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The Grapevine

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Births



Aileen and Greg Burnett, The Old Smithy, Blair Drummond, are delighted to announce the arrival of Calum John, on the 26th August 2014, weighing 9lbs 6 ozs. Mother and baby both doing very well.

Karen and Graeme Baillie, Blackdub, Blair Drummond are delighted to announce the birth of Elsie Moira, on 23rd September 2014, weighing 10lbs 2 ozs. Mother and baby are both very well and baby Elsie is being thoroughly spoiled by her two older sisters.



Dat Tran was stolen by Camphill

My name is Dat Tran, I am from Vietnam. I graduated with a degree in Marketing, and worked for a Tourism Agency in Vietnam. At 21 I became the Marketing Manager with the Tourism Agency, as I hoped. There was a good career path that I could follow, but I wanted to try something new, travel and discover new cultures.

Then I met a German called Simon, who is now my best friend. He used to work at Camphill and was travelling in Vietnam, he introduced me to Camphill Blair Drummond. When I first saw the Camphill website I knew I wanted to volunteer. Thanks to Simon's help, I moved to Scotland on Monday 15th January 2012. I have now volunteered at Camphill for a year as a Co-worker. Initially, I was quite nervous because I was the only Vietnamese person, so languages were a big problem, because no one could help me to translate. Also, the cold weather was a nightmare, I was still in a jumper and winter jacket even in the summer time. The work was very different, even though I had done lots of charity work before. I worked in Amber House, doing Basketry, Estate, Pottery and Garden Workshops. I learned a lot from the small tasks I hadn't done at home, like how to wash the dishes properly, to separate clothes in the laundry, to saw the wood in Estate and to cut the grass in the garden. I also learned how to patiently make a basket, right to the end, and I only made one mistake!

After 7 months I changed to Linden house, and got a chance to work in the Appeal office to assist with fundraising, using social media. I came up with my own fundraising ideas such as 'International Night' and 'One Pound Charity', which I look forward to inviting the local people of Blair Drummond to be involved with in the future. I learned more, not only at work, but also from friends who came from different countries. They would run away from my fish sauce when I was eating, and I would be ready to leave the table because of the smell of cheese, but then we became good friends and enjoyed our different cultures.



At first I thought I would stay for just one year, it seemed like a long time, but I would tell myself "it just takes a little bit of your time to make a difference to someone's life". And now, when I see the residents who live in Linden House, I see talent when I am singing an Abba song with Gordon, I see a hard worker when David is checking his laundry or I even enjoy some music from Ryan when he has his own concert in his room. I have been thinking for a couple of days how to summarize my time at Camphill, and there is just so much to say!

And as was my dream, I took holidays and discovered Europe on my own, using my growing confidence in English and made lots of friends. Being a Co-worker at Camphill is by far the best thing I have ever done in my life for, I dare say, it has made me a better person. It feels really worthwhile and such a great learning experience and I realised that they had stolen my heart already. I went back to Vietnam, with big surprises in the kitchen every day because of fabulous foods I cooked, a fresh and tidy house which I hadn't ever given my mum help with before; and my Mum said: "Dat! Don't work too hard!"

On a rainy day in April 2014, I flew back to Scotland for my 2nd year here as a Co-worker. Here I am, enjoying one more year at Camphill - home again.

Tran Van Dat



3F : a new group for younger women which aims to share friendship, faith and fun !

Well, the new group got off to a great start in September, when 30 ladies gathered from 'around the Carse' in the Blair Drummond Hall for a delicious supper, followed by local speaker Katie Johnstone. Katie shared images of China and her experiences of living and working there, as part of a Christian organization that gives care and practical help to disabled children. We were all touched by the difficulties these youngsters have to cope with, as they lack both proper healthcare and the support of their families, who may have abandoned them precisely because of their disability. Katie encouraged us to pray for this work and also the difficulties faced by Chinese Christians who do not have the freedoms of belief and behaviour that we take for granted, living in Scotland. 3F's next meeting will be on Monday 13 October at 7.30pm in Blair Drummond Hall, so do come and bring your friends. We'll have Penny Dixon who will demonstrate and tell us about the Sandpiper Trust which supplies life-saving defibrillators in rural areas. So if you spend your days dashing between the farm or the office and the family, take time out on 13 Oct for something you'll enjoy – and please note the date if you're a husband, partner, granny or auntie, so that you can look after the kids, or give the lady in your life a night off !

