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## LOGIE LIFE DECEMBER 2021

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## Christmas Lights

There will be a village Christmas Lights Event on Saturday 11th Of December at 6.30pm. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for Covid secure carol singing and mulled wine. The next draw of the 100 Club will also take place.

Angus Annan

## New Community Member (Gorgeous!)

Tim and Cherie Kelly welcomed Albert (Albie) Thomas Jason Kelly on November 8th - named after their fathers. He is very excited to grow up in Blairlogie and can't wait to meet all of his neighbours.



## Hallowe'en

The Hallowe'en gathering took place in the Reading Room on Saturday 30 November when the pumpkin carvings were judged by Lys and Robin.



The winners were Victoria and Helga from Cotkerse. Mike Allen received an honorable mention for being the only one to carve a turnip.



Photos and words by Sheila Hartley

## Coffee morning in Blairlogie Reading Room 15<sup>th</sup> December

The village hall will be open again for a monthly gathering of the community and friends. This close to Christmas we can look forward to mince pies with our tea or coffee. Sheila Hartley has kindly volunteered to be our speaker this month. Many thanks to our previous speakers. November's speaker, Craig Bryce, gave us a fascinating talk about the origins of "trades" in Stirling and particularly Logie; the influence continues to this day. In October, Clem Flanagan provided an insight into the world of publishing and shared her own experience of becoming self-employed during a pandemic and national lockdown.

Heading into 2022 we are planning to continue, so mark up your new calendar with Blairlogie Reading Room at **11 am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**, to catch up with friends and neighbours. Please observe all the usual precautions to ensure we all remain healthy.



## Chatty Crafters.

Crowsteps, above Blairlogie Reading Room, has become the cosy venue for those interested in a range of crafts such as knitting, crochet and tapestry. The group meets on a **Wednesday** evening from **7 to 9pm**. Knowledge and experience has been generously shared and discussed. An ingenious example of recycling materials to form a beautiful origami gift box was brought along: a stunning example of how creative talent can turn a material from waste into a desirable object. If you are intrigued and would like to find out more, do pop in on a Wednesday evening.

Susan Allen

## **Tales from the Archives**

The Mounted Infantry in South Africa, side lights of the Boer Campaign 1899 to 1902.

Author: Major Frederick Crum of the 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, lived in Gogar House, Blairlogie. This is a great story of the then Lieutenant Crum and military experience and capture by the Boers and his subsequent release. Crum describes the scenery and conditions exceptionally well and much of it reads like the material that was being printed about the First World War.

The first chapter deals with Major Crum's first engagement, his wound and medical treatment. Chapter two covers his move to a prison in Pretoria and then his release. Chapter three deals with the period after his release to joining his Regiment again. The remaining chapters cover the rest of his war experience in South Africa and makes great reading. To download the book please copy the following link into your browser:

[http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org/uploads/1/1/8/0/11805839/with\\_the\\_mounted\\_infantry\\_in\\_south\\_africa ~ being side-lights on the boer campaign 1899-1902 ~ crum 1903.pdf](http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org/uploads/1/1/8/0/11805839/with_the_mounted_infantry_in_south_africa~being_side-lights_on_the_boer_campaign_1899-1902~crum_1903.pdf)

The Blairlogie-Scotland website has numerous digital books available to download for free covering a wide variety of topics of interest to the people living in and around Blairlogie. To access the Digital Library, please copy and paste the following link into your browser:

[http:// www.blairlogie-scotland.org/digital-library.html](http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org/digital-library.html)

Craig R. Bryce

**Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas!**

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