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# LOGIE LIFE OCTOBER 2021

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## **Reading Room Update**

The premises have been deep cleaned and are available again for social or leisure class activities. Subject to ongoing Covid conditions and regulations, the Trust is anxious to bring the Reading Room back into use with regular professional cleaning in place. Apart from social activity, the Trust needs to recover the costs of recent repairs and the costs of the new Scottish Government requirement for extensive provision of fire and smoke alarms. The Trust has reserves which it has carefully conserved and it can meet these costs, but we cannot be complacent.

Any user making a booking will be responsible for Covid precautions, including the use of the hand sanitizer provided and keeping a record of all persons present.

The hall has a data projector and connection cables which will work with any laptop, except Apple. It also has a sound system and a music player. Booking conditions and a booking form are on the village website [www.blairlogie-scotland.org](http://www.blairlogie-scotland.org)

The Booking Officer for the Reading Room is Clem Flanagan and she can be contacted by email at [blairlogierr@gmail.com](mailto:blairlogierr@gmail.com). If you have a problem concerning the use of the Reading Room contact the Hall Keeper Angus Annan at [annan5px@btinternet.com](mailto:annan5px@btinternet.com).

Angus Annan

## **Farewell to Logie Fast Broadband**

The village fast broadband system will now pass into history. It was built by three volunteers and operated for five years to bring fast broadband to the Logie area well in advance of other possibilities. The volunteers worked in muddy fields at the masts on Sunday afternoons, turned out at odd times to remedy faults and gave advice to all on making use of the Internet. The availability of fast broadband made it possible for young professionals who work from home to move to the village and it was vital for some local businesses. The three volunteers: Brian Paget, Tom Cox and Angus Annan were joined by Richard Morrell from Menstrie. It had been hoped that this group would take on the task of bringing a fibre-optic network to the village, but funding could not be secured and that development will now have to wait for BT some years away.

Meanwhile, the world moves on and the village wireless broadband system passes to Briskona as a professional service.

Angus Annan

## **COP 26 Event Blairlogie**

In the light of the major event to be held in Glasgow in November the Blairlogie Trust is planning an evening COP 26 event in the Reading Room. It is hoped to engage a keynote speaker with a green perspective and to allow for questions and discussion. The evening will finally focus on the ECO challenges and solutions for those living in listed buildings as they seek to comply with the green agenda and make reductions in their energy consumption. The date is to be arranged.

Angus Annan

## **Wednesday Group**

Blairlogie Reading Room will continue to open for refreshments and socialising at 11am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

August's speaker, Ida Bailey talked about the trees found in Blairlogie and the wildlife they help support.

In September, Rod McCullagh talked about a stone tool excavated from a site which led him to his career in archaeology.

Dr Sheila Hartley has stepped up to take responsibility for our funds. Once any expenses have been covered, all donations received from those attending will go to the Blairlogie Heritage Trust to contribute towards the maintenance of the Reading Room.

Wednesday the 20th October is the next meeting planned. Clem Flanagan, who moved into Blairlogie in the midst of the Covid lockdown, is our speaker on the topic of book publishing: from manuscript to published book.

For the following month, 17th November, Craig Bryce has kindly volunteered to talk on the subject of "Stirling Trades".

A number of others have kindly volunteered to speak at future events, names and topics will be confirmed. The last date for 2021 will fall on the 15th December so look out for a Xmas theme.

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## **100 Club**

Congratulations to Sheila Hartley for winning September's 100 Club.

## Fish Van

For those of you who are unaware, the Fish Van calls at the square at approximately 8.10 am every Wednesday, rain or shine.

Leck provides freshly caught fish and local produce, including eggs and cakes.



# Afternoon Tea

*in Celebration of the*  
**260th Anniversary of**  
**the United Free Church in Blairlogie & Menstrie**



**Saturday**  
**6th November**  
**2.30 - 4.30pm**  
**Dumyat Centre**  
**Menstrie**

*All Welcome*

**Featuring music both  
sacred and secular.**

**Tickets are £2 - which will go towards our window restoration fund.  
If you would like to attend, or give a donation,  
please email [jasonlingiah@gmail.com](mailto:jasonlingiah@gmail.com) for the purposes of numbers.**

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