



Beware of the 'DARK ZONE'!

Sounds like something from Star Wars but it could become reality if a local firm has their way.



Local protesters making their views known

In February this year Malcolm Construction, based on South Street, Scotstoun, gave notice of their intention to apply to the City Council for permission to adapt their existing base into a 'waste management' site which they euphemistically call an 'Energy Recovery Facility'. This would entail the creation of 4 gasifier units for the processing of commercial waste and an associated flue (chimney) of some 50-70 metres in height, needed to disperse the resultant gases. An informed source tells us that these gases contain toxic materials such as particulates, forfurs, nitrous oxide, dioxin and other dubious chemicals. The ominously named 'Dark Zone' is that area north of the site which will be most susceptible to 'fallout'. Ironically, our Conservation Area lies directly in that zone.

This plan gives a good indication as to where the heaviest particles from the plant flue will fall, but wind force and

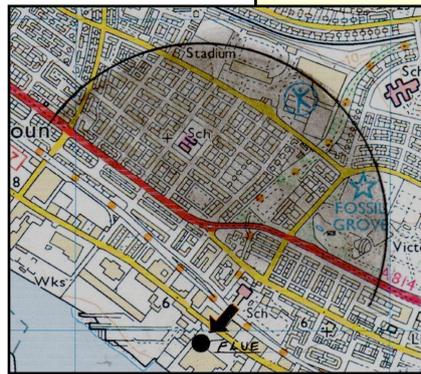
direction could affect a much larger area.

A 'public consultation' was held later in February but only residents living south of Dumbarton Road received notification so it was a rather restricted 'consultation' and we now hear that the application was lodged with the City Council in March. Despite the last date for formal objections being extended to 28th April, SCARA intends to discuss the matter at their AGM on that same date and, with the backing of the residents, ensure that this project never comes to fruition.

At the end of March all of you should have received a flyer from SCARA prompting you to object to the proposal. The response was a massive number of objections being sent to the Planning Department. However, a good turnout at the AGM will add further weight to our objections.

Scotstoun Community Council (SCC) is also weighing into the fight along with neighbouring CCs in Whiteinch, Yoker and beyond. Disguised as an environmental project, this is going to be quite a battle.

Read what SCARA Convener has to say about it in our 'Letters' column.



Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of 'The Avenues', your Residents' Association's twice yearly newsletter. We hope you enjoy it and that it helps you feel part of the community.

Membership of the Association is automatically conferred on all households in the Conservation Area. The Association, the website and this newsletter can only exist with your support. The Treasurer is confident that the present annual donation of £2 per household, suggested by the AGM, is adequate despite rising costs. For your convenience, we have

attached a donation envelope which can be returned to any of the Committee Members listed thereon, along with your name and address, or by emailing us at

scara@scotstoun.info to arrange collection.

The Editor welcomes letters, articles of local interest and photographs, but please, please keep it brief.

JohnHannah (Editor)

THE BIG BAKE-OFF

SCARA was again invited to provide one of the judges for Scotstoun Primary's annual bake-off competition. Committee member Gail Herrigan bravely stepped forward to take on this onerous task, despite the cost in pounds (that's lbs. as opposed to £s).

Interviewed later, she praised the quality and variety of the entries, some of which are shown here. "Judging the best was very difficult." said Gail. "In some cases I had to have two or three bites."

The Chocolate Volcano Cake (far right) won the 'Show Stopper' award in the Primaries 1 -3 category.

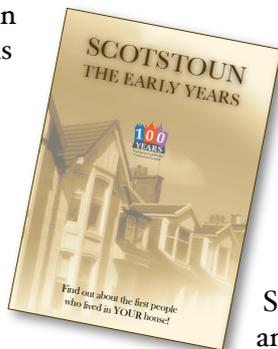
Congratulations to all the pupils who entered. Watch your back Mary Berry!

(Any leftovers? Ed.)
(No chance! Gail)



IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK...

Historical information on all houses in our area is now available in Moira Logan's document 'Scotstoun: The Early Years' on our website at www.scotstoun.info.



SCARA researcher Moira Logan tells us that the first domestic garage built in Scotstoun, as revealed in

the 1925 Valuation Roll, was at 90 Earlbank Avenue, currently occupied by SCARA Treasurer, Cameron McClymont.

Sadly, we have to announce that Cameron, a long and faithful Office Bearer, will be

moving shortly to pastures new outwith our Conservation Area.

We therefore are appealing for a new member to volunteer to count our pennies next year. So if you can spare one hour per month, please let us know.

(Sorry, Cameron, we don't give gold watches but I'm sure the Association can stretch to a decent bottle of champagne with which to launch your new home. Ed.)

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BAFTA AWARD

Local resident Helen Moore, a Unit Manager for the Channel Four programme 'Location, Location, Location', joined colleagues on stage at the Scottish BAFTAs last November when the programme won Best Feature/Factual Entertainment award.

A friend said, "she works incredibly hard and long hours which deserves some form of recognition."



(We'd like to hear about any other SCARA residents who merit a mention in our columns. Ed.)

NOTICE OF AGM

The 2015 AGM of the Residents' Association will be held in Scotstoun Primary School, Duncan Avenue on Tuesday, 28th April, at 7pm.

