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# The Grapevine

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Welcome to the resurrection of The Grapevine under its new Logo, designed by a pupil of Kincardine in Menteith School. This resurgence has been triggered by our Hall Committee's wish to promote the use of the Hall and of course, to encourage the community spirit which is such a special feature of Blairdrummond. Blairdrummond of course hit the national headlines with the recent discovery by David Booth of 4 gold neckbands or torcs, dating from the Iron Age, over 2000 years ago; probably the most important hoard of Iron Age gold ever discovered in Scotland and of European significance.

You will see below that the use being made of the Hall shows how practical and elegant a building it is – suitable for formal or celebratory lunches and dinners, as well as sporting activities.

The Grapevine is also intending to provide readers with useful practical information, ranging from forthcoming events at the hall, school and church, as well as highlighting local businesses in the area. This edition is just the start – one that we wanted to make before Christmas and New Year, for which we extend warm greetings.



The Blairdrummond Christmas Fayre was held in the Community Hall on Friday 27th November. There was an excellent range of stalls and the event was well attended. The grand sum of £275 was raised for Stirling & District Association for Mental Health. Many thanks to the hall committee for their hard work. The event was such a success there are rumours of it becoming an annual event!

## Dates for your Diary

**Tae Kwondo** on a Wed 6.30pm to 7.30pm, contact Jaclyn Craig 07935 101791

**Yoga** Wed 7.45pm to 9pm or Fri 9.30am to 10.45am, contact Maya Savati, [www.mindyouryoga.com](http://www.mindyouryoga.com) or 07799 736611

**Youth Club** runs every Tuesday night from 7pm-9pm from October till Easter in the hall and is open to all young people aged 11-18. Contact Catherine 01786 860246 for more info.

**18th December:** Christmas Carols at Kincardine In Menteith Parish Church 7pm.

**20th December** - Christmas Family Service at Kincardine In Menteith Parish Church at 9.30am

**21st December** - School Christmas Service and Nativity in the church.

**24th December** - Watchnight Service at Kilmadoc Church, mince pies from 10.30pm.

**31st December** - Hogmanay Family Ceilidh, music by the Alan Ross Band  
9pm till 1am Adults £7.50 Children £2.50 (school age) BYOB

Admission by ticket only  
contact Catherine 860246 or Louise 841352 for tickets.

**16th January** - Charity Dinner in aid of StModoc's Church and the Sandpiper Trust, tickets available from Maggie Sherriff or Penny Dickson 01786 842575. The event is to give prominence to Sarah Burrow's success in a TV cookery show where she won the Britain's best dish - Main course - with her Torboc pie made from pheasant and ham shank.

**13th February** - Dinner, Murder & Mystery at the Hall. Contact Catherine for tickets 01786 860246.

**27th February** - Disco in the Hall in aid of Gargunnock Playgroup and Primary School contact Claire Smith for





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## School Info

The School will be visiting the MacRobert on 14th December to see "Sleeping Beauty". Pupils will enjoy their Christmas Lunch at the school on 17th December.

The School Nativity will take place in the church on 21st December at 11am.

Enrolment for Primary 1 will take place on Tuesday 19th January 2010 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am at Kincardine in Menteith Primary School. All children who are five years old on or before 17th August 2010 are of school age and must start their primary school education on 17th August 2010. Please bring with you your child's birth certificate, child benefit book/award letter, if applicable working tax credits/child tax credits award letter and a recent council tax bill.

### *Our Eco Wish List*

We are looking for parents and/or members of the local community to support us with our playground project. We have identified the following things that need done and would be grateful if anyone could help:

- ☺ The bushes and the plants need strimmed/ chopped/ hacked from the pathway to the bird hide. We would like to start using this as a castle and a playden but can't reach it because it is overgrown.
- ☺ We need an area of the garden area dug up (it would probably need a rotavator) We are hoping to make a den building area and need this area cleared.
- ☺ In this same area, we need to lay some ground cover to stop the weeds coming up. We will need to spread play bark over this area.
- ☺ In this area, we also need to put up a small chicken wire fence. This will tell everyone where the den building area starts.
- ☺ We would like to make a wild flower meadow in our old vegetable patch. We will need to have a little part of this area dug up.

As you can see, these different jobs need to be done in some kind of order however, if we could get people to tell us what jobs they think they could help us with, we could co-ordinate everyone to work together. The jobs could be done whenever parents are available and not on a specific day. We would have a final 'launch' day when the project is finished. Please contact the school if you might be able to help. 01786 841346

### Useful Contacts

Stirling Royal Infirmary  
Doune Health Centre  
Samaritans

01786 434000  
01786 841213  
08457909090

Womens Aid  
Stirling Council  
NHS 24

01786 470897  
0845 2777000  
0845 4242424

For Hall bookings contact Audrey Stirling on 01786 842421

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