



LOGIE LIFE JANUARY 2022

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Window Lintel from The Croft, Blairlogie

I came across this in a skip the other day outside the Croft, which is on the original drove road along the Hillfoots.

It looked like a tree trunk that was covered with typical skip waste. I decided it would be a shame to waste it, maybe I could use it for joinery, or failing that, a useful lump of fuel, despite the wood worm.

Having obtained permission from the owners of the waste, I was able to lift the lump of wood out and carry it home to my man cave and lay it out on my workbench.

After cleaning it, the piece revealed it had been worked.

Fig 1 shows the trunk of a “Pine Tree” which has been sawn off at its ends and adzed, or axed, to make three flattened areas into the circumference of the trunk. In the middle adzed area are four drill holes, two can be seen clearly.



Fig 1 dimensions of the trunk are 2.3m by 0.22m.

Figure 2 shows the split half of the trunk with fourteen augured slots, roughly a handspan between them.



Fig 2

Initially, I was mystified by this series of holes, and then from my dimension stone working days, I realised I was looking at a series of stitch holes (perforations). In dimension stone (such as marble) quarrying, it is injurious to blast the stone as such a method creates fractures in all directions and ruins the stone for carving etc. One way to split the stone is to drill a linear series of holes (stitch holes) into the stone block, and then drive wedges into the holes which will split the stone block into two halves.

Looking at figure 2 one can see a similar technique has been used. The length of timber had a series of holes augured along its length, and then a wedge shaped dowel was pushed/hammered into the hole to split the timber along its length. The remains of a wedge shaped dowel were found lodged in one of the drill holes, Fig 3.



Fig 3. The remains of a wedged shaped dowel, which had snapped off in its drill hole.

In creating this lintel, the builders had used an old technique of splitting the log and hewing the resulting half log into a shape fit for the construction work.

That is my take on it, but others dispute this and say the auger slots were for dowels for lath and plaster work; the jury is out on this one for now.

Age is probably over 250 years considering its provenance.

Has anybody else seen this type of construction?

Mike Allen

Logie Walkers

There are now ten intrepid Logie Community members who have joined the Thursday morning walking group. If you want to feel the wind in your hair, marvel at the panoramic landscape or simply get out of the house, contact me and I will make sure you receive the necessary arrangements via Whatsapp. Tel 07517510131

Una Bryce

Local Olympian Aimee Willmott



I have always loved swimming, even as a youngster it was my favourite sport and soon I was swimming full time in and around school. I won my first national gold medal at the age of 11 and thought I might be quite good at the sport. I loved training hard and improving so it was only natural that the competitive nature in me took over and I started dreaming of qualifying for an Olympic Games to represent Team GB.

Qualifying for my first Olympic Games at 19 at London 2012 is one of my proudest moments; I had worked so hard for my dream to come true. The experience, the crowd's response and burst of energy it gave me was very special. In 2018 I won Commonwealth Gold in the women's 400 individual medley. It was very special as I had won silver 4 years earlier; to come back and win gold was a career high.

When I lived close to the University of Stirling it was so handy for training. It was easy to get to and from training so my rest time wasn't affected. I also loved the location as it was so beautiful and peaceful to look out of the window and see the hills. I was very lucky to live there through my time in Stirling preparing for Tokyo Olympics.

Aimee Willmott
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Aimee Willmott, Olympic swimmer, lived locally, at Manor Powis, but has recently moved away. As a former member of Logie Community, we wish her every success in all future competitions.

Wednesday Morning Group

The Wednesday Morning Group resumes next Wednesday, 26th January at 11 am in the Village Hall.

There will be a short presentation by Georgina from Cotkerse about her rescue greyhounds. Please continue to follow protocol of wearing a mask and keeping some distance from each other. Refreshments will be served.

Community Council Corner

Susan Allen and Peter Jennings have now been confirmed as full members of the Community Council. Peter is now Secretary and Susan is organising a group of resilience volunteers. A flyer has gone to all houses in the whole Logie CC area, personally delivered by Peter. Anyone who would like to receive CC News, notices of meetings etc, or to join the resilience group, should just email LogieCC@gmail.com to request this. We look forward to hearing from you and will shortly be looking for a further member to co-opt.

Mary Maxwell Irving

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