Ardler Memories

Ardler has changed dramatically into the Ardler Village over the last decade and many of us will say a fond farewell to the last multi when it is demolished on June 24th.

I was only six days old when my parents brought me home to Hazelhead Court and it is there my fondest childhood memories take me back to. I remember a great community spirit and an exciting environment just waiting to be explored. The Fort, play parks, the middle car park, even the outside of The Fairways sparked our imagination. We would happily play our games for hours; cowboys and Indians, kick the can, hide and seek, or building a den. The bad weather, or the black outs did not stop our fun, we would take shelter at the bottom of the multi, play kissy catchy in the gloom of the garages under the car parks, or we would play on the landing.

When I discovered my family were to be decanted into Downfield Court we had mixed feelings given the reputation the multis now had. But our experience of living in a multi was again a happy one. However, not all multi residents feel the same, some of us have memories we would much rather forget. It is because of this the Ardler Village Trust has decided to have two memory boxes at the Ardler Open Day on June 16th.

In one box residents shall place the good memories they have of Ardler and in the other the bad memories. The good memories shall be preserved and shared with the community to remind us why we live in Ardler. The bad memories will suffer a different fate; these shall be placed within the multi on the 24th June and shall be blown up at the demolition allowing our community to get rid of our bad memories and give Ardler Village a positive future for generations to come.

Early School Days

Santa visits a multi living-room

TARA

Forthcoming meetings to be held in Ardler Complex (all at 7.30pm)

- 5th June 2007
- 3rd July 2007
- 28th August 2007
- 25th September 2007
- 23rd October 2007
- 20th November 2007

* TARA will discuss rents for 2008 with Sanctuary soon after July '07
* TARA will have a table at Ardler Fun Day on the 16th June 2007
* S/S Tenant's Conference at Dunblane Hydro on 3rd June 2007 – TARA reps to attend
* Swales around football pitch now being cleaned up. Fencing will be moved, allowing pitch to reach desired full size.
* Safety – A spate of undesirables trying back doors and sheds etc. TARA will have personal alarms (£2 each) on sale at the meeting on 5th June.

Many thanks to all who supported our Bingo session held in St. Leonard & St Fergus church hall on 9th May. Special thanks to

Pat and Val (CRF Workers)
Aline and Irene (Raffle Ladies)
Jessie and Audrey (Kitchen Helpers)
Mark (Sandwich Maker)
Eileen (Florist) who travels to Glasgow for the prizes and presents them beautifully.

All monies raised go to TARA Social Fund.

Warm Weather Warning!

With the warmer weather and lighter evenings residents are more inclined to leave windows and doors open to afford some fresh air when they are at home.

It is an easy thing to forget to lock doors when retiring for the evening and to leave items such as handbags, mobile phones and keys lying on kitchen tables or near the front door.

This is when the opportunist thief will take advantage, sneak in a steal property in a matter of seconds.

Please make sure that before retiring for the evening or leaving the house that all windows and doors are locked and anything valuable is put away in a safe place.

Mags Duffy—832897
Your community police constable

Cultural Pathfinders are in your area!

Hi Folks, just letting you know that the two weirdo's you see walking around with cameras and asking to talk aren't dangerous or disturbed. They are here on behalf of the Dundee Partnership to investigate the notion of culture (the things that make us who we are) with the aim of developing the cultural entitlement of local people into the new community plans.

If you speak to them you may be asked about the things you do, or if you'd like to visit some places. Don't be scared as they've been checked out by the Police- but make sure you see their ID badges. Here's a wee message from Mags and Duncan:

We'd like to come an' meet you,
we'd like ti say hello
yir mair thin welcome ti tell us ti bail
nae arguements we'll jist go.
But we'd like ti listen ti yi
we want ti ken aboot thi hings yi hink are great
coz we want ti ken whit maks yi tick
an mibbe help yi git mair in yir estate.
We want ti tak yi places
aroond an aboot thi toon
see pictures, films an dances
thit should mak yir senses swoon.
So please dinna hide fae us
come an hae a blether
thi only wey ti change hings
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