On Monday 10 November we'll welcome Jo and Graham of The Iona Community who'll sing/speak on the work of the community on the Isle of Iona, around Scotland and their campaign for peace and justice around the world.

If you've now moved on from the responsibilities of work or raising children, then don't feel left out - there is also another local group specially for you! The **KirkLane Fellowship** meets in the Ross Anderson Room at Gargunnoch Kirk on Friday 7 November for coffee at 10.30am followed a talk on Ethiopia.

Fiona Campbell (Tel 01786 860678)

Informal, Fun, Wine Tasting Evening

**Blair Drummond Hall – Friday 24th October
7pm for 7.30pm
(Soft drinks option for non wine drinkers)**

Richard Munro of Majestic Wines, Stirling, will conduct this informal and fun evening at the Hall. After a glass of sparkling wine on arrival Richard will talk us through the tasting of a variety of wines from different countries, and of different styles and prices.



The cost of the evening, including biscuits and cheese, is £15 (£7.50 for the non wine drinkers). Tickets can be obtained from Louise Maxwell (01786 841352) or Catherine Killen (01786 860246). For those interested there will be an opportunity to purchase any of the wines which you particularly enjoyed. The evening promises to be great entertainment!

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre takes place on **Friday 28th November** from 7pm till 9pm in the Blair Drummond Hall. This is the 6th year we have been running this evening and again we have over 20 stalls coming along.

The stalls this year include - Arbonne; Its Uniquely Yours; Mary's Kitchen; Judes Jewels; Purple Herb Soap and Kincardine In Menteith Primary School. Again we will be having a Charity raffle, which will be drawn on the night – the prizes being donated by the stallholders. The money collected from the raffle will be donated this year to The Eilidh Brown Memorial Fund. Last year we raised £250 for Camphill, Blair Drummond - thanks again to all who supported us last year.

Admission is £1 for adults, 50p for children and includes Mulled wine/ Tea and mince pie/shortbread.

We hope you will be able to come along and support us as well as buying some unique Christmas gifts.

The Blair Drummond Social Group

This lively group of Fifty-plusers have been out and about this summer! As well as our usual afternoon teas, and catching up with friends, we've also ventured further afield to appreciate the skill and colour of Drummond Castle Gardens, between Muthill and Crieff. With afternoon tea at the new Riverside in Dunblane, a good time was had by all. On Monday 29th September, we had a fun Quiz put together by Kate Ingle.

Like The Windmill, the Group never closes, so we'll be welcoming friends old and new, every month right through the autumn and winter.

On **Monday 27th October** it will be a Bring-a-pal Lunch, so why not fill a car with friends and make your way to Blair Drummond Hall, **at the earlier time of 12.00pm**. Please let us know that you will be joining us, either by signing up at the September meeting, or by phoning Christine Bauer (Tel 01786 471191) or Fiona Campbell (Tel 01786 860678), just for the catering.

Blair Drummond Curling Club

The curling season began with an opening Bonspiel with two rinks competing, an enjoyable evening was had by all. The club league is now well underway, with three teams competing this year.

The celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the Scottish Central Province began with a Bonspiel on 1st October and will be followed by the Anniversary Dinner on Friday 24th October. If you are a former curler or member of Blair Drummond Curling Club and would like to attend the dinner, please contact Steve Walker on 07971 616 135.

If you would like to try curling, contact Fred Bauer on 07500 354 004.

Hope to see you on the ice.

Harvest Lunch

At Kincardine-in-Menteith Primary we had a harvest lunch from the kitchen garden vegetables. All the lunches were full of vegetables and lots of healthy food. This was our menu:

Kincardine-in-Menteith Pumpkin Soup

Home-grown Vegetable Curry With
Rice and Naan Bread

Or

Ham Salad

With

Blair Drummond Boiled Potatoes

Or

Turkey Sandwich



Cupcakes

Everyone loved the lunches and the staff and the pupils with home packed lunches got to try Margaret's lovely homemade pumpkin soup. We would all just like to say a massive thank you to the Margaret the cook. We would also like to say a big thank you to Jamie Muir who provided the plant beds for the kitchen garden. Mrs Wells was also a big help she made sure that everyone got to plant and harvest something. We had an opening ceremony for our kitchen garden and all the parents were invited and we had Jimmy Maxwell our local celebrity to open our kitchen garden. Every parent that came got to plant something too.



