guides and Brownies involving more than 400 girls who do an enormous amount of work in the area, will require adult back-up.

Any lady having a few hours to spare and an interest in this honourable cause, should contact the Commissioner at Cumbernauld 28522 (Code 67 from Glasgow Exchange)

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MOUNT ELLEN YOUTH CLUB.

Tuesday 13th. January will be the opening night for the first session of 1981. As usual, the under 12's will meet from 7 - 8.15p.m. and the over 12's from 8.30 - 10 p.m.

The Club is open to all young people living in the Mt. Ellen area every second, third, fourth and last Tuesday of the month. Applications for membership should be made to Mrs. Offord at the Mt. Ellen Public Hall.

On the first Friday of each month a Disco is held for the over 12's.

St. BARBARA'S YOUTH CLUB.

Here's one Youth Club which starts off with a real busy month. Apart from the usual table tennis, badminton, pool and football, all of which are held in the School, the Club is competing against all comers in various events.

Visits to Motherwell on 11th. & 18th. January will be made to compete against other Strathkelvin teams.

Table tennis tournaments will be fought out at Kirkintilloch and any budding world champion wishing to demonstrate prowess should contact Mr. Farrie at St. Barbara's School on Monday evenings at the Youth Club meetings.

Strathkelvin netball tournament is also competing in Kirkintilloch during the month. Members are reminded that the netball section meets on Tuesdays at the School from 6.30 - 9.30 p.m.

The visit to Cardowan Colliery on Tuesday 13th. January, will be limited to 16 members.

The monthly Ice-skating session at Hamilton will take place on 28th. January.

St. BARBARA'S JUNIOR GOLF SECTION.

Although there is not much happening now, Mr. Reilly does expect that a meeting will be arranged shortly. Any young person interested in golf should go along to the Youth Club meeting on Monday evenings and have a word with Mr. Reilly.

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TEEN SCENE

This happy group meet in Moodiesburn Church Hall on Saturday evenings from 7.30 - 9.15 p.m.

All children between the ages of 12 - 15 are welcome for here is a club with some less energetic activities. They amuse themselves with indoor table games and complete the evening with an Epilogue.

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BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

As St. Barbara's Youth Club distribute publicity material for this Service, we have been informed by the Club that the next call will be in March 1981.



CHRYSTON CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Judging by the syllabus for the first quarter of 1981, Youth Fellowship meetings appear to be one of the greatest attractions in the area.

A series of five films by Francis Schaeffer provides a Christian answer to the complex question, "Whatever happened to the Human Race?"

Commencing on Sunday, 18th. January, in the Parish Church Hall, Chryston, the first film entitled "Abortion of the Human Race" illustrates how modern society violates many Christian principles and cheapens attitudes towards humanity.

This will be followed on Sunday, 1st. February by the second film of the series "Slaughter of the Innocents", in which infanticide is shown to be a major controversial subject even within the Church itself.

The subject matter in all the films will provide tremendous scope for discussion and on these nights the Hall will be open to anyone interested in the questions arising. A collection will be made during the course of each evening though of course, admittance is free of charge.

Membership of the Chryston Youth Fellowship is open to all young people over the age of 16 (4th. year secondary school).

Other items on the programme for January (for members only) are:

11th. - Informal evening at  
78 Pentland Road.

25th. - "A Look at Education".  
Speaker - Mr. J. Munroe.

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MOORPARK GOSPEL HALL.

The Members of the Moorpark Gospel hall have a very full programme, for on each Wednesday evening, Prayer & Bible Study is held at 7.45p.m. On Fridays the Youth Club meeting is held in Chryston High School at 7.30p.m.

On alternate Thursdays, a Woman's Meeting commences at 7.30p.m. On 15th. January, a Speaker from Hamilton will be present. Tea will be provided.

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AN URGENT CALL TO ALL READERS.

1981 is the 150th. anniversary of the first Scottish Railway open to passenger traffic, extending from Glasgow to Garnkirk.

As a result of some pressure, Strathkelvin District Council have induced other bodies to recognise this important event, and although there will be nothing like the celebrations held last year for the 150th. anniversary of Liverpool-Manchester Railway, something will be done.

In the meantime, Mrs. MacKenzie, Chief Librarian, appeals to all residents to let her know if they have any old photographs, prints, paintings, books or momentos relating to the Railway prior to its closure. Old tickets, timetables, or any other railway equipment can be photographed (with the owner's permission) and placed on a permanent record in the Museum.

Other items of interest include bricks made at Heathfield Brick Works, some of which bear the initials of the customers.

Any reader coming across any old print or photograph or any item relating to life in or around our Community area should contact the Editor in the first instance and he will advise accordingly. (Tel. 779.1915)

So, dig out all the old photos, empty the old trunk and sort out the stuff in the attic. We need your help!

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\* Hours of Business are: \*  
\* Daily from 9.15a.m. until 4.15p.m. \*  
\* Thursdays from 9.15a.m. until 6 p.m. \*  
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WARNING

Residents are reminded that indiscriminate dumping of rubbish on lay-bys, verges or open spaces can incur fines of up to £200.

OBJECTIONS TO OUTLINE PLANNING

Residents in Lilybank and Potassels Road have lodged objections to any development of ground to the westward of the road-ends.

SWIMMING CLUB

Baths open 24th. January. Buses at usual times. Come and enjoy a pleasant dip!

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The purpose of "BEACON" is to impart information not normally published in newspapers. Items of local interest, of local activities are important to members of our Community only and a means of providing this has now been undertaken by the Community Council with the blessings of Regional and District Councils.

One advantage of BEACON is that it will be available to every household free of charge and will contain a wide variety of information.

If you have lost your cat or found a glove, if you are troubled with door-step salesmen or the weans tearing up your roses, if a shop has provided extra good service or you enjoyed last night's meeting, then let us know - it will interest others too!

To simplify communication, it is hoped to instal BEACON BEACON-BOXES in various shops into which any member of the Community can post letters addressed to the Editor.

Officials of Organisations are at liberty to use this method for posting details of next month's programmes which must be in by 20th. of each month.

Finally, the Editors will be pleased to hear any suggestions or ideas which could improve the quality of BEACON.