

BLAIRLOGIE BUGLE

Your Window on the Village and the Logie Community

March 2013

News from the Reading Room

A lovely crowd of children and adults turned out for the Switch On of the Christmas Lights. Carols were sung by torchlight and then on to the Reading Room for mince pies and mulled wine. Similarly there was a good turnout of neighbours and friends for the Burns Supper. The restored portrait of Burns was unveiled by Lys Hansen and is being referred to the National Portrait Gallery to establish whether it's a copy or the actual 1st version of Alexander Nasmyth's painting of the portrait....or just a very good copy.

There was also a good attendance for a very interesting pair of evening talks on the local Bat and Bee populations. There will be a similar pair of illustrated talks on Blairlogie Ancient Orchards and the Flora and Fauna of Logie on 25 May. ***Plans are progressing, so look out for further information.***

The Reading Room AGM will be held on Tuesday 23 April and there will be an opportunity to take part in an interactive hands-on demonstration of the village website (www.blairlogie-scotland.org) with the expert guidance of Craig Bryce. See how simple it is to use.

Cambus Pools Walk IMMINENT EVENT

The much-delayed Nature Walk will take place on the morning of Wednesday 6th March. Meet at the cross roads in Cambus Village at 10.00am – best time to see wildlife! The Walk will be led by Countryside Ranger Karen Yearsly.

St Patrick's Eve Film Night

On Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm the film will be "Ballroom of Romance". A classic romance of life in rural Ireland.

Village Garden Opening

It is proposed to have the Village Gardens Open Event on Sunday the 16th June. This date falls within the two week Ochils Festival which will be organised by the Ochils Landscape Partnership (OLP) so free publicity and good public support is assured.

The 100 Club

The recent draw at the Bats and Bees talk was won by George and Ray McIntosh and the Hogmanay draw was won by Fiona Kelsall.

Community Council

The next meeting of Logie CC will be on Tuesday 26th March and this meeting will include the AGM. It is hoped to have a manager of the Stirling Council Recycling Services present. A special meeting was held on 21 February to hear from Andrew Vaughan of Tilhill Forestry to plant most of Menstrie Glen

with predominantly Sitka spruce trees. LCC will submit comments when the firm proposals are published soon.

Logie Archive Group

The website has been much augmented and in particular you can see interesting routes of local walks including Menstrie Glen. Thanks are due to Craig Bryce for the complete rework of the website and for exploring all the routes of the local walks. The group has started a collaboration with the Stirling Smith on a major exhibition in the summer of 2015 here in Blairlogie and simultaneously at the Smith. Community involvement will be welcome..

Stirling Smith Museum

Lys Hansen and George Sutherland have gifted to the Smith a large double animal portrait in watercolour painted by John Jamieson, a 19th century owner of Blairlogie Cottage. He attended the famous art school studio at Craigmill, run by the painter Denovan Adam, whose works are featured in the Smith. These paintings were found in the roof-space of the house, and are now being conserved, cleaned and remounted and framed by the Smith for the collection.

Logie Oaks Project

Stirling Council has provided support for the project and has identified a better site for the public artwork at the A91 eastern exit from the Logie roundabout. Currently the job of finding a political patron and a business patron is under way. Then there is the commissioning of designs from landscape artists, and after that, the raising of funding.

The Wednesday Club

Operations have been suspended during the winter weather but will resume again in March, (on a Thursday morning of course).

Mair Trees

Some hardy souls and the Countryside Ranger, Clare Bird, met on 16 February at THE ORCHARD beside the village car park to plant a new small orchard. Is it ironic to note that the trees are fruit and nut trees? The Orchard seems to have been re-named "Blairlogie Meadow" on a new large sign at the entrance.

Car Park and Hill Access.

The Ochils Landscape Partnership has started work on refurbishing the car park and providing a new ramped access with new gates to the old back road to the north of it. The area should be greatly improved.

Dates for your Diary

Cambus Pools Nature Walk	Tuesday 6 th March
St Patrick's Eve Film Night	Saturday 16 th March
Community Council	Tuesday 26 th March
Reading Room AGM	Tuesday 23 rd April
Ancient Orchards etc Talk	Date 25th May

Does everybody in your household see the bugle? Please pass it on.