Editorial

“September blow soft till the fruits in the loft”

Not only did the winds blow soft this September, when the average wind speed was just 2.3mph, with a very brief high of 29mph just after midnight on the 26th, thus enabling this year’s many and plentiful fruits to be gathered and stored.

It was also the driest September for well over a decade, with only 0.72” of rain, against a 10 year average for September of 3.47”. All this after only 2.51” in August (10 year average 4.48”), 1.59” in July (10 year average 3.35”) and 2.84” in June (10 year average 3.09”)

Will we pay for it over the winter?

Ronald Graham

Scotland Decides to Stay United

After many long weeks of canvassing, leafleting, talking and arguing, Referendum Day 18th September 2014 finally dawned. The people of Scotland turned out in their droves to have their say, with almost 85% turnout, showing the depth of feeling and the gravity of the occasion, one that had divided the very heart of our country.

With the last votes cast and counted, the result showed the majority wished to remain part of the Union. The final results were: Yes 1,617,989 votes (45%) and No 2,001,926 votes (55%). In the Stirling region 90.1% of people turned out to vote, resulting in: Yes 40.2% and No 59.8%.

It is now time to heal divisions and rifts, whilst respecting others’ views. It is also time to capture the legacy of engagement and activism shown by so many canvassers and others, many of no political persuasion, to make a better society in Scotland.

If you are wondering how to become actively involved at grass roots level, think about joining the Community Council, which is crying out for members.

All enquiries to James Maxwell on 01786 841352.

The Rev's Rant

RE: membering !

"Where are you from?" He asked.

"I live and work here, on the Carse." I replied.

"But where are you really from?... Where d'you belong to?" He continued, *"I was born here. I've stayed in Newcastle these last twenty years... but I belong here"*.

I was puzzled, but not surprised by his comments. What makes you a member of your community, organisation, church, team or nation? Does membership depend on your name being written down on a piece of paper, in a book, where it remains for ever and a day, regardless of your involvement; or are 'members', people who participate, share and contribute to the ongoing life of the group?

This is a debate which is ongoing in communities, clubs, the kirk and across Scotland recently too.

'Belonging' is surely more than an accident of birth, or historical documents which you can use to lord it over 'incomers'. Doesn't being a member, or belonging, mean actively working for the group's well-being, willingly sharing in responsibilities, building caring relationships, and giving others welcome and a place at the table. Where you once were maybe isn't as important as where you are now and what you're doing today... or where you are going to!

Contrary to common belief, God's not that interested in what happened yesterday – there's nothing he or anyone else can do about the past; but today and tomorrow are a whole different ball game.



Rev Andy

Blair Drummond Hall Diary Dates

Weekly Classes

Monday: **Metafit – 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Tuesday: **Youth Club – 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

Thursday: **Metafit – 7.00pm to 8.00pm**

Other Events

Saturday 11th October: Charity Ceilidh

Sunday 12th October: Callander Young Farmers Coffee

Morning from 9.30am till 2pm. £3. Soup & sandwiches £5. In aid of Yorkhill Hospital

Monday 13th October: 3F – Friendship, Faith & Fun Group. 7.30pm (*see article*)

Friday 24th October: Wine Tasting Evening. 7.30pm (*see article*)

Monday 27th October: Blair Drummond Social Group. 12 – 2pm (*see article*)

Monday 10th November: 3F Group. 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd November: RHET FV Charity Race Night. 7.30pm. Tickets £10

Contact: C Struthers – Mob: 07894 728872.

Email: forthvalleyrhet.org

Monday 24th November: Blair Drummond Social Group. 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 28th November: Christmas Fayre. 7.30pm (*see article*)

Saturday 29th November: Charity Ceilidh in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. Music by Tommy Duncan. Tickets £5. BYOB. Contact Mandy McLeod on 01259 761595

Badminton: Anyone wishing to hire the Hall please contact the Booking Secretary.

As always, the Hall is regularly used for meetings, kids parties, ceilidhs, and wedding receptions, to name but a few. For more information visit our website: www.blairdrummondhall.co.uk or contact Louise (Booking Secretary) on 01786 841352.

Congratulations on your Graduation

Well done to local girls Laura Killen and Kirsten Duff who both recently graduated.

Laura graduated on 10th July 2014 from University of Abertay, Dundee with a 1st class BA (honours) in Criminological Studies.

