

## C.I.S.W.O. (Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation.)

CISWO is a national charity, which provides help, advice, guidance and support to mineworkers, former mineworkers, widows of mineworkers, as well as working with others in addressing social need in the wider coalfield community. They can also offer advice and support to others not connected to the mining industry. Myrette Bracken is available in the **One Stop Shop** every second Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and can offer advice on several matters, including: [Benefits Advice](#); [Holidays/Convalescence](#); [Financial Matters including Hardship](#); [Health/Disability Issues & General Support including Bereavement](#).

No appointment necessary. **Leaflets are available at the One Stop Shop concerning the Convalescent Home, Blair Castle.**

If you would like further information regarding any of the above please contact Myrette Bracken at CISWO on 01506 635550.

Coalburn Miners' Welfare Charitable Society **One Stop Shop** would like to thank **Scottish Coal Industry Special Welfare Fund** for the funding to publish and distribute this newsletter and **Coalburn Bowling Club** would like to thank them for funding to enable them to supply shoes and bowls for the youngsters.



## COALBURN One Stop Shop

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## Flower Arranging Course April 2010

After securing funding from 'Awards for All' a Flower Arranging Course is due to start in the **One Stop Shop** in April 2010. This would be delivered weekly for 6 weeks at a cost of £30 for the full course payable at the start of the course. This is non returnable if unable to attend any week. Each session would last two hours. If interested please call the **One Stop Shop** on 01555 820060 and speak to either Helen or George. The cost of the course is to cover extra material costs not covered by the grant.



## Coalburn Post Office

The Post Office can provide a number of services not always readily known to members of the community. There has been a new advertising campaign from the Post Office to promote the new services and I am sure you will have viewed the many well known celebrities using the Post Office on the TV. As well as all the usual services e.g. Pensions, Stamps etc we also provide Broadband, Homephone, Growth Bonds, great rate Savings Accounts, Credit Cards, Home Insurance, Car Insurance, Travel Insurance, Phone Top Up, Foreign Currency and many more great products. Our rates compare favourably with all the High Street banks. Save now for Christmas using our saving scheme card, just top up your card as and when you wish to. We would like to thank all members of the community who use the Post Office but we do need your continued support in order to secure the Post Office for the future. For more information on all the range of services available please telephone Jessie or Rae on 01555 820890 or 01555 820060 or pop in for advice.



The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) service is a network of bureaux throughout the British Isles. Wherever it is found, a CAB offers an advice service that is free, independent, confidential and impartial. Additionally we campaign on current issues and provide feedback to government on the effects of social policy.

Bureaux are staffed by volunteers and a small number of paid staff, all of which are accountable within the bureau to its management group. Each of the nine Citizens Advice Bureaux in Lanarkshire is an independent charity run by its own management group. The management group is made up of volunteers drawn from the local community and they are responsible for the good management of the CAB service. A manager is employed in each CAB to ensure the effective delivery of service. Trained volunteers who are supported by a small team of employees provide the frontline advice service.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is now in the One Stop Shop on a Monday afternoon from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm and can offer advice on a number of issues. No appointment necessary. For further information telephone the One Stop Shop on 01555 820060.



## FUNDING APPLICATION

Coalburn Miners' Welfare Charitable Society has been successful in securing 75% of funding required to install Solar Panels, PV Panels, Loft Insulation and an Educational Monitor in Coalburn Miners' Welfare and Cavity Wall Insulation for the Bowling Club. Funding was granted from Community Energy Scotland. An application was submitted to South Lanarkshire Rural Communities Trust for the balance required and this was granted in February 2010. Coalburn Miners' Welfare will be one of the first in the area to install Solar Panels etc and this should attract educational interest from the schools. The roof insulation and cavity wall insulation work has now been completed and work is due to start on installing the Solar & PV Panels and Educational Monitor.

