



LOGIE LIFE

September 2022

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A heartfelt thanks from Lys Hansen Sutherland

I would like to thank all my friends, neighbours in the village and local area for all the support and care during George's illness and his subsequent death. This was of great support to myself and the family and made the burden of grief a little easier. The minister at Logie Kirk, The Rev. Jan Steyn and his team were so very caring and welcoming. Being in a small community such as this has so many benefits, especially during difficult times. We received many lovely cards with such thoughtful words and heartfelt condolences. My grateful thanks to all.

Lys Hansen Sutherland

Duncan Stirling

Duncan Stirling (Architect), lifelong friend of myself and George, passed away on 25th August; he had a similar condition to George. Duncan was well known in the village and local area and was responsible for the conservation and conversion of a number of buildings in the village, including his splendid job on the Village Hall. He was part of the architectural practice Bracewell and Stirling in Tillicoultry and lived in Dollar. Duncan and his wife, Elean, supported and attended many events held in the hall over the years; he will be greatly missed as a good friend.

The funeral will be held on 13th September at 1pm at Brewster-Wells Crematorium Coupar, Fife KY11JF. Further details may be obtained from Lys tel 01259 761667

Lys Hansen Sutherland

Community Council News

The final round of traffic speed surveys, following completion of phase 1 of the Blairlogie speed reduction project, has reported. Average speeds have reduced but the number of vehicles speeding in excess of the 30mph limit is still very high. There is a meeting with Stirling Council in October to discuss the survey results and to see what further measures could and should be taken. This has been a long haul for Ken Todd (7 years so far!), who petitioned for the new 30mph limit and reduction in speeding; his efforts are much appreciated.

The upgrade of the playpark in Blairlogie finally started on 23rd August. The Stirling Council team is installing the multi-unit first (play tower with slide and swing) and will follow-up with the additional equipment ('springers'), for which the Community Council obtained a grant from Stirling Council. We hope the upgrade will be completed soon.

Stirling Council is proposing to designate 17 areas of land as Local Nature Conservation Sites (LNCS). One site is within our Community Council area: Manor Powis Bing (part of the Blackgrange Tip/Manor Powis bing site – a disused bing near the warehouses on the River Forth). Comments are now invited on the proposed designation and should be submitted by Monday 21 November 2022. Further information can be found via this link: engage.stirling.gov.uk/projects/lncs

The next meeting of the Logie Community Council will be held on Tuesday 13 September at 7:00pm in The Reading Room, Blairlogie. All are welcome to attend.

If you are reading this but don't receive information from the Community Council and would like to, please send an email with your name and address to: logiecc@gmail.com

Peter Jennings

Secretary, Logie Community Council

Table Top Sale

There is a Table Top sale planned for Saturday 15th October at 2pm. 10% of takings will go to the hall funds; further details to follow from Sue Allen.

Sue Allen

Welcome

A warm welcome to Monica Richardson recently moved to Redcar from Surrey. Also, welcome to Bettina, Dave and their three children who recently moved into Gushetneuk. We hope you enjoy a long and happy stay in Blairlogie!

Una Bryce

100 Club

The first draw of the 100 Club 2022/23 will take place on 29th September. If you have not yet entered contact John Randall (0779250963) to pay your £20 fee before 22nd September.

John Randall

Logie Walkers

The intrepid Logie Walkers enjoyed a trip to Selina and Mike Makower's house in Gogar Loan.

Despite the heat, we enjoyed the leafy shade and ramble around Gogar House garden. This majestic oak, over two hundred years old, provided a talking point.



Mike and Selina Makower invited archivist, Craig Bryce, to visit Gogar House to view their sundial so that the information could be added to the village Archives. It is surprising how photographing and recording the details on the sundials can lead to discovering other interesting things about the past.

The wording on the dial reads:

'This Sundial was given by Lady Ferguson to Alexander McCallum, former tenant at the Boigs. She resided at Blairlogie, from there she subsequently owned The Feu east of the Boigs Alexander McCallum gave it to J M Morries Stirling Squire of Gogar 1895 as a Memento of his services At Gogar from 1890 onwards.'



This inscription leads us into quite a bit of history concerning Blairlogie.

The donor of the sundial was a Lady Ferguson who resided in Blairlogie Castle; the 1861 Census shows her as Anne Ferguson, Fund Holder and widow. Lady Ferguson sold Blairlogie Castle to Lt. Col. James Hare, who made many donations to the Logie Kirk and Blairlogie village.

The 1841 census shows Alexander McCallum was living at Blackgrange as an 18-year-old agricultural labourer. In 1880, Alexander was living in the Boigs and was a market gardener and paying £28 per year in rent. In 1881 he was 54 years of age and married to his wife Emma who was 43 years old and came from Henley, England. Both Alexander and Emma were living in Gogar House as servants to John M M Stirling.

There is no longer an area in Blairlogie called the Boigs. Records show that in May 1805, Archibald Shearer had sold the western section of his lands to William Bute, and it was from William Bute that John Telford the banker bought this section of The Boigs called Boghead of Blairlogie in 1825. So Boghead, now Fenham, is where Alexander McCallum was working as a market gardener.

John Morris Morries Stirling is first found in Tait's Directory in 1877 where he is listed as John M. M. Stirling of Blackgrange, proprietor of house, Blairlogie. The 1880 Valuation Rolls show John's mother was the owner of Gogar House and the 1881 Census shows that John lived there and that his mother was the Head of the House. His sole income was from the House. The 1891 Census shows that John's mother, Mary M Morris Stirling, lived at Gogar House and that she was 76 years old. John M M Stirling, 46 years old, was unemployed and living on his own means, as was his mother.

John Morries died on 21st April 1912 at Nairn, 20 minutes past midnight. His father was John Morries Stirling, who took the name Stirling after his marriage to Mary W Stirling. Henry Robb reported the death and was present.

Craig Bryce

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