On 4th July 2014, Kirsten was admitted to a degree in Bachelor of Education with honours in Primary Education from Edinburgh University. She is at present doing her probation year in a primary school in Stirling.

Youth Club

Blair Drummond Youth Club runs every Tuesday night during term time, and this year will be starting on 30th September and running until the Easter holidays.

We meet in Blair Drummond Hall from 7pm – 9pm. Children are welcome, from P7 upwards, to come along catch up with friends and enjoy a variety of activities including badminton, hockey and snooker. Special evenings are organised for Halloween and Pancake Day and these always prove to be a big hit with the young people. A small tuck shop with juice and sweets is available.

Sometimes trips out are enjoyed and these have included in the past going 10 Pin Bowling or to Laser Quest, and occasionally guest speakers come to the hall to talk, or entertain the members.

Membership to Youth Club costs £10 per year, and £1 weekly, to cover costs. Tuck shop prices are very reasonable.

If you know anyone aged P7 and above who would like to join the Youth Club please contact leaders Lorna Fotheringham on 01786 860585 or Mary Inglis on 01786 841472 for more information.

News from the Kirk

Some dates for your diary –

Communion will be celebrated on 2nd November, with Remembrance Day Service the following Sunday, 9th November. Both services will begin at 9.30am. And the first Sunday in Advent is 30th November.

Rev Andy Campbell is going to be assisted on Sundays by Lynne Mack, a local ordained minister and we look forward to meeting her. She will be joining the 3 parishes in November and will be taking Sunday services, alternating with Rev Andy, primarily in Gargunock and Kilmadock but will also be helping out in Kincardine in Menteith.

We now have our web site and Face book page, look up www.blairdrummondchurches.org.uk to find out what is going on.

Earlier this year our Flower Convener Joan Fotheringham retired from this role that she has done for many years, and we thank her for her input and support.

Helen Graham has taken over as Flower Convener and if you would like to donate flowers for any Sunday, please contact Helen on 01786 – 860578.

Janette Gilliland, Session Clerk

Blair Drummond Community Hall

Burns Supper

The Hall Committee are organising a Burns Supper on Friday 30th January 2015. The Rev Alex Shuttleworth will give the Immortal Memory. Gargunock Inn will cater for the meal. BYOB. Tickets £25 .

Tickets will be available later this year from all committee members and at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November.

We invite you to join us at the 2014

Autumn Fair

in aid of

camphill 
blair drummond

living, working and growing together

Blair Drummond House

Tuesday 28TH October

5pm – 8pm

Entry £6

Including Wine & Canapés

Wednesday 29th October

10am – 3pm

Entry £5

Teas, Coffees & Light Lunches are available
From the Camphill Bakery

(Lunches served from 12 noon - 1.30pm)

Free Parking Available at the Safari Park

Not all Stalls take cards so please also bring cash or cheque book

Camphill Volunteering

I started Befriending in the Pottery Workshop at Camphill Blair Drummond (CBD) in June 2011. CBD provides a wonderful safe home for adults with complex learning disabilities who need extra care and support and is based in the "Castle" overlooking the Safari Park.

Having spent over 22 years working in the Finance Industry becoming a Befriender at CBD gave me the opportunity to try something totally different. Wednesday mornings at CBD have become the highlight of my week. Being a Befriender is very rewarding and I have made many new friends amongst both the Staff & Residents/Day-Students. Offering to Befriend at CBD was one of the best decisions I ever made!

In the Pottery Workshop we make a vast array of different items ranging from Mushroom Houses & Hedgehog Garden Planters, to smaller things like Buttons, Ladybirds & Candle Snuffers. The amazing results of our efforts can be seen (& purchased) at various CBD events throughout the year. Befriending in the Pottery at CBD is always relaxed and great fun. Teamwork is important with everyone working very well together. Some of my friends at CBD communicate using Makaton. My own Makaton skills are still a work in progress, so I rely on my friends being patient, when I misunderstand what they are telling/asking me. They have had many a laugh at my expense!

Helping at the Annual Advent Fair, and at various other CBD events, has given me the opportunity to become more involved in the wider CBD community. Befriending at CBD has expanded my own horizons and opened my eyes to a world, where anything is possible, and everyone has their unique part to play.

CBD is a very welcoming and friendly community, which treats everyone as individuals, supporting and encouraging them to try reach their full potential. I would highly recommend Befriending at CBD. It is very rewarding and great fun too! Volunteers are given the opportunity to share their skills,

knowledge, time and friendship. The most valuable contribution is often just your enthusiasm and commitment.

