

THE

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Your Window on Your Village and Logie Community October 2010

Provost's Award

The work of the Stirling Before Pylons Group has been recognised with a Provost's Award in the Community Service category. The Provost has invited the group to nominate some of its members to receive the award at a ceremony to be held in the Great Hall of Stirling Castle on Friday 29th October.

The community congratulates the group on this well deserved piece of public recognition.

Pylons and the Mitigation Exercise

Scottish Power has released their proposals for mitigation of the visual impact of the pylons and power lines. The Community Council has received three paper copies and the document is also available on line at: www.sppowersystems.co.uk/Publicinformation/denny.asp. A thirty day consultation period now opens. Scottish Power is running a local drop in session on Wednesday 6th October at the Stirling Management Centre from 11.00am to 6.30pm.

Stirling Council set up a Steering Group to bring forward recommendations on mitigation of the impact of the pylons. Peter Pearson, from Stirling Before Pylons, is a member of this Steering Group. Further information will be circulated when available.

The November meeting of the Community Council has been brought forward to Tuesday 19th October so that a response can be formulated to the proposals from Scottish Power.

Logie Community Council

The speed of the BT Broadband service was discussed at the recent meeting of the Community Council. There has been no improvement in the basic speed of 500 Kb/s since the service began. BT has stated that a new national network will be provided with speeds of at least 2Mb/s to all households in the UK. This is now unlikely to be available before 2015. The Community Council is making representations to BT about the service to the Logie Community and the policy for rural areas on the new network.

A planning application for a 250Kw wind turbine at Giral Farm has been lodged with Clackmannan Council. The site is on the flat Carse land to the West of Menstrie and the height of the proposed tower is 49 Metres with full height to the tip of the blade of 69 metres. If approved, this will be taller than many of the Scottish Power pylons. Logie CC and a number of residents and organisations in Menstrie have lodged objections to the proposal.

Clearly this is a period of change and development in the Logie area and the Community Council has submitted a response to the Local Issues document of the Stirling Council Development Plan.

Watch Out for the Bears

Roe deer are occasionally seen around the A91 and now there are reports of otters on the roads. Discussion at the Community Council suggests that Stirling Council is unlikely to agree to erect warning signs. In other areas such signs have been provided, but in relation to red deer which pose a much greater threat of a serious accident.

Another Great Fund Raising Effort

John Logan and twenty friends walked the West Highland Way to raise money as part of the regular charity effort of the Shop and Coffee Bothy. They are raising money for the Breast Cancer Campaign. The walk raised around £15,000 and with other events, it is intended to reach the target of £50,000.

Around the Logie Area

Congratulations to Selina and Mike Makower who enjoyed a family celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently.

Craigton Farm has a new tenant! We welcome Dionne Shaw and her teen-age family (Lucy and Peter) to the community. Dionne has plans for the farm and they'll emerge soon. In the meantime, the farmhouse has all been freshly painted and somewhat updated, and its owners, the Cowane Trust has made a planning application for the stabilisation and repair of the horse-mill. Its collapsed roof has been a prominent feature of the landscape for everyone in Logie over a lengthy period of years. Good news all round.

Table Tennis resumes in the Reading Room for the autumn season with the first playing meeting on Wednesday 6th October. All levels of player welcome from beginners to fast and furious.

News from the Reading Room

The annual Festival and Barbeque saw a good crowd of villagers and friends enjoying food and drink in the East Lane, eventually retreating to the Reading Room as showers of rain became more persistent. The 100 Club draw was taken and won, by George Sutherland, well done again!

The Christmas Lights Switch On will be on the 18th December. See the diary at the foot of this newsletter for other Reading Room events. A Burns Supper is planned for 2011 and the date will be Saturday 29th January.

Will there be an open gardens event next year? The preferred date would be in May or June and views or volunteers are sought. Could the event be changed to an open village or some other form?

The Archive Group Exhibition

An exhibition is planned in the Reading Room across two weekends in December. The Archive Group has now assembled in depth information on many of the buildings and families in Logie and there is too much to show at any one time. The exhibition will feature a sample of the work to date for selected buildings around the village and will display the histories of these houses and the people who lived in Logie with appropriate pictures and maps to illustrate these histories. An opening event will be held on the first Friday evening of the exhibition. See the diary below for dates. There will be a nominal admission charge, including for the opening event on Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm.

The Blairlogie Website www.blairlogie-scotland.org

The Blairlogie website has been revamped so do be sure to visit it and don't forget to include a reference to it in any e-mails to your friends. The website group is grateful for the support of local businesses as the costs of the website are supported by their advertisements.

Contributions

The Bugle invites contributions on any subject of local interest or concern. Send a note to the e-mail address given below.

Dates for your Diary - Print this and pin it up in the kitchen!

All events are in the Reading Room

Logie Community Council		Tuesday 19 th October	7.30pm
Reading Room Committee		Tuesday 5 th October Tuesday 2 nd November	7.30pm
Travelling in Iran	Angus Annan	Saturday 30 th October	7.30pm
My Personal Journey in Art	Lys Hansen	Friday 26 th November	7.30pm
Archives Exhibition The Opening Event will be on Friday evening 3 rd December 7.30 to 9.00pm then Saturday 4 th & Sunday 5 th , 2 to 8pm, and Saturday 11 th & Sunday 12 th , 2 to 8pm			
Christmas Lights Switch On		Sunday 19 th December at 6.30pm	
New Year in the Reading Room by the Hogmanay Preservation Society			
		Friday 31 st December from 10.00pm	
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