BLAIRLOGIE BUGLE

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A Happy New Year to all in the Logie Area.

The big news for Logie is the decision of the Scottish Ministers to give permission for the construction of the Beauly to Denny Power line. The dismay of many in the Logie Community at this news is shared by various national organisations, but at this time it is not clear if any further challenge to the decision will be mounted.

The draft minutes of Logie Community council record that The Community Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the work of the Stirling Before Pylons Group on behalf of the Logie Community and the dignified performance of the campaign representatives on television following the announcement.

Those who are reading the electronic version of this Bugle can see the Report of the Enquiry and the Decision of the Minister by clicking on the links below:

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Infrastructure/Energy-Consents/Beauly-Denny-Index/BDinquiry.

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/917/0092855.pdf

AGM This Week

The AGM of the Blairlogie Community and Heritage Trust will be held on Tuesday 26th of January at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. All welcome to take an update and support the work of this group.

News from the Archive Group

The revamped Blairlogie website is now operational and can be located by Google. Use Blairlogie-Scotland for best results. The format has been improved and the Archive Group would like to have any new ideas from the community on items to be included. See www.blairlogie-scotland.org.

Old Time Music Hall at the Reading Room

This event, put on as a fundraiser for the Crossroads Care charity was a great success and raised £765. A company of local performers presented the show which was chaired masterfully and with all due ceremony by Clive Kilgour and there was a great turnout of support, both young and old. As Lys Hansen remarked in the introduction to her solo item, it just shows that Logie is a unique and talented community. The evening was rounded off with an auction of donated items ran by Keith Neill and drinks were enjoyed from the Gaslight Bar.

Christmas Lunch at the Reading Room

A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by thirty people on the 20th December followed by the switch on of the village Christmas lights.

Thanks to the Reading Room Committee and to all who contributed to the success of these events.

Small but Perfect

Twenty-two people gathered in the Reading Room on the 31st December to bring in the New Year and to enjoy music and dancing in the traditional manner. This event was put on by a tiny band of dedicated volunteers, known to some as the Hogmanay Preservation Society

Blairlogie 100 Club

The second and latest draw was made at the New Year gathering in the Reading Room and it was won by Ian Paterson with ticket number 43. The profits from this fundraising venture go to support the costs of the Reading Room and the Blairlogie Heritage Trust. New members can join anytime by contacting John Randall on 01259 762455. The next Blairlogie 100 Club draw will be at the Reading Room AGM.

News from the Coffee Bothy

In another charity fundraising effort, Karen Craig of the Coffee Bothy raised £1,500 in support of the "For Imogene" fund. This fund is raising the money for a young Alloa girl who was born blind and has hopes of a cure by stem cell treatment abroad. This was matched at another £1,500 raised by John Logan who took on the challenge of losing two stones in weight in two months. No, he has not put it all on again, gaining only four pounds over Christmas!

Community Council.

After pressure by the Community Council, Stirling Council has now provided a new Bus Stop at the village crossroads for those travelling from Stirling to the village. The vegetation around the bus shelter on the other side of the road has also been cleared. The Community Council continues to press for the resurfacing of the foot path and attention to other problems connected with the bus stop for travel to Stirling.

Blairlogie Car Park and East Lane Clear Up

Some progress was made recently by volunteers who cleared scrub and dug out part of the drain so the path is less wet, but more work and the hire of a mini-digger will be necessary to complete the job.

Get Fit and Catch Up on Things around the Village

Table Tennis continues in the Reading Room on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm. It is part exercise, part social and all are welcome.

Another Film Night

Friday 29th January for a showing of "Genevieve" and Mississippi at 7.30pm. The films are from the collection of Brian Nicholls, who will introduce them and explain some of the background to these great classics of the film world.

Dates for your Diary

Community and Heritage Trust AGM Tuesday 26th January

Reading Room Film Night Friday 29th January

Whisky Tasting and Whisky Lore Friday 12th February

Film Sing Along Friday 26th March

Reading Room AGM Thursday 12th April

This event will be followed by Blairlogie Over the Years: Photographs by Robin Kelsall