## 'AWARDS FOR ALL' FUNDING

Mr Mel Miller, Funding & Development Officer with South Lanarkshire Council and the staff at the One Stop Shop worked in partnership on a funding bid to 'Awards for All' to deliver a variety of classes and activities in the One Stop Shop e.g. Salsa Classes, Computer Classes, Active Kids etc. We were informed in February 2010 that this had been successful and the classes will be delivered in the One Stop Shop over the coming year. More details can be found in this newsletter or you can telephone 01555 820060.

## New disabled access porch & ramp



With the help of an agent, Mr William Steel, Coalburn Miners Welfare received £38,727 from Rural Priorities towards the cost of building a new disabled ramp and porch. A further £30,000 was awarded from Forward Scotland, £10,000 from Hagshaw Hill Windfarm Trust and the final amount required £11,745 from Rural Communities Trust of which 10%, £3,000 had to be paid back to Forward Scotland through a third party.

Work started in October 2009 and was scheduled to be completed by late December/early January but unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions over the winter months some of the work was delayed and it was finally completed at the end of January 2010. All of the works was carried out by Meikle Builders.

This will make a vast difference to all the users of the Centre and will also mean that access to the lift can be more easily accessed within the premises. It has also enhanced the look of the building as the old porch was in a bad state of repair.

The porch and disabled access was initially part of the plans when the One Stop Shop was in the first stage of planning but due to lack of funding at that time this had to be delayed until now.

Work started in March tarring the car park at the back of the premises. This has created a more attractive and better facility for parking.

Through time we hope to be able to access funding to do the same with the car park area at the front of the One Stop Shop.

## Coalburn Miners' Welfare Social Club Membership & Bookings

Any person interested can apply for full Membership to Coalburn Miners' Welfare Social Club at a cost of £2 per year. This entitles the member to book the hall at no extra cost to hold parties etc. No bookings will be taken for 18th birthday parties. Catering for all occasions can be provided at a very reasonable cost. A £50 deposit is required at the time of hall booking but will be returned if all booking rules are adhered to. All bookings and membership enquiries are taken by Helen at the One Stop Shop.

Application forms can be sourced at the **One Stop Shop** or can be downloaded from our website: [www.coalburnmw.org.uk](http://www.coalburnmw.org.uk)

A games league is played in the lounge on a Friday evening and entertainment is provided every Saturday evening in the lounge. Live football matches are also available on our new system in the lounge weekdays and weekends.

# Clydesdale Camera Club

*Interested in photography?*

Clydesdale Camera Club hold regular meetings in Coalburn Miners' Welfare Club from September to April. Their syllabus features workshops, guest speakers, members' audio visual nights and competitions.

Visit the club's website [clydesdalecameraclub.co.uk](http://clydesdalecameraclub.co.uk) for details or telephone the Secretary Jess Graham on 01555 895160.



## South Lanarkshire Council Q & A

South Lanarkshire Council Q & A Services are located within the Coalburn One Stop Shop facility. South Lanarkshire Council Q & A serviced has been providing a service to the community of Coalburn since 12th March 2009. Since opening over 170 customers have visited our surgery regarding a range of services some of which are listed below:

- Housing and Council Tax Benefit
- Council Tax
- Rent
- General Housing Enquiries
- Repairs
- Special Uplifts
- Blue Badges (Disabled Parking Permits)
- Concessionary Travel Cards (for those with disability)

The above list is only a small sample of the range of services available as our fully trained staff are able to access and deal with enquiries of all council services.

So if we can provide you with help or assistance with a council service or enquiry please call in and see us we will be pleased to help. We also supply packets of dog Waste bags free of charge. **We are open every Thursday 1.15 - 4.15 pm**

## FUTURE JOBS FUND

Coalburn Miners' Welfare Charitable Society/One Stop Shop has employed a trainee Community Shop Assistant/Admin Assistant through the Future Jobs Fund. The person we have employed is Stacy Findlay and she lives in Coalburn. This post is based on 25 hours per week.

