

THE BUGLE GOES INTERNATIONAL

Yes folks you'd better believe it!!

With effect from this issue, no.32, an edited version of the Bugle will be available worldwide, as it will appear online on the village website at

www.blairlogie-scotland.org

and can be found by clicking on the Bugle button.

The inclusion of the Bugle has been in the design of the website from the early days but it is only been possible to make it available online since the ARCHIVE GROUP recently took over full control of the website, including maintenance and updating.

There is now all the more reason for you to log on to the website, study the contents and let the Group know what you think of it and of ways in which you think the website can be extended.

(Please note that the website address quoted in the Stirling Observer article about the Archives last week was misleading due to the line configuration).

ARCHIVE GROUP

As you may or may not know, the ARCHIVE GROUP, as well as working hard on the website, is trying to create a 'family-tree' history of each of the properties in the village and the surrounding areas.

To this end, therefore, you may get a call, email or knock at the door requesting information regarding former occupants and dates. Your co-operation in this respect would be most appreciated.

BLAIRLOGIE C&H TRUST

The Dry Stone Dyke has now been in situ for just over a year and it is clear that it was a very worthwhile project to do.

The daffodils, which were re-planted, are coming through but may be in need of another year before they are back to their best.

In the meantime, it is felt that the bank and the wall would benefit aesthetically from the planting of some trailing plants along the front edge. It is thought that, may be, residents would like to donate and dig in a plant or two.

Recent Events

Burns Supper

This was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The 'artists', George McIntosh, Andrew Logan, Sue Jamieson, Nathan Evans, Murray Thomson, George Sutherland, Clive Kilgour, Lys Hansen, Alice Kilgour, Keith Neill and Alan Stewart all performed their duties with great aplomb and were well controlled from the chair by Robin Kelsall. Roseanne, Una, Morag, Laura & Sharon who prepared the food and the 'Bothy Girls' who waited on table are well deserving of our thanks.

Unfortunately, the two other events planned for March, namely, the Poker Night and the Wine Tasting, had to be cancelled as it was felt that there was insufficient interest. Rightly or wrongly, it is thought that events such as these must rely on advance tickets sales in order to gauge the likely attendance, rather than relying on people just turning up on the night. The Committee apologise and hope to reschedule both events for later in the year.

The fourth 100 Club Draw, which was due to take place at the Wine Tasting, will now be made at the Reading Room AGM on 22nd April. (see below)

Future Events

READING ROOM AGM

This will be held in the Reading Room on Tuesday 22nd April commencing at 7.30 pm. After the usual formalities there will be a Talk on Birds (see under), the fourth draw for the £100 Club and wine and nibbles will be served.

Bobby Smith, an ornithologist who comes from Lockerbie, will give the Talk on Birds. He will talk for about an hour (with slides) on native birds and his sand martin bank.

VILLAGE GARDEN OPENING/BBQ

Since the last Bugle, the date of this event has moved from Sunday 1st June to Sunday 15th. Mary Maxwell-Irving is collating details of all those who will be opening their gardens in order that a list and maps can be prepared for the visitors.

Following the above there will be the annual village BBQ, which it is hoped should start around 6 pm.

The Logie Oaks Project

This project, for a public art competition using the felled oaks from Logie moved up a notch last week.

Thanks to efforts by John Logan and George Sutherland, the trunks have now been transformed into workable slabs for sculpture and/or construction. Associated fund-raising later will include sale of acorns, seedlings, table-top slabs, plaques, sawdust for use in smoking foods, 220-yearold memorial firewood, etc.'

Logie Community Council (LCC)

The final round of consultation on the Stirling Core Path Network will be held in the Albert Hall on 23rd April with sessions 2pm to 5pm and 6pm to 9pm. The LCC will be receiving a full set of the plans in advance. We understand that the West Path from the Suare to Logie Kirk is not included at this stage and the LCC will be pressing the case for inclusion.

Comedy Corner

Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America and the run on Northern Rock Building Society in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 days Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that Karaoke Bank is up for sale and will likely go for a song, while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

Had a stay in hospital? Read on: -

A woman called a local hospital. "Hello. Could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients? I'd like to find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected or getting worse. "The voice on the other end said, "What is the patient's name and room number?"

"Sara Finkel, room 302."

"Hold on I'll connect you with the nursing station."

"3-A Nursing Station. How can I help you?" "I'd like to know the condition of Sara Finkel in 302"

"Mrs Finkel is doing fine, her blood pressure is fine and she is to be taken off the heart monitor in a couple of hours. If she continues this improvement, Dr Cohen is going to send her home next Tuesday"

The woman said, "what a relief! Oh that's fantastic, wonderful news."

The nurse said, "from your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member or very close friend."

"Neither", said the woman, "I'm Sara Finkel in 302. Nobody tells me a damn thing"!!

Factoids (or bits of very useful information!!!)

1. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
2. Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
3. There are only 4 words in the English language that end "dous". Tremendous, stupendous & hazardous.
4. There are 2 words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: facetious and abstemious.
5. A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
6. Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
7. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
8. The cruise liner QE 2, moves only 6 inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
9. There are more chickens in the world than people.
10. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
