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As promised...

The first Wednesday Group's monthly speaker in 2022 was Georgina from Cotkerse House; her talk was on greyhound dogs. The Reading Room broadband connectivity was too weak for her to play this short video and music clip, here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/ARiYEaHMB-4>

Logie Walkers Thursday morning group continues apace. We have covered walks around the carse, the University and recently the boggy marshes of Cambus Pools; importantly, we often manage a coffee somewhere. If you would like to be included in the Whatsapp group, please text me on 07517510131. You will be made to feel most welcome and you can dip in and out of the walks. We tend to meet at 10:30 am Thursday mornings, weather permitting.
Una Bryce

Chatty Crafters continue to meet on Friday mornings in the Reading Room between 10am-12 noon having enjoyed a field trip to Kaleidoscope in Kippen as research into the fabulous fabrics available; in April they will visit Lys Hansen's studio in Braco. The group hopes to host a craft display in the not too distant future.

Chatty Crafters is a social and creative group who enjoy sharing their skills and supporting each other's endeavours. If you would like more information on this group contact Sue Allen 07738666009
Una Bryce

Put your ideas for the hall use on the ideas chart in the Village Hall



Mike Allen Lintel Update



I tested my original hypothesis that the auger holes helped the splitting of the original tree trunk for the lintel. I then took a piece of trunk, drilled holes in it and hammered dowels into it.



No splitting, just some very secure dowels in the log. The reason being the wood simply squeezed around the dowels, and was not brittle enough to split. Works on splitting stone because stone is more brittle.

At this point Rod McCullagh, took matters in hand, did a scale drawing of the lintel and showed the pictures to a dendrochronologist friend of his.

The dendritic pal of Rod's said the wood was ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). She suggested that in a phase of its use/life the timber was part of a cruck, with the three scallops on its bark side used for horizontal timbers of a roof. That means that in use those three scallops were on its upper surface.



So "guessing", the timber was in its first phase, used with augured holes and dowelled with round wood rods as some sort of roof cruck. Second phase, it was recycled by splitting and used as a window lintel.

As a footnote to this story, another lintel was found, badly rotted, showing various construction events by its augured holes and dowelled joints.



The remains of the second timber, sadly in a poor state, which is why it was in the skip.



Auger holes at various angles.



Remains of a dowel in a scalloped face.

I suspect the jury is still out on these pieces of timber, but obviously showing there is a history to them.

Many thanks to Rod McCullagh and his dendritic friend.

Regards

Mike Allen. Consultant Geologist

Community Council Corner

The highlight of the Logie Community Council meeting on 15th March was a presentation by Jamie Adcock, the Dumyat Estate Manager. He outlined the exciting plans being developed for Woodland Creation on the estate by The Future Forestry Company which now owns the estate. Jamie is very keen to engage people across the community as the plans develop. People may already have had a letter through their door inviting them to a drop-in session on **21 March, from 2pm to 7pm, at the Dumyat room, Scion House, University of Stirling Innovation Park, FK9 4NF**. Further information is available at: <https://thefutureforestcompany.com/dumyat/>

It was also a pleasure to co-opt onto the Community Council a new councillor: Georgina Cairns from Cotkerse. Other highlights included the development of the community resilience plan, agreement to proceed with an upgrade to the Blairlogie playpark, and proposals for an upgrade to the Blairlogie to Stirling University active travel route. All this and more will be included in the minutes of the meeting which will be issued to residents shortly.

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