How much time a volunteer commits to CBD is entirely up to the individual. CBD's Workshops include Pottery, Craft, Basketry, Textiles, Garden, Bakery & Woodwork - which are open Monday to Friday. My own preference was Pottery on a Wednesday morning but you can also get involved in fundraising events, estates maintenance, special projects and driving to name but a few of the volunteering opportunities on offer. How much time you give to CBD is totally FLEXIBLE - be it weekly, fortnightly, monthly - and full training and support is provided on an on-going basis.

To anyone interested in Befriending/Volunteering at CBD I would be happy to have a chat with you, answer any questions and arrange further information. You can contact me via the details below:

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Check out the CBD Website at:-

camphillblairdrummond.org.uk

“All I would say is give it a try, believe me you won't regret it.”

Alan J Wilson

Camphill Blair Drummond Volunteer

CAMPBILL ADVENT SALE

On Saturday 6th December 2014 from 1pm till 4pm at Blair Drummond House. All welcome.

Brand new exciting fitness class for Blair Drummond and surrounding areas!

First class free!

This fitness class is for all shapes, sizes, abilities and ages! Zumba/dance fitness is coming to the rural community in Blair Drummond Hall.

The Zumba catchphrase 'Ditch the workout, join the party' is certainly true, in this upbeat and fun session, which will run on Thursdays at 6pm for an hour. The cardio workout is inspired by latin rhythms and other world beats, including jazz, hip-hop and many others and concentrates on the fun of dancing, meaning that you are working hard and burning calories without really thinking about it!

This is the class for everyone, even for the 'dance-challenged' as you are copying the instructor and laughing along while everyone tries to get it right! You work at your own pace and work as hard as you can if you are new to cardio exercise, but you can take it as high impact as you like if you are already fit!

Come along and try it – the first class is free! What have you got to lose, apart from the pounds?

Classes start Thursday 6th November.

Contact me on fiona.wray@hotmail.co.uk or 07793 914564 for more details or just to have a chat about what to expect. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Fiona Wray

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Hardwood Logs	£85/ half load
Softwood Logs	£120/ load
Softwood Logs	£60/ half load
Small bags	£4.40 for hardwood
Small bags	£3.40 for softwood
Contact: Bob	
Tel: 01786 841580	
Mob: 07732 563106	

Thistle Threads Charity Quilt Show in aid of CHAS

You are all warmly welcomed to our 3rd biennial Charity Quilt Show, this year in aid of CHAS, on **Saturday 18th October, 10am – 4pm, at the Kirk Hall, Callander.**

A dazzling array of beautiful quilts and quilted items awaits you, which have been made at the weekly classes, as well as a sales table, loaded with a huge variety of great gift ideas, that all the members have been working hard to make for you.

The admission price of £3.00 included fabulous home baking with your tea or coffee and there will be a home baking stall as well. There will be a grand raffle for the Delectable Ducks Quilt that we worked on together as a group to complete, as well as a Lucky Square Competition for a Sunbonnet Sue Quilt and a Prize Draw for 10 terrific mystery prizes.

Please do come along to see us and if you require any further information about the show, or the weekly classes, please get in touch with Clare at clare@thistle-threads.co.uk or on 01877 382924

Just For Fun

Can you work out the missing words in the following quiz? The answers will be in the next edition but if you can't wait that long we'll put them on the website next month (see below for address)!

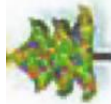
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2. 3 W_____ M_____
3. 24 H_____ in a D_____
4. 360 D_____ in a C_____
5. 1000 M_____ in a M_____
6. 3 B_____ M_____
7. 76 T_____ I_____ T_____ B_____ P_____
8. 13 in a B_____ D_____
9. 24 B_____ B_____ I_____ A P_____
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18. 10 M_____ in a C_____
19. 12 S_____ of the Z_____
20. 12 D_____ of C_____

Good luck!

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Blair Drummond Christmas Fayre



Friday 28th November



From 7pm till 9pm



In Blair Drummond Community Hall



Over 20 stalls including:

Arbonne

Its Uniquely Yours

Judes Jewels

Marys Kitchen

Purple Herb Soap



**Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to
The Eilidh Brown Memorial Fund**



Admission: Adults £1

Children 50p

Includes tea & mince pie



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catherine@grasslands.plus.com

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