

Dear residents - some dates to note:

8 May – Bo’ness to Edinburgh via Blackness, Community Bus starts



Our new Minibus service the **C19** to Edinburgh started on the **8th of May 2017** for a trial period of 12 weeks with services calling at Blackness at 09.48 and 14.48 to Edinburgh and 11.26 and 16.26 from Edinburgh.

As a general guide all stops in Bo’ness covered by the X19 and all stops in Edinburgh from the Maybury covered by the 38 shall apply. For details go to Blacknesscommunity.org . There is also a copy of the timetable on the notice board in the village. **Please use this service and encourage others to do so, so that it can be retained.**

16 May – Award winning film “The Bentley Effect” about Fracking, Falkirk, 7pm, Falkirk Trinity Church

Along with this Newsletter, you will find a flyer for the above, plus a leaflet explaining the basics of Fracking. Please take a couple of minutes to read them, because if the Scottish Government decides to lift the moratorium, then this could lead to fracking taking place underneath your home.

17 May – Community Council meeting, 7pm, Blackness Boat Club

The Boat Club have kindly agreed that we can hold our next meeting in their premises. We hope that this will encourage more residents to attend, as there are several major current issues that could have substantial and long-lasting effects on our community. We also urgently need some folk to come forward and volunteer a little of their time by becoming a Community Councillor at our AGM in October, when Merv Archibald will be standing down after 8 years, due to other commitments. Without some additional help, it is unlikely that Blackness Area Community Council will be able to continue.

4 June – The Great Blackness Bake Off Throw Down at noon in the village hall



The Parent Council are holding The Great Blackness Bake Off Throw Down to help raise funds for the school. It's a competition for adults and children and a schedule of items to make can be obtained from Lee at la79@btinternet.com.

Everyone is welcome to enter and Its £1 per class entered. There will be a raffle and a couple of stalls too.

Edinburgh Airport (EA) Flight Path Consultation

Many thanks to all who attended the Public meeting in the Community Hall on 27 April to learn more about the impact of EA's Flight Path Consultation. The hall was packed out and it was clear the majority were very concerned about the proposed changes. Blackness Area Community Council have therefore:

1. Lodged an objection on EA's web site.
2. Along with other Community Councils, local authority Councillors and MSPs, signed a joint letter, which was sent to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) by Mark Ruskell MSP's office, to raise concerns about the consultation process. The CAA is the organisation that will vet EA's flight path proposals.

What happens next? EA will deliberate on the responses and issue a report in the next couple of months. They will then apply to the CAA formally requesting changes to the airspace.

Please note that many in our area continue to complain about unwanted aircraft noise. Anyone who has concerns about specific noise from planes, should raise these with the airport, and complain directly via email to noise@edinburghairport.com - noting the time and date of the noise you experienced. While responses may not always be helpful, the complaint is logged, and the numbers of complaints is reported to the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee every quarter.

If people wish to be kept updated on the Edinburgh Airport Watch campaign, please join the facebook page "Edinburgh Airport Watch", or send an email to Edinburghairportwatch@gmail.com asking to be added to the mailing list.