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## A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL 2008 TO ALL

### Festive Events

I am sure that you will agree that the Ceilidh and the Hogmanay Party were both a great success.

Having a live Ceilidh Band of such vast numbers and a variety of instruments in a relatively small arena, generated a super atmosphere for those who attended and it was especially pleasing to see so many younger people thoroughly enjoying themselves as much as the older members.

This was the second year that there has been an organised Hogmanay Party and it was felt that this year was an improvement on last. Fifty-five came and saw 2008 in, in great style. The third draw for the £100 was made and went to ticket number 56 purchased by Graham Begg of Bridge of Allan.

Although the carol singing didn't materialise at the Switching on of the Christmas Lights, the mulled wine warmed us all up on a pretty chilly evening.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation to Chris Chalk by Angus Annan, on behalf of Logie Community Council, of a cheque for £1000 to help with training expenses. Christopher lives at Powis and he has trained with the Alloa Gymnastics Club since he was five years old. Christopher has been six times Scottish champion for his age group and he has represented Scotland in all major gymnastic competitions. He achieved a personal best of a bronze medal at the UK School Games in August and he also became the Scottish Junior Champion.

Christopher has trained with the Elite Scottish Squad and his goal is to represent Scotland in the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

### **BLAIRLOGIE WEB SITE**

*Just to let you all know that the outside world is logging on to the web site, which means the Archive's efforts have been very worthwhile.*

*Reaction to the web site has been favourable particularly from Malcolm and Miriam, friends of George and Rae McIntosh, who thoroughly enjoyed their stay in the village over the new year, especially the Hogmanay Party.*

## Future Events

### Burns Supper

This is on the 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Reading Room. There are a few tickets still available at £12 each from John Randall on 01259 762455. Please note that, for catering purposes, only those who have purchased tickets in advance will be included.

Event	Date	Details
Poker Night – fun for all	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	See Keith Neill's note below
Logie CC Meeting	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	All welcome
Wine Tasting	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Is there anyone who would like to organise this popular event?
Reading & Recreation Room AGM	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Would you like to be on the Committee? If so give your name to the Secretary Mary Maxwell-Irving.
Logie CC Meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	All welcome
Talk on Birds	A Thursday evening in May	TBA
Village Gardens Opening/BBQ	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Those opening their gardens should pass their names to a member of the Committee so that a map can be drawn up.

### Charity Poker Night

Do you have a poker face? Are you a shark? Or a fish? Want to play with the big boys?

If your answer is yes (or no) to any of these questions why not come along and play in the first Blairlogie Charity\* Poker Night on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March and win **Cash Prizes!!**

The game is **Texas Hold'Em**. The buy in is **£5** with a one-hour re-buy period. (For the uninitiated, this means that you will pay £5 to play and are given a set of tournament chips. If you lose all your chips within the first hour you may buy another set of chips for another £5.)

The evening will start for **beginners at 7.15pm** – don't worry if you have never played before, **full instruction will be given**. If you already know how to play please turn up and register between 8.00 – 8.15pm. We will attempt to begin the game sharp at 8.15pm or at the very latest 8.30pm and don't forget to bring your own booze.

\*Blairlogie Reading Room

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*Did you know that there is new publication available from Stenlake Publishing entitled 'OLD BRIDGE OF ALLAN and BLAIRLOGIE by William F. Hendrie.*

*It costs £7.99 and there is no charge for p&lp. You can contact Stenlake on [www.stenlake.co.uk](http://www.stenlake.co.uk) or by telephone on 01290 551122.*

## Comedy Corner

*You seem to find this section to your liking in the last edition so try these:*

### YOUR AGE BY EATING OUT DESIRES

*This is pretty neat. It takes less than a minute. Work this out as you read. Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out! This is just a bit of FUN.*

- 1. First, pick the number of times a week that you would like to eat out. (more than once but less than 10)*
- 2. Multiply this number by 2*
- 3. Add 5*
- 4. Multiply it by 50*
- 5. Add 1757...If you have had a birthday already in 2008 add 1758.*
- 6. Now subtract the four-digit year that you were born. You should have a three-digit number.*

*The first digit of this was your original number.*

*The next two numbers are YOUR AGE! ----- (Oh YES, it is!!!)*

### Weird but True

*Don't dismiss this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.*

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### HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and he said "no". Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT - Don't mess with old people.