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Stirling Council Speed Restriction Consultation 20<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Reading Room

Community Council Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm (preceded by Councillor Susan McGill's surgery at 6.30pm)

St Andrew's Night 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30

(byob, raffle, tickets £15 [janet mcandrew@hotmail.com](mailto:janet_mcandrew@hotmail.com))

WI Coffee Morning 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lights 15<sup>th</sup> December

(mulled wine and carols, 100 Club Draw)

## Community Council Corner.

Last time, we were telling of the horrendous result of the normally douce Blairlogie burn overflowing its banks and inundating the main road and adjacent houses – this due to the culvert running under the A91 being partially blocked and, therefore, incapable of dealing with the huge body of water literally overwhelming it. Things have moved on a fair bit since then – albeit slowly. As indicated in July's edition of Logie Life, representatives from Stirling Council have now cleared the culvert and inspected the gabions/sumps which trap dross and concomitant debris at the point where the burn starts to flow through the policies of Blairlogie Castle. Work on emptying the latter (the sumps, not the Castle!) is due to start in early November. Once the top and bottom of the waterway is clear (and the promised regular maintenance of both is undertaken, flooding should become a thing of the past – climate change permitting! It was also decided that, along with Veda Dewar of the Caravan Park, a local Resiliency Group (to oversee excess water matters) should be set up. To that end, two volunteers from the village were required to take part and two have since come forward – Ian Little and Rory Bailey. We're very grateful to both of them.

After the recent village speed reduction consultation (which, it has to be admitted, was not a resounding success), a further public meeting will be held toward the end of November – under the auspices of Stirling Council – in which details of amendments to the most popular option (including photos, explanatory material etc) can be comprehensively presented to residents thus giving them a better understanding of exactly what is proposed. All concerned will be informed of the date and time as soon as possible.

Quite soon, the name Blairlogie Meadow (dreamed up by exactly whom we know not) will be no more. The sign at the entrance to the car park will, shortly, bear the title Blairlogie Orchard which it should have been all along! And, on the subject of the car park, those of you who venture in that direction may have noticed a small black Suzuki parked therein; you may also have given it little thought. Now, here's a tale. It's been there since very early August – in exactly the same spot – sometimes with company in the form of other vehicles but mostly on its lonely ownsome. Despite contacting Police and Stirling Council nothing was done. The former claimed to have written to the owner and, anyway, could do nothing 'til it became illegal (i.e. no tax etc.) The Council said they'd look into it but we're not convinced they did. So, it was a fixed feature through the rest of August, all of September, all of October and into November. And then . . . and then, on the morning of November 5<sup>th</sup>, it was no longer there. So, what happened? Well, we have a new Countryside Ranger and, having asked her if she could do anything about a) the car park signage and b) the ever-present Suzuki, lo and behold – at least, that's what we think!

LCC members: Mary Maxwell-Irving (Chair), Robin Kelsall (Vice Chair), Ken Todd (Secretary), Ida Bailey (Treasurer), Ian Doyle (co-opted 23 July) and Vernon Hall (Associate). Our e-mail address is [LogieCC@gmail.com](mailto:LogieCC@gmail.com) if you have any issues. Robin Kelsall

## Funds raised for Macmillan



A huge **thank you** to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised **£731!**

It was standing room only. There was a great deal of delicious baking, a raffle, stalls and a visit from the 'Liltin' Lassies' from Dunblane, who brought charm and energy to the event.

Una Bryce

## Abandoned Livestock

There has been a spate of hens and cockerels being abandoned at the Blairlogie Orchard Car Park, SPCA are aware. If you know anything about this cruel activity, please notify SPCA. You could also inform Countryside Ranger Cara Donald: [donaldc@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:donaldc@stirling.gov.uk)

## Library Van

For those of you who are unaware, the library van now visits Blairlogie Meadow (soon to be Orchard) car park, instead of The Square. This change occurred on the initiative of the librarians on the van because they find the parked cars on the main street too difficult to negotiate. Library HQ actually knew nothing about the change! They would have consulted and would still be happy to hear of any possible alternative suggestions. The two new state-of-the-art library vans are a bit longer than the previous one, which is due to go out of service next week. The new vans have a satellite facility, which enables people in far-flung places to access the internet from them when they visit and there is currently a competition to give them literary pun names.

A number of community members believe it would be a shame to lose this valuable service which, of course, covers a very wide area within the Stirling Council boundary. The librarians, Emma and Shauna, are most helpful in ordering in books for members, as well as dispensing rolls of green food waste caddy bags etc. Anyone wishing/needing to use the separate 'housebound' service should contact 01786-237549. If you wish to partake of the excellent mobile library service, however, you will find it at the Car Park at 3.35pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November; 11<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January. You will be made to feel most welcome.

Just watch out for the cockerels and hens lurking in the undergrowth!

## DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S SCOTLAND

Macrobert Arts Centre is delighted to be hosting a weekly class designed especially for people living with Parkinson's, their families and carers. These classes are suitable for people with no dance experience and will develop confidence and creativity, whilst addressing Parkinson's specific concerns such as: balance, flexibility, coordination, gait and social isolation. The sessions are followed by tea/coffee, cake and a blether!

