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The Bugle

The job of Editor of the Bugle passes to new hands and the Reading Room Committee would like to thank John Randall for all the work he put in on his period as Editor. Through his efforts the village and the wider Logie community were kept informed of events to come and general news and we are very grateful to him for carrying the Bugle forward for quite a long period. For such a small community there is an amazing amount of activity but sometimes it is hard to fill all the posts that make things happen. With the Bugle there was no volunteer to take over from John at this point so Angus Annan will endeavour to keep it going. Please send any news of events, all the news that's fit to print and other snippets to annan5px@btinternet.com

News from the Reading Room

The Reading Room Committee has been active with a full repaint of the main hall. A small group of volunteers, led by Roseanne Neill, completed the job in just three evenings and the hall looks much better for it. The floor will be sanded and varnished by a contractor during the summer.

A Treasure Hunt and Picnic was enjoyed by a good turn out of adults and children on Sunday 14th June. The trail of clues for the Treasure Hunt was set out with some ingenuity by Alice Kilgour and Roseanne Neill and the picnic was held in the orchard of Croft House, by kind permission of Molly Beechey. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all and the rain stayed away.

A Film Night will be held, led by Brian Nicholls, who has a lifetime collection and a great knowledge of early films. The event promises to be film night with a difference and details will follow.

As well as the regular summer Barbecue, the Committee is organising an Old Time Music Hall Event in November, in aid of Marie Curie Nursing. It is hoped the evening will be supported by the whole community and volunteers are sought to fill out the programme with song, poetry and general entertainment in the great tradition of the Victorian music hall. Members of the audience may choose to dress up in whatever old time costumes they can find, but that of course is optional.

The Blairlogie 100 Club

The final draw of the year was made at the Picnic and it was won by Margaret Logan. Last year other winners were Janet McAndrew, Mary Nicholls and Elizabeth Logan. Memberships are now due for the next round of four draws and existing members will receive a renewal invitation from John Randall, who will be running this important fund raising enterprise again. Please help John by returning completed forms and subscriptions to him before the 15th August as it is intended that the first draw will be made at the Beer Festival on 22nd August. The profits from this venture provide essential financial support to the Reading Room and the Blairlogie Community and Heritage Trust. New members can join at any time by asking John for the subscription form. Call John Randall on 01259 7612 455 for information.

Community Council

The Community Council met on Tuesday 14th July and the minutes of the meeting will be issued by e-mail shortly. The Council does need some new members to keep up representation to Stirling Council on local issues. The role of a community councillor is not onerous as it involves only attending one meeting every two months and taking part in discussions that have a bearing on the future and general well being of the Logie community. Every effort is made to keep the meetings short and to the point. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30 PM in the Reading Room.

Archives Group

The Blairlogie website is undergoing some work to ensure that it is more easily found when "Blairlogie" is typed into an Internet search engine.

Other News

Congratulations will be due on two Golden Wedding Anniversaries in the village later this summer. Margaret and Bruce Stephens and Betty and Oweny Hughes will reach this great milestone in life in September.

Village Garden

The group that cares for the Village Garden is always seeking more help and anybody who would like to contribute a few hours in pleasant company is asked to contact Benney Kelsall, or just join in next time you see the little squad at work there.

Car parking

Following a recent incident, one of the traffic mirrors on the village road had to be replaced. Downtown Blairlogie was not laid out with cars in mind so caution is needed at all times when driving and parking. It is important that parked cars should not block the line of sight to the mirrors.

Mr George Clark

George lived in a chalet at Witches Craig will be known to many in the Logie area as a persistent canvasser for his favoured national political party. George had retired to Witches Craig after a career as a full time trade union official. Now in failing health, George has moved to the Isle of Mull to live with his daughter and her family. He is a chess master and we read elsewhere that he will continue to contribute his regular chess teasers to the Stirling Observer.

Relatively Closer Closing Relatively Soon

Lys Hansen's very successful exhibition, called **Relatively Closer**, has an extended informal run at Stirling University, and you should see it before it closes.

Originally planned to close on 10 July, the University has decided to extend its run for "a bit longer", ie. not for **very** long.

The exhibition is mainly of domestic-scale paintings and drawings all about the life and ups and downs of family. In addition there are some much larger paintings of earlier days to provide a sense of background. Also included is "The Boat-Maker's Fish-Garden", which joined the University collection in 1968, just when the University was opening.

The exhibition is user-friendly and there's a good catalogue available from Gavin Loudon (formerly of Blairlogie) at the porter's desk. The exhibition is well displayed in the revived Crush Hall at the top of the Pathfoot Building and open from 9.00 am till 7.00pm Monday-Friday and from 11.00am till 3.00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Finally, the big attraction: it's free!

Blairlogie Car Park and East Lane Clean Up

Our Countryside Rangers, Kate Anderson and Anna Black will lead a clean up day on the 20th August, with a view to clearing non indigenous plants from the car park wet lands and cleaning up the East Lane to Cotkerse. The session will start at 10.00 AM and finish at 1.00PM. Equipment and refreshments will be provided. All welcome. Just how much work gets done will depend on how many people show up.

On the vexing problem of trimming a large evergreen bush that grows over the wall to block the pavement next to Blairlogie Park House, discussions have been opened to have it removed; after all it is a non indigenous plant!

Dates for your Diary

Car Park Clean Up Day
Blairlogie Beer Festival and Barbecue
Film Night
Old Time Music Hall

Thursday 20th August
Saturday 22nd August, (Not 28th as in previous Bugle)
Friday 25th September
Saturday 28th November

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Tuesday 1st September