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Your Window on Your Village

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Picnic Update Edition

A good crowd of Logie people enjoyed the annual village picnic in the orchard of Croft House on Sunday afternoon. It rained, but only briefly and the sun shone, also briefly but an enjoyable time of lunch, chatter and games was shared by all, including a lovely group of visitors arriving by bicycle from Powis House. A Treasure Hunt around the village and a puzzle game had both been arranged by Alice Kilgour and participants dodged the showers to search out the hidden clues around the village. The Treasure Hunt (senior prize) was won by a team of George Sutherland and Lys Hansen with Clive Kilgour and the Youth prize was won by a team of Megan and Kathy. The Sweet and Chocolate puzzle game was won by a team of Jake, Romy and Roanna.

A draw for the 100 Club was also held. In keeping with tradition the winning ball was drawn by the youngest person present, fourteen month old Tessa and the winner this time is Alistair Logan.

The Reading Room Committee thanks Molly Beachey for the use of the orchard for this event.

Logie Community Council

The May meeting of Logie CC had a large attendance and members of the community were able to put their views and questions about the pylons to Keith Brown, MSP. The discussion ranged wide but shed little new light on the decision to permit the construction of the line with mitigation measures, but no direct requirement stated for undergrounding.

George Sutherland summarised the views of those present when he said that the community was seething and felt powerless with the attitude and performance of the Minister Jim Mather. Common sense dictated that this was not the way that things should have been done.

Peter Person is now a member of the Stirling Council group that is working on the mitigation and there will be an update on the situation at the July meeting of Logie CC.

At the May meeting it was agreed that the Community Council should draft a policy paper on the issues concerning change and new housing in the Logie community. The draft will be circulated for the July meeting.

It is intended to prepare a complete list of e-mail addresses for the community so that consultations and other documents affecting the community can be circulated more widely. This will be done by the blind copy method so that e-mail addresses will remain private.

The next meeting of Logie CC will take place on Tuesday 13th July.

Around the Village

The Former Blairlogie UF Church

The Heritage Trust and the Community Council have both complained to the owners about the dilapidated state of the disused church. It has been pointed out to the owners that under Building Control regulations they are required to keep the site safe and secure. Stirling Council has been made aware of the problems and local concerns.

Champion Conker

This month saw the end of one Blairlogie's oldest living inhabitants and landmarks. It's no longer possible to be "underneath the spreading chestnut tree" beside Blairlogie Cottage at the foot of the west loan. The 200-year-old chestnut that provided swings, shelter, and conkers for kids far and wide, has had to be felled. It was suffering from a so-called "boot-lace virus" that prevented its moisture circulation system from working, and so was dying and in danger of collapse.

Uncovered within its trunk, and now preserved there as a feature, is the original iron tripod support for the young tree when it was a sapling a couple of centuries ago. Two new replacement trees are to be planted higher up the hill-field.

Craigton

A welcome sight this month at the Abbey Craig is the scaffolding and new paint-work at Craigton Farm marking the arrival of new tenants. The Stirling family were there for about 100 years.

The village website Archive Project page (www.blairlogie-scotland.org) shows a picture of the famous champion ploughman, Sandy Stoddart, as a boy ploughing the field in front of the house in 1896. It doesn't show the less welcome sight of the intrusion of power lines across the view.

News from the Reading Room

The annual Barbecue and Beer festival will be held on Saturday 21st August and the committee is planning a charabanc outing to Drummond Gardens later in the summer but no date has been set.

Future events for the autumn session include a revival of illustrated talks with Angus Annan on travelling in Iran and Lys Hansen on her personal journey through art.

Village Gardens

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

The Blairlogie Website www.blairlogie-scotland.org

Remember 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.

New and repeated advertisements from local business are particularly welcome as the income supports the costs of having the website.

Dates for your Diary

Print this and pin it up in the kitchen!

Tuesday 13th July Logie Community Council

Tuesday 3rd August Reading Room Committee

Saturday 21st August Barbecue and Beer Festival

The dates for the autumn programme of the Reading Room are to be confirmed.

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