The fund aims to create additional jobs primarily aimed at 18 - 24 year olds who have been out of work for nearly a year. The fund is run by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government. The scheme is for 6 months with Coalfield Regeneration Trust funding the post until the end of February 2011. We have applied for another trainee through this funding for a trainee caretaker/handyperson but have not yet filled this position.

## Cruets Café

Cruets Café is open weekdays (excluding Wednesdays) & Sundays for snacks, take-away and for meals during the following times:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10.30 am - 2.30 pm  
Friday - 12 noon - 2.30 pm  
Sunday - 12 noon - 3 pm

*Catering for All Occasions*



## Healthy Activities For All Ages

Coalburn Miners' Welfare One Stop Shop is delivering the following activities and courses in the One Stop Shop:

Computer Courses  
Flower Arranging  
Active Kids  
Ready Steady Cook  
Salsa Classes

All the above are part funded from a grant from 'Awards for All'  
If interested in any of the above please contact Helen or George on 01555 820060

## Room & Conference Hire

Coalburn One Stop Shop Charitable Society has a number of rooms available for hire. Rooms are available by the hour, ½day or full day. The size varies from conference size holding approximately 250 to small interview rooms. There is a new state of the art PA system with hearing loop in the main hall and a new PA system installed in the middle sized hall. All information relating to room hire and also our brochure can be accessed via our website: [www.coalburnmw.org.uk](http://www.coalburnmw.org.uk) or by telephoning the One Stop Shop on 01555 820060. Catering can be provided at a competitive price for all occasions.

## Community Shop

A Community Shop operates within the One Stop Shop. This is run by a number of volunteers and normal opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm but can be accessed Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm if required out with normal opening times.

A variety of new and used goods are on sale at very reasonable prices and prices can be negotiated for certain larger items. We have been fortunate to receive new and used good quality items for re-sale and would like to thank all who have made donations and for all customers who have used this service. We also operate a recycling service that collects unwanted clothes, bags and shoes. These can be handed in at any time to the One Stop Shop or at the Post Office. New shelving, a till and scales were installed in March 2009 thanks to funding received through the LEADER funding programme.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are also available daily in the community shop and orders can be taken and will be delivered the next day except orders taken on a Tuesday which be delivered until the Thursday.

A new service was introduced in February 2010. We now supply fresh butcher meat from A & L Campbell of Kirkmuirhill. This is sold at the same price as the shop at Kirkmuirhill. Orders can be taken with the same delivery days as the fruit and vegetables.



Established in June 2004 the Jim Hamilton Heritage Society has gone from strength to strength and now has over 50 members. The group meet in Coalburn Bowling Club on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month from September until May 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend and enjoy a talk/slideshow by a guest speaker.

Volunteers from the Society are also at hand at COALBURN HERITAGE CENTRE which is located in Coalburn One Stop Shop. It is open to the public on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS 10.00am - 3.00pm and at other times by special arrangement. The Heritage Centre houses the archive of the late Jim Hamilton a local historian and author after whom the Society is proudly named after. Jim's collection consists of photographs, documents, videos and not least his highly acclaimed 80 volume Coalburn Chronicles. The collection has grown over the years and is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in Coalburn's social history, mining heritage and their own family's roots in Coalburn. The Centre also provides a print and design service and it is here that the Society's Coalburn Calendar is published and available for purchase. Copies of photographs and documents in the archive can also be purchased here.

Each year on COALBURN GALA DAY (first Saturday in July) the Society puts on a public EXHIBITION of photographs and artefacts at COALBURN LEISURE CENTRE from 11.00am - 3.00pm. For further information please telephone COALBURN ONE STOP SHOP on 01555 820060 or visit the Society's website [www.coalburnheritage.org.uk](http://www.coalburnheritage.org.uk). The website features the Society's syllabus and copies of its quarterly newsletters.