

# THE BLAIRLOGIE BUGLE

Your Window on the Village and the Logie Community

December 2010

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## **Logie Lives - The Archive Group Exhibition**

An exhibition is planned in the Reading Room across two weekends in December. The Archive Group has now assembled in depth information on many of the buildings and families in Logie. The exhibition will feature a sample of the work to date for selected buildings around the village and will display the histories of these houses and the people who lived in Logie with pictures and maps to illustrate these histories. There will be a nominal admission charge. The Opening Event will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. See the diary below for other dates

## **Pylons and the Mitigation Exercise**

The Stirling Council meeting where the report of the Council working party on the mitigation proposals would have been presented has been postponed due to the weather and travel problems.

## **Logie Community Council**

A planning application for a 250Kw wind turbine at Giral Farm had been lodged with Clackmannan Council. The site was on the flat Carse land to the West of Menstie and the height of the tower with blades was similar to the proposed power line towers. Following objections from Menstie and Logie CC and other parties the planning proposal has been withdrawn.

## **Broadband in Logie**

BT Broadband speeds in the Logie area are slow at a paltry 0.5 Mb/s and it is unlikely that rural communities such as Logie will benefit from the rollout of the new BT fibre optic network for some years. Some funding for improved broadband services in rural areas has been made available from EU sources and Stirling Council has submitted a bid for a wireless broadband scheme. At this point it is not known if the bid will be successful or what level of service the scheme could provide to cover the Logie area. It is expected that the decision will be known before Christmas and details of a possible new service will be available for the Logie CC meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> January.

## **News from the Reading Room**

The revival of illustrated talks continues in the Reading Room with an intriguing talk by Lys Hansen "My Personal Journey in Art" and also "Iran: Time Travelling in Persia" by Angus Annan. Both events were enjoyed by a good turnout of the community and friends.

The Christmas Lights Switch On will at 6.30pm be on the 19<sup>th</sup> December with mulled wine and mince pies to follow in the Reading Room. The Christmas draw of the 100 Club will also take place at this event.

The Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

A Neil Munro Evening will be held in Late February. If you ever enjoyed the Para Handy stories on TV, then this is an evening for you. Using the name of Hugh Foulis, Neil Munro wrote the Para Handy stories about the adventures of a somewhat eccentric crew of an old Clyde puffer steamer. He also wrote some important historical novels and for this evening we will have some examples of his work and the Para Handy films.

Will there be an open gardens event next year? The preferred date would be in May or June and views or volunteers are sought. Could the event be changed to an open village or some other form? Please let members of the Reading Room Committee know your views.

Rumours persist that the Reading Room rents will be reduced for use by local people. This is not correct! It has taken some effort to get the finances to stability and thanks are due here to Rosanne Neill and John Randall.

See the diary at the foot of this newsletter for all Reading Room events.

### **Fund Raising for Cancer Research**

A full year of activity by the Coffee Bothy staff has raised the great total of £62,000 by the West Highland Way walk, sponsored slims and many other activities. The efforts are in memory of Kelso Logan and Shona McKenzie. Congratulations to Margaret Filshie who runs the Coffee Bothy and John Logan on this magnificent effort. The money will go to Cancer Research and Breast Cancer Scotland.

### **The Blairlogie Website [www.blairlogie-scotland.org](http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org)**

Please include a reference to the website in any e-mails to your friends. Extra usage helps to move it up the selector mechanisms of the search engines.

### **The Wild Geese of Logie**

The Bugle is read with interest in far away places where some members of the community have moved or work away from home. Greetings to David Murdoch, James Logan, Mike Allen and George Clark.

Congratulations to Alan and Catherine Stewart on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Morven and to be called Heather Alice.

### **Contributions**

The Bugle invites contributions on any subject of local interest or concern. Send a note to the e-mail address given below.

### **Dates for your Diary - All events are in the Reading Room**

Archives Exhibition

The Opening Event will be on Friday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30 to 9.00pm  
Also open Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 8pm.

Reading Room Committee	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lights Switch On	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm
Hogmanay Preservation Society	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> December from 10.00pm
Logie Community Council	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

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