

BLAIRLOGIE BUGLE

Your Window on the Village and the Logie Community

May 2013

Brian Nicholls

A presentation was made to Brian Nicholls at the Reading Room AGM in recognition of his services to the community. Until his recent retirement Brian was the driving force and inspiration for the Logie Archives Group. Over the past ten years he spent much time in the burrows of the National Records Office in Edinburgh, researching the development of the Logie Community over past centuries and laying the foundations for what is now an astonishing local history record. All human life is there: it is not just about buildings but about all that makes a community. The growth and decay, tears and laughter, and the continued evolution of the village and the surrounding farm communities.

Brian was also instrumental in setting up the Blairlogie Community and Heritage Trust. This was at time of crises for the village when there was an urgent need for funding for repairs to the culvert under the square. With the trust in position it was then possible to obtain a grant and avoid a very difficult situation for the village.

In short, Brian has given freely of his time and expertise and the community will always be very grateful to him.

Mrs Veda Stephens

It is with regret that the community notes the passing of Mrs Veda Stephens and extends deepest sympathy to the Stephens family.

Logie Archive Group

The Archive Group has started work on planning a major exhibition for 2015. This is based on the 250th anniversary of a prominent date-stone of Montana Cottage and is in collaboration with the Stirling Smith Gallery and Museum. There will be a series of activity events in Blairlogie and a traditional exhibition at the Smith. It will involve many organisations and with luck, everybody in the community, with much for schools, and also for adults. The theme of the event and exhibition is BLAIRLOGIE. More news as it emerges.

News from the Reading Room

The Reading Room AGM included a demonstration of the Logie Archive which is now accessible on the village website www.blairlogie-scotland.org). This is a magnificent resource for the community and the work of setting it up on the village website was undertaken by Craig Bryce. It is open to anybody, near or far to use it and Craig is willing to give any help that is necessary.

The next Reading Room event will be another in the series about the natural world around Logie. On the 25th May at 7.30pm there will be two short

illustrated talks. One is about the ancient Orchards of Blairlogie by Diane Alderdice of the Forth Environmental Link and the other is about birds of prey, Raptors, by Patrick Stirling-Aird, the well-known author and authority on these birds.

The evening will include a social which is BYOB with nibbles provided and donation £2 at the door. We hope for a good turn-out.

There will be a Neighbours Night in June for neighbours old and new on a date to be announced.

Village Garden Opening

The Village Gardens event originally planned for 16th June is now postponed indefinitely. Due to the late spring most gardens are about two months late this year. The garden opening may be replaced with a village open day, possibly on Saturday 24^h August, followed by the Village Barbecue.

The 100 Club

The recent prize draw at the AGM was won by Una Bryce. The next draw will be held at the Barbecue in August.

Community Council

The next meeting of Logie CC will be on Tuesday 28th May. The present CC will have completed its four year term of office in September this year and elections will be held for a new Council after the summer break.

Car Park and Dumyat Hill Access.

The work of refurbishing the village car park is now complete. Not everybody is pleased with the result, but at least it looks clean and tidy. The Ochils Landscape partnership (OLP) will undertake further work on the gates and paths as it builds up the Jubilee Ochils Way as a long distance path. The OLP will install an interpretation board and are inviting information and ideas for content from the community.

Road Closure

The A91 will be closed on Sunday 2nd and possibly on Sunday 9th June for resurfacing work. Other work with traffic controls will take place during the week 2nd to the 9th. The closed section will stretch from Logie Roundabout to Gogar Loan. Further information about access for households and businesses will follow.

Congratulations

Ellie Hodge, daughter of Clive and Alice Kilgour of Powis House, is the winner of 2013 Claire Rayner Patient's Choice Award organised by the Nursing Standard. She is a Chemotherapy nurse in York and had been nominated by two of her patients. She received the award at a ceremony held in the V&A Museum London.

Something for Everybody

The Ochils Landscape Partnership has organised an Ochils Festival running from 1st to 30th June. There are many interesting events and details can be seen at www.ochils.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Ancient Orchards etc Talk	Saturday 25th May
Community Council	Tuesday 28 th May
Neighbours Night	tbc June
Village Barbecue	Saturday 24 th August

Does everybody in your household see the bugle? Please pass it on.