

# BLAIRLOGIE BUGLE

Your Window on the Village and the Logie Community

August 2014

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## News from the Reading Room

Charity Event - Everyone is invited to the Macmillan Coffee morning held in the Reading Room on Friday 26th September at 11am. I welcome any donations of baking or offers of assistance; simply email me to let me know of your intentions: [una\\_t\\_bryce@msn.com](mailto:una_t_bryce@msn.com) I will send out personal invitations nearer the time.

Let's use our Reading Room for a worthy cause! Una Bryce

Village Barbecue - Will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. It will feature another draw in the 100 Club series. See the poster below for details.

## The Wednesday Club

In a recent work session the group cleared Buddleia plants and a large amount of vegetation debris from around the entrances to the redundant UF Church. An ugly mess has gone and we have asked the owners for a donation to the Blairlogie Community and Heritage Trust. We live in hope! The next efforts will concentrate on tidying up the village garden and reinstating the wild flower bank on the village street.

## Mitigation of the Pylons

A Report from Gordon Adams- It is the intention of Scottish Power (SP) to apply coating to the pylons to change the appearance. SP appear to be already looking at this on pylons at Yellow Craigs, but we should be insisting this is extended along the whole area.

Only other suggestions include strategic siting of trees or screening, as long term strategies: re-growing the tree lined avenue from Caravan Park to Blairlogie, and carefully positioning trees along A91 between roundabouts. There may be other locations for planting (eg to help farm shop and other residents view) but this depends on landowners and careful positioning. SP already have to reinstall trees at Yellow Craigs and they are looking into the most effective method (which might even be to cut it all down and replant).

The partners (Scottish Government, Stirling Council etc) hope to have all ideas from communities by the end of September. The CC would like to support all Logie residents' ideas or opinions and would ask that they speak to a CC member or email ([garadam@outlook.com](mailto:garadam@outlook.com)) as soon as possible. Suggestions welcome.

## Logie CC

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 23rd September, at 7pm in the Reading Room (Please note change of date from that stated at the meeting.)

## More Loss of Good Trees

There is a possibility of cutting down most of the mature oak trees on the Northern side of the A91, between Logie roundabout and Witches Craig to accommodate the power line. One of these oaks, the largest of them all, is to be felled simply to allow for turning a vehicle used for delivering material at the **temporary** access beside Witches Craig.

In addition, it is likely that several other oaks on the stretch from Logie roundabout to Powis Mains will also be felled. Effectively, this will destroy the cross-shaped avenue of 210 year

old oak trees and at the same time provide us with a clear view of the pylons. This may happen in the very near future so if you have views about it then please make them known ASAP to the Chair of Logie CC at [ktdoy@btinternet.com](mailto:ktdoy@btinternet.com).

### **The Blairlogie Community and Heritage Trust**

It has been suggested that as the Reading Room constitution is long out of date, it should be amalgamated with the Trust. A possible way forward is for the Trust to take over the building as an asset and the Reading Room committee then to work informally and to concentrate on cultural and entertainment activities. A small group is working on this possibility but, due to various legal issues, it will not be a quick fix. Meanwhile both organisations carry on as before.

### **Referendum Event**

It had been hoped to have a referendum event in the Reading Room, but this has not been possible. You can see the introductory film that would have been used at the event by clicking the link below. It is neutral and light hearted although perhaps by now the issues are well known.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBC0mLFz91o> Hint: it works best on fast broadband!

### **Fast Broadband**

Progress has not been as rapid as the working group had hoped and the delays are due to bureaucracy etc., rather than the technology. Further information will follow soon to those who expressed an interest in taking the service.

### **100 Club**

The 100 Club is a vital source of funding for the continued existence of the Reading Room and for the work of the Logie Archive Group. Membership forms will be available at the Barbecue!

## **Village Barbecue**

**In conjunction with Neighbours' Night**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**Barbecue lit 6pm**

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