The Agenda will include: Reports from Office Bearers, Election of Committee Members (we need a new Treasurer), Objection to Malcolm Construction Proposed Energy Recovery Facility and any other competent business.

We are relying on you to support the work we do for our area by turning out for our AGM which we will try to keep as brief and informal as possible.

OUR CONSERVATION AREA

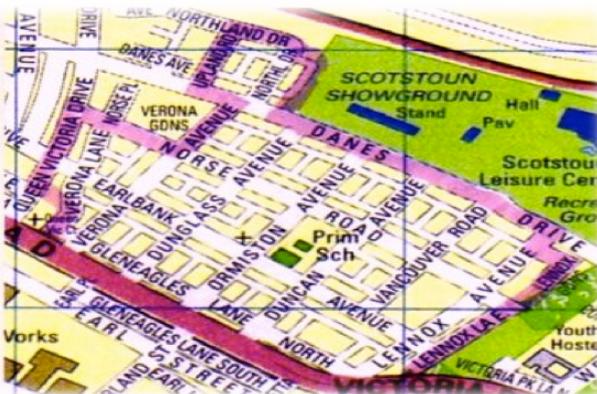
In 1987 the City Council designated our part of Scotstoun as a Conservation Area as shown below.

If you have recently moved into the area, SCARA would like to offer you a warm welcome. Our website at www.scotstoun.info contains local news and information that you

may find helpful and we can be contacted by email at scara@scotstoun.info.

Living in a conservation area carries with it certain responsibilities when planning any alterations or improvements to your property, particularly to the front elevation. Changes to planning laws in February 2012

make it imperative that you seek advice from the City Council prior to commencing any such work. Contact the Council's Development and Regeneration Services Department on Tel. 287 8555.



TO DO...

- Object to Malcolm Construction proposal!
- Attend SCARA AGM on Tuesday 28th April in Scotstoun Primary School, Duncan Avenue, at 7pm.
- Return £2 SCARA subscription envelope to any address on front.

SCARA BURNS' CEILIDH 2015



Our highly successful Burns' Celebration last year in the Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre was topped by the 2015 version at the same venue.

The well attended 'supper' was again entertained by the music of the talented Midgierakers who kept feet tapping and dancers whirling for the whole evening. Piped in by Kenny MacKenzie, the Haggis was subjected to a lively 'Address' by Past Convener John Hannah. Michael Sheridan, our Convener, amused the guests with a unique and amusing 'Immortal Memory'.

The evening ended with a hearty rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' by a band of happy residents.



*Top: Piping in the Haggis
Above: Addressing the Haggis
Below: Some younger entertainers*

GET ON YOUR BIKE!



The Cycle Track upgrade from Whiteinch to Yoker has been completed and was officially 're-opened' on 27th March 2015. We'd be grateful if any local cyclists would let us know what they think of the results and perhaps send us any interesting pictures of the route. How far have you gone on the track?

Our Editor claims he used to make it to Balloch with a stop-off at a wee cafe in the railway arches at the Bowling Basin. He advises sagely, "Always check the wind direction – it can be murder coming back against a strong breeze".

THE LOANIE

This was a hawthorn lined lane which ran diagonally from Dumbarton Road at Westland Drive up to the bridge on Queen Victoria Drive. We'd like to imagine that it was Scotstoun's



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'Lovers' Lane', running through the daisy filled meadows where pretty girls and their swains strolled, hand in hand, chatting and laughing in the summer sun.

On the other hand, and somewhat less romantically, it may just have been a short cut to the station at Scotstounhill which was opened in 1887. The aerial view below shows (in yellow) just how much it has been truncated by the construction of our area, leaving only a few yards (shown in red) at the far end of Northland Drive.



Photo courtesy of the Timothy Weir website.

For more local info, please go to www.kilmeny.vispa.com.

EXTRA BUS STOPS

Some of you may have noticed the new bus stop added on the Expressway city bound lane just past Westland Drive. This is for the convenience of folk going to Victoria Park but it will also help sleepy-heads going into Partick who jump on the wrong bus and find themselves heading into town.

There is also a new stop opposite for out-of-town buses.

LETTERS

Dear Residents,

Re.: The Malcolm Project

In September 1989 the Motherwell Bridges Project lodged a planning application for the construction of a 'Hospital Waste Incinerator' at 1033 South Street, Glasgow. This gave rise to grave local concern. Inquiry showed that toxic chemicals would come to ground over an area up to 1 kilometre from the incinerator taking in many houses, schools, nurseries, gardens and, of course, people.

The Scotstoun Owner Occupiers (as SCARA was then known) helped to set up the Campaign Against the Clydeside Incinerator (CACI). We had no emails or electronic media in those dim and distant days but a team of volunteers printed and circulated flyers, phones were red hot, funds were gathered, television coverage was obtained and supporters included local MPs and even the Lady Provost of Glasgow. This led to a Public Inquiry with legal representation at Partick Burgh Hall in December 1991 at which the application was defeated.

Now, 24 years later, we face a similar situation with the Malcolm Project on South Street threatening the area. So it's up to you, the residents, to get on the campaign trail once again – otherwise we'll be having toxins for breakfast.

Michael Sheridan,
Convener/SCARA