

THE BLAIRDRUMMOND GRAPEVINE

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A NEWSLETTER FOR BLAIRDRUMMOND

Blairdrummond doesn't have a high street or a post office or a village shop. So how does news travel? How do you know what's going on? By the grapevine, of course! But what if you're not connected to the grapevine? Or you're new to the area? And the perpetual problem of chinese whippers?

The Community Hall Committee felt that a newsletter for the Blairdrummond community would help people know what was going on and provide a vehicle for people wishing to tell others what was happening.

The intention is that the

newsletter is a quarterly newsletter written by and for the community. Therefore we need your help - you knew there was a catch, didn't you? We need to know what events you have planned, reports on curling, the youth club, church news, news about people, news about developments, quizzes, general information, etc. Don't worry if you can't type we'll do that for you (though if you can provide it in computer form it will help). This newsletter will only succeed if we have things to put in it!

Finally we'd like your comments. Do you think it's a good idea? What would you like to see included?

If you want to include an article or just find out more information, contact Joanne Inglis or Dave Simpson (contact details later).

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

The Community Hall Committee is considering possible projects that might mark the end of the Millennium. Funding is available from Stirling Council for Millennium Projects ... and before you suggest it a big booze up is not an option! Two projects are currently being considered:

Do you know what events are coming up at the hall in the near future? Do you know how much it is to hire the hall? Did you know Blairdrummond had a community hall?! OK, lets deal with the last question first - yes, there is a hall its just below the Kincardine In Menteith Church towards Stirling. A **noticeboard/sign** for the Community Hall would highlight forthcoming events in the area and other items of interest to the community. The committee is considering commissioning a Noticeboard that would serve a useful purpose but also mark the Millennium.

WHAT'S ON IN THE BLAIRDRUMMOND AREA

This space will be full of the many events going on in and around Blairdrummond. As you can see, a larger space will be required in future ... when you tell what the events are!!

Thinking of hiring the Community Hall?

The extremely reasonable (!) costs are £4 per hour for local groups; £8 per hour for non-local groups or £50 for the whole evening - what good value for money! Interested? Contact John Darby, Joanne Inglis or any member of the Hall Committee for more information.

A new stained glass window for the church is another suggestion that is being investigated, possibly with the church Millennium logo as the design.

What do you think of these ideas? Do you have other suggestions? The committee would like to hear your views.

The committee is arranging a community family party to welcome the new Millennium. Avoid those massive babysitting costs and come along to the hogmanay party at the Community Hall on New Year's Eve (Ed - well it would be, wouldn't it?!). If you would like to help organise or just contribute to this event then contact Louise Maxwell, Christina More or Greg Burnett.

CHURCH NEWS

Again with an eye on the Millennium, there will be no Hogmanay Church Service. However there will be special services throughout next year (eg for people married or baptised in the church and special remembrance services) - Watch this space for more information.

KINCARDINE-IN-MENTEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs Berry reports on a very busy summer term . . .

In Sport P4-7 had swimming twice a week and all pupils gained certificates. Five senior boys passed the Survival 2 Test. Raymond Bond coached senior pupils in Kwik Cricket. By beating Thornhill, our team qualified for the Trossachs Tournament in Doune. The team gained the runner-up shield - narrowly beaten by Doune. Two football teams entered the Fun Football Night arranged by Dunblane Police. The young team had the greater degree of success. The school team played an invitation match at Queen Victoria School. He final score was 2-1 to the hosts. The School Sports Day was a great success held in lovely weather. The Red Team under leader Graham Gilliland emerged as eventual winners.



Music - Senior pupils enjoyed a trip to the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh to take part in the R.S.N.O.'s School Proms. Prior to the visit the pupils had worked on a piece of music - *Tam O'Shanter* - by Malcolm Arnold. All pupils joined in the orchestra's playing of *The Skye Boat Song*. Our pupils played recorders, Whilst Hamish and Iona played clarinets. Finally the end of term School Concert was enjoyed by all.

P1-3 went to Vane Farm, Kinross to look for mini-beasts, while P4-7 visited the Scottish Museum, followed by lunch and play in Meadows Park.

Five Boys from P7 move up to McLaren High - Steven Goodwillie, Hamish Cullens, Chris McLeod, Stuart Beattie and Graham Gilliland.

PRIMARY SCHOOL "100" CLUB

Fundraising is an on-going priority for the School Board and a necessity to the school. In the last 2 years, thanks to the efforts of the board and everyone who supports it, they provided the school with a state of the art computer, new play equipment, desks and storage trolleys, plus various treats for the children.

As part of their fund raising effort the board decided to try a "100" club. It was set up in March 1997 and since then has become a welcome boost to funds. The total raised so far is just over £1000.

The club runs in the following way: £1 monthly subscription paid twice yearly (ie £6 every 6 months - March & September), 50p of which goes to the school and 50p goes into the prize fund. Presently 1st prize is £25; 2nd prize is £10 and 3rd prize is £5. Every person participating has a lucky number. Mrs Berry's P7

class makes a monthly draw and the numbers drawn out win the cash prizes. The value of the prizes depend on the number of people participating.

The winners of the June "100" club draw were 1st - Catherine Killen, 2nd - Vicki Ross and 3rd - James Noble.

The school board are always on the lookout for new members, anyone with an interest in the school is welcome to join. If you want more details please contact Eleanor Graham, West Drip Farm, by Stirling (472523).

BLAIRDRUMMOND YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening between October and April. Everyone of high school age is welcome.

Last year there were 20 members. The club

welcomes any new members, particularly girls as there is currently an imbalance. Amongst the many activities are snooker, darts, table tennis, music, chair basketball and uni hoc.

In addition, there are lots of competitions to enter. There is currently a vacancy for a Youth Club Leader. If you're interested

or would like more information contact Louise Maxwell (tel 841352)

LOCAL COUNCILLOR

We hope to get a view on Stirling Council issues relating to the Blairdrummond area from our local councillor - unfortunately there hasn't been possible for this newsletter. If there are any issues you'd like covered please contact Dave Simpson or Joanne Inglis (contact numbers later).

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Thornhill & Blairdrummond Community Council meets every six weeks to discuss local issues. Currently under discussion are planning, roads, traffic, the community paths project, the Loch Lomond Park, North Common, waste management, recycling and the Millennium. Local representative on the Thornhill & Blairdrummond Community Council is **James Maxwell**.

If you would like to attend a meeting, have any issues you want raising or you simply want more information contact James (tel. 841352).

LOCAL ISSUES

What are the big local issues? The poor use of the A84 by bikers and tourists? The future of the old schoolhouse on Chalmerston

Road? The expansion of the Scottish Amicable site? Public Transport? The newsletter will ask the people who know the answers, or at least should do, for comments. What do you want to know?

CURLING CLUB

Blairdrummond Curling Club have just finished another enjoyable season. Ian Brisbane led his team of Grant Cordner, