

# THE BLAIRLOGIE BUGLE

Your Window on the Village and the Logie Community

November 2012

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## **News from the Reading Room**

**BATS AND BEES AT BLAIRLOGIE** - No. Not the Birds and the Bees!

In the first of a series of illustrated talks/social evenings in the Reading Room on environmental/local ecology matters, there will be two half-hour events on 24 November at 7.30 pm, one on the bats that live in the Curling Pond Wood, and one on the bees that live in Molly Beechey's orchard.

The bee-keeper, Isabel Risk, will tell us all about the life of the bees at this crucial time for them: the talk and pictures of the bats will be given **either** by Elisa Fuentes-Major (if she has not had to return to Mexico by then), **or**, failing which, by Jenny Wallace. They carried out an extended survey of our bat neighbours in Blairlogie.

The event is informative and entertaining, and there will be light food. BYOB. Donation at the door £2.

Later in the series, there will be a similar pair of illustrated talks on Ancient Orchards/Flora/Fauna of Logie.

Film Night – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. The film will be the delightful Cinema Paradiso. The evening will have an Italian theme with food. BYOB. Donation at the door £3.

Quote *"This truly is one of the greatest movies ever made. A masterpiece of cinema that hits you emotionally, brings nostalgia and most of all shows you how beautiful life can be."*

## **The 100 Club**

The draw held at the Village Barbecue was won by Peter Phillips. The next draws will be held at the Bats and Bees talk and also at Hogmanay.

## **Ping and Pong**

The Table Tennis Group has resumed for the winter session and new players of any level would be most welcome. Wednesdays at 8.00pm.

## **Community Council**

The next meeting of Logie CC will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting will follow. It is hoped to have a representative of Stirling Council Environment Services and the Police present to discuss the road safety issues of the A91, particularly on Gogar Loan.

### **From the Logie Archive Group**

BRIAN NICHOLLS...A RETIRING ARCHIVIST -The Logie Community Archive Project has been running since 2000 and Brian Nicholls was there at the start, a founding member. For the past twelve years he has done a power of work in organising the meetings and the development of the archive group, especially in detailed researching and recording of the histories of many of the houses and families in Logie. That involved many study visits to the National Register in Edinburgh, and many days of hard work each time there, and then again in writing up the histories on his return. As well as that, he undertook throughout the writing of Minutes of the many meetings of the group.

He has now decided to retire from the labours, and we all owe him a considerable thanks for his work and dedication. He has produced a body of local history that will prove invaluable in the life of the community.

*See also the advertisement for new members in this Bugle.*

### **Logie Oaks Project**

The project to site a large public artwork at Logie is making progress. Stirling Council's Environmental Services, in the shape of its Director, Les Goodfellow, and its control manager, Jim McGregor, has agreed to back it and help with the choice of site, which is now likely to be nearer Blairlogie, to the east of the roundabout.

The form of the work is unknown at the moment, of course, as it will emerge from a competition and commission for an artist/sculptor to make the piece from the oak salvaged from the avenues of trees felled for the new roundabout. These avenues marked the giant cross form of the new toll road (the A91) and the Sheriffmuir road. That was about 1796, and that was the land-art then. This project refers to that earlier one, and uses the oldest living forms in the community to do it.

The next step is finding a local "Business champion" and a local "Political champion" to help promote the project.

### **Logie Community Archive Project Group.**

Interested in History? Interested in Blairlogie and its environment?

If you are then why not join the Logie Community Archive Project group and help us discover the interesting aspects of our past.

Just contact any of the following:

George Sutherland (01259 761667), Catherine Stewart (01259 761452),  
Craig Bryce (01259 761164) or John Randall (01259 762455)

### **The Wednesday Club**

Operations have been suspended for a few weeks but will start again soon, (on a Thursday of course) when all the leaves are down and the frost has done some of the work of pushing back the growth of weeds.

**Burns Supper Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Put it in your diary now!**

### **Christmas Lights Switch On**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December for the Switch On, Carol Singing and Christmas Snacks with mulled wine.

### **Hogmanay**

The hall will be open for the traditional celebration of Hogmanay on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. Please let Robin Kelsall or John Randall know if you are planning to attend

### **Fast Broadband**

A small group is working on the problem of fast broadband services. Some tests of a satellite system are in hand, but the real need is for a high speed local wireless service. The new Clacks Max Wireless broadband service is not effective in the Logie area at present, but negotiations are in hand on two possible options. The group is John Logan, Tom Cox, Brian Paget and Angus Annan. Ask any of these for an update. Further information will follow at the Logie CC meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Local Heroes**

An occasional item in the bugle, featuring local businesses that provide employment or bring visitors to the area. This time we take a look at Witches Craig Caravan and Camping Park. Those who have lived in the area for some time will know what a great job the Stevens family has done over the years in upgrading the site. As a mark of their achievements the park has been rated by the Scottish Tourist Board as a Five Star Touring Park and Awarded the David Bellamy Gold Standard for Conservation.

The park facilities include a heated toilet and shower block, a separate disabled toilet and shower room, laundry and dishwashing facilities. There is also a play area for children. We know that some people from not so far away keep a mobile caravan there more or less permanently and treat it like a weekend cottage. Who can blame them?

See <http://www.witchescraig.co.uk/>

### **Dates for your Diary**

Community Council	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Bats and Bees Evening	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Reading Room Committee	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Cinema Paradiso	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lights Switch On	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Hogmanay	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> December
Burns Supper	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January

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