### **Date, time, and location of sessions:**

Every Wednesday – 10:30-12:30 @ Macrobert Arts Centre

For more information contact:

Meara O'Donnell-Webb

(01786 467156)

Dance for Parkinson's was founded in 2001 and offered specialised dance classes to people with Parkinson's, their families, friends and care partners, originally delivered in New York City and then rolled out to 100 communities in 20 countries around the world.

The Dance for Parkinson's Scotland programme is a joint initiative between Dance Base, Scotland's National Centre for Dance and Scottish Ballet, Scotland's National Dance Company, and delivered in partnership with Parkinson's UK. Following a hugely successful pilot project, managed and delivered by Dance Base and Scottish Ballet, the Dance for Parkinson's Scotland programme has been expanded to ten areas: Peebles, Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Kilmarnock, Greenock, Dundee, Inverness, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

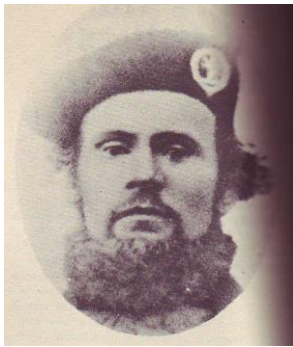
This national programme is delivered by qualified and experienced dance artists, musicians and volunteers. If you are interested in supporting the programme as a volunteer or as musician, please contact either: [meghan@dancebase.co.uk](mailto:meghan@dancebase.co.uk) or [lisa.sinclair@scottishballet.co.uk](mailto:lisa.sinclair@scottishballet.co.uk)

Katanya Hamilton

## Tales from the Archives

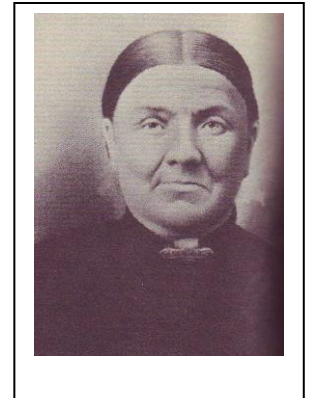
### Butch Cassidy and Blairlogie

Butch Cassidy was born in America, but his great-great-grandparents and his great-grandparents lived in Blairlogie. Butch's great-great-great grandfather, **James Gillies** was born in Logie, in Perthshire in 1756 and he married **Marion Marshall** born 1760 (in Alloa) on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1872 when James was 26 years old and Marion was 22 years. The couple had at least one child and he was called **John Gillies** and was born in Logie, Perth in 1771 and died in 1857. John Married **Christian Gibb** in Blairlogie on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1818. Christian Gibb was born at Bridge of Earn on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1796 and died in 1843.



Robert Gillies

Butch's great-grand parents **John Gillies** and **Christian Gibb** had a son who they called **Robert Gillies** and he was born in Blairlogie on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1820 and died in Farmington in Utah on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1866. **Robert Gillies** married **Jane Sinclair** around 1844. Jane was born in Killin, Perthshire on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1819 and died on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1899 at the ripe old age of 88 years.



The grand-parents **Robert Gillies** and **Jane Sinclair** had at least four children, but the one of particular interest to

Blairlogie is **Ann(ie) Campbell Gillies** who was born on 12 July in Edinburgh and died in Panguitch, Utah on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1895 aged 59 years.

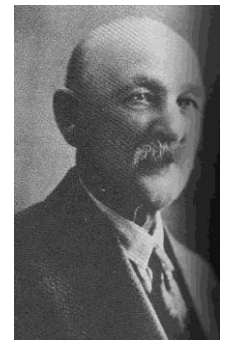
The Gillies family eventually made it to Utah by 1859 as they were enumerated in the 1860 census in Beaver in July 1860.



Ann Campbell  
Gillies

**Ann Campbell Gillies** married **Maximilian Parker** (born 1844 and died 1938) on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1865 at Beaver, Utah. They were Mormons who settled in the area. **Ann and Maximilian** had a total of 13 children. The eldest was called

**Robert Le Roy Parker**, who was born on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1866 in Beaver, Utah; is the child who became **Butch Cassidy**.



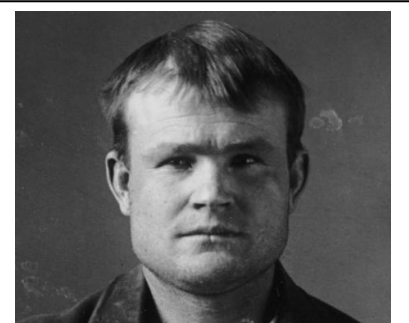
Maximilian

### More on Butch Cassidy and how he got his name

For the full story of this famous outlaw, why not visit the Blairlogie Archives and download the complete story at:

<http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org/butch-cassidy-and-the-blairlogie-connection.html>

Craig Bryce



Butch Cassidy's Mugshot

### **Blairlogie and District Women's Institute Coffee Morning**

Blairlogie Women's Institute is hosting their Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Menstrie Scout Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

£2 entrance fee entitles you to tea/coffee and cake. There will be baking and craft stalls, tombola and a raffle. See Katanya Hamilton for tickets or pay at the door.

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