



LOGIE LIFE SEPTEMBER 2021

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Blairlogie re-united

The relaxation of Covid regulations to level zero enabled a small group of long-standing Blairlogie residents to meet in the Reading Room on Wednesday 28 July for an informal gathering. This was the first opportunity to open the reading room for use since the restrictions on gatherings had been established.

The hall was opened with the permission of the Heritage trust and prepared for use by a group of residents. Posies of garden flowers kindly provided by Sue Jamieson and Beth Annan helped to create a welcoming atmosphere in our wee village hall. Susan Allen organised refreshments and with Sheila Randall cleaned and set up beforehand.

Feedback was positive and suggestions were made for future gatherings:

- Brief talks on topics of local interest to generate discussion
- Round the room introductions and news
- Name tags
- Donations to fund refreshments etc.
- Repeat monthly

With the news that restrictions on social distancing are being further relaxed we can open up the group to all residents who would like to attend. Contact details will still need to be recorded for all attending (for track and trace purposes) For the initial gathering, a list of all who planned to attend was prepared in advance and names ticked off as people arrived. 100% attendance was recorded. Masks should still be worn when moving around inside, though not when sitting. All the doors and windows will be left open to ensure adequate ventilation so please dress appropriately and wrap up warm.

A date was arranged for Wednesday 18th August 2021 at 11.00am, again it was a great success.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Allen by phone, text or email.
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In July a number of speeding cars were stopped, with considerable assistance from young speed cops in training: Jessica and Grace Allen.



When Jessica is not training to be a speed cop, she can be found in the Village Garden, helping to tame it, along with some villagers.

Thank You

I just wanted everyone to know how much I appreciated all the well wishes, messages, cards and gifts I received while I was in hospital. I was overwhelmed by your kindnesses and especially for the way you looked after Paul for me.

Thank you!
Katanya Hamilton

Congratulations and a warm welcome to Blairlogie's youngest Community Member: Albert Little.

Albert was born in July, a wee brother for Heidi.



The wedding of Katie and Andrew at Blairlogie Castle on 13th August 2021

Wishing you both every good wish for the future!





Tales from the Archives

Sunday 26th August is a special day for the good people of Stirling as it is the date when Robert Burns first visited Stirling Town and wrote his famous seditious words on the window of the Wingate Inn in Quality Street, now the Golden Lion Hotel in renamed King Street. Prior to arriving in Stirling, Burns must have travelled along the King's Highway which passes through Blairlogie. This was just another quaint village and was not mentioned in his diary of his visit to Stirling. Burns' famous seditious comments should be read in context. They were written after a rather jolly evening with much imbibing of John Barleycorn and after a visit to the Castle of Stirling, which was in a poor condition.

The rhyme is written below:

*Here Stewarts once in glory reign'd,
And laws for Scotland's weal ordain'd
But now unroof'd their palace stands,
Their sceptre fallen to other hands;
[Fallen indeed, and to the earth,
Whence grovelling reptiles take their birth]
The injured Stewart line is gone,
A race outlandish fills their throne;
An idiot race, to honour lost -
Who know them best despise them most.*

Many people are unaware that the following day, after being remonstrated by his friend Nicol for such dangerous words, Burns wrote a reproof to the author:

*Rash mortal, and slanderous poet, thy name
Shall no longer appear in the records of Fame!
Dost not know that old Mansfield, who writes like the Bible,
Says, the more 'tis a truth. Sir, the more 'tis a libel?*

On the following Monday morning, Burns once again rode through Blairlogie on his visit to Harvieston, near Dollar en route to the salons of Edinburgh.

For more information on this fascinating visit and other Burns connections to Stirling, please download this from the Blairlogie Archives at: http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org/uploads/1/1/8/0/11805839/robert_burns_in_stirlingshire_~_1899.pdf

To this day the Incorporation of Hammermen of Stirling hold a Burns Supper as close as possible to 26th August in the Golden Lion Hotel in King Street, Stirling. Sadly, Covid restrictions has meant that this tradition has been put on hold.

Craig Bryce

It is with deep regret that the Blairlogie Community notes the passing of neighbour Alan Stewart.

Alan died peacefully on the 15th of August in Clackmannan Community Hospital following a short illness. His funeral will take place on Thursday 9th of September at 12pm at Stirling Crematorium followed by a reception at The Birds and the Bees.

All who knew him are welcome, please phone Guschetneuk on 761452 and leave a message if you would like to attend, as the crematorium needs names and numbers for track and trace.

A note from the editor...

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If you would rather not receive subsequent Logie Life Newsletters then let me know and I will remove you from the email list; I won't be offended.

Una Bryce

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