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Old Time Music Hall

A great company of local performers will put on this event in the Reading Room on Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm. The 'Master of Ceremonies' will be Clive Kilgour, fresh from his many successes in the South where he has plumbed the highs and lows of great drama. There will be music, poetry, song and drama. This is a benefit event for Crossroads Care, a charity that supports people who act as home carers for family members. It will be a really enjoyable evening and it is an event for the whole community.

Drinks can be obtained from the Gaslight Bar at the back of the hall. There will also be a fundraising raffle for which any prize donations will be gratefully received

If you feel like dressing up for the occasion, then please do, but that is entirely optional.

Tickets are £7.50 and you are urged to buy your ticket in advance. If you cannot attend then you can buy "Your Ticket to Heaven" for a donation. Both types of ticket are available from any member of the Reading Room Committee.

Other News from the Reading Room

After a gap of around sixty years there is now a small library of books to borrow in the Reading Room. They are shelved in the upstairs committee room and anybody can have access when the hall is open for other events. Please add any books that you have finished with that you think others may enjoy.

The winter programme of weekly sessions is under way with Table Tennis on Wednesday nights at 8.00pm. Players of any level are welcome and it is one way to catch up on village gossip and find out what is going on, day to day, in Blairlogie.

Yoga continues on Monday night at 5.30pm. The Yoga is so popular that it is likely that another weekday evening session will be provided. Details from Ann Wagner (Ivydean).

Rumours persist also that a new morning course of Pilates may start in the New Year.

A recent Film Night was led by Brian Nicholls, who showed two films from his collection. Those present enjoyed two great classic black and white films, "Way out West" and "Whisky Galore". Thanks to Brian for sharing his expertise on the world of film and for putting on such an entertaining evening.

The Summer Barbeque was a great success. The rain stayed away and the food provided by the Reading Room Committee was excellent. Some passing German cyclists even joined in. Yes, they did pay!

A small group of villagers enjoyed a "Neighbours Nicht" in October.

A Christmas Lunch will be held in the Reading Room on Sunday 20th December at 1.30pm with the switch on of the village Christmas lights to follow at dusk. The price for the lunch tickets will be £8 and £4 for the under 12s. Tickets need to be purchased in advance as in the past this event has been a total sell out.

Other events planned by the Reading Room Committee include another film night in January and a Whisky talk.

Blairlogie 100 Club

The first draw of the new session was made at the Barbeque and was won by Brian Paget. Profits from this fundraising venture go to supporting the costs of the Reading Room and the Blairlogie Heritage Trust. New members can join anytime by contacting John Randall on 01259 762 455.

A second Blairlogie 100 Club draw will take place at the Christmas Lunch

Community Council.

On practical matters, the Community Council has been pressing for the provision of a proper bus stop for outbound buses on the A91 at the village cross and attention to the pavement on the approach to the stop for buses inbound to Stirling. Also a meeting was arranged recently with Richard Barron, Stirling Council Paths and Access officer, and some useful suggestions were made to address the problems of safe access to bus stops from the Powis House area.

The Community Council elections passed without a hustings as the number of Candidates exactly equalled the vacancies. It is a legal requirement for the new Community Council to hold an inaugural meeting chaired by an official from Stirling Council and this will be on Tuesday 1st December. The meeting will also be addressed by Tony Oteniya who will explain his role as Tree Officer for Stirling Council and how trees are protected and conserved in the Stirling District.

The new Community Councillors are Brian Jamieson, Jane Kilgour, Angus Annan, George Sutherland, Peter Phillips, Val Phillips, John Logan and George McIntosh.

Archives Group

Brian Nicholls reports that work on the content of the Archive continues slowly but steadily, but as is usually the case in the summer months, the Archive Team has been taking it a little easy recently. However, a new improved and updated version of the Blairlogie Website is now being finalised and readied for transfer to the Internet. More news will follow in the next issue of the bugle.

Village Garden

The garden is a pleasant and peaceful corner of the village that is tended by a loyal group of volunteers. It currently needs some changes and heavy work to make the long term maintenance tasks easier. This really needs a few days work by a garden contractor and various ways of funding this are under consideration including an application to the District Council Community Pride Fund.

Blairlogie Car Park and East Lane Clear Up

Some work was completed in the car park, including the clearance of some fly tipping garden rubbish. A start has been made on cutting back growth that threatens safe passage on the East Lane, but a new problem has emerged due to a shift in a water course on the hill leaving a section of the path continuously very wet. The Community Council will arrange to hire some equipment for a volunteer project to deal with this drainage problem.

Dates for your Diary

Old Time Music Hall Saturday 28th November

Community Council Tuesday 1st December

This meeting will be the formal inauguration of the Community Council. It is intended also that Mr Tony Oteniya, Stirling Council Tree Officer will also be present to give a presentation and answer questions about tree preservation policy in Stirling District.

Christmas Lunch Sunday 20th December