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## **News from the Reading Room**

The Reading Room AGM will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30PM. As usual, the formal business will be brief so that all present can get on with the main events of the evening which will be a Wine and Cheese supper and a photographic show by Robin Kelsall, "Blairlogie Over the Years". This will be a great opportunity to see how the downtown area of the village has changed in recent times.

The evening will also include another prize draw in the 100 Club series. Thanks are due to John Randall for running this fund raising event for the Reading Room and the Logie Community Heritage Trust.

A good collection of books is now available in the Crowsteps area of the Reading Room and all are welcome to borrow from this stock or to contribute new items. No fuss or records to complete, just help yourself when the Reading room is open for other events, or borrow a key for access. The key holders for the Reading Room are Roseanne Neill, Rae McIntosh, Alice Kilgour and Brian Nicholls. Just ask!

Other Reading Room events to follow will be a Games and Picnic afternoon on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June and the annual Barbecue and Beer festival on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

## **Blairlogie Wedding**

A great Easter weekend wedding for Eleanor, daughter of Clive and Alice Kilgour, took place in the garden of Powis House on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, when she and Tim Hodges were married. The Logie community wishes them long life and great happiness.

## **Village Gardens**

It is a few years since an open gardens event was held and the Reading Room Committee proposes that next year, summer 2011 might be an appropriate time to have it again. Please let any member of the committee have your views about this.

## **Community Council**

The next meeting of Logie CC will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting will include an AGM.

## **Village Garden**

A small band of volunteers works to maintain the village garden. This is a small plot to the rear of the Old Kirk, kindly lent to the village by Robin and Brenda Kelsall. It provides a peaceful corner open to all. The Community Council has obtained a grant from the Stirling Council Village Pride Fund for some professional work to prepare the ground for replanting. The Reading Room Committee has contributed to the cost of replanting.

## **Table Tennis**

The Table Tennis group will have an end of session tournament and party on the Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Reading Room. Players of any ability are always welcome.

## **The Blairlogie Website [www.blairlogie-scotland.org](http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org)**

At long last the village website is being gradually updated and improved. It has been a sair fecht and lang forbye but it is nearly there, page by page. There is much to be changed and /or corrected, of course, so it is best to remember the saying about not showing unfinished work to fools and bairns! There is meanwhile a contact page where your ideas, comments, questions and even compliments are welcomed by the volunteer archivists.

Every time you log on to the site, the prominence is improved and moved nearer to the top of the search engine. So consider logging in early and often.

Particularly welcome are new and repeated advertisements from local business, income from which supports the costs of having the website.

### **Six Artists: A Summer Exhibition – Painting, Drawing and Photography.**

This exhibition is part of the Forth Valley Open Studios initiative and it will run from 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, open 10am to 5pm, every day except 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. See [www.forthvalleyopenstudios.com](http://www.forthvalleyopenstudios.com) and more information from Caroline Patterson.

### **A Report from the Archives Group**

The Archive Group took part in an exhibition at Causewayhead along with Stirling Council's Archive Department, the old Graveyard Group and Logie Kirk. Though it was mostly about Logie Kirk, the archive group collected more information and more sources on Blairlogie and the community by participating, including more on Major Crum and the Boy Scouts in the 1920s-1930s at Gogar and a visitor who witnessed the pioneer flyer, Jim Mollison, landing his Tiger Moth at Powis in 1929-ish.

The group is identifying gaps in the photographic record of community dwellers, so if you are not already in the record, expect a call.

### **New Blairlogie Airport**

On April 1 *The Scotsman* broke the news to an astounded local readership that Scotland's new international airport would go ahead. It is to be called the William Wallace International Airport, (not Blairlogie International as expected), will be built east to west right along the foot of the Ochils, and will retain the Wallace Monument as a lead-in flight marker for planes approaching to land on the 5-mile long runways.

The article carried a collaged mock-up of a jumbo jet just above the monument on its landing flight path from over Bridge of Allan preparing to touch down roughly where Blairmains currently is. That will be the main runway, extending to Alva, and right along the Hillfoots.

This was reported exclusively in the Scotsman on 1 April 2010. Looks like curtains for the pylons, then.

### **Manor Loan Closure**

The Manor Loan is closed for re-surfacing this week. This coincides with heavy traffic working and delivering at the building site at Manor Farm. Over the winter, the road surface has deteriorated dramatically, and the Community Council had just determined to write to Stirling Council what plans were in hand for its repair when the public notice of closure appeared. Magic or what?

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Reading Room AGM, Supper and Presentation
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Room Committee
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Logie CC Meeting
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Picnic and Games Afternoon
12 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Exhibition
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Barbecue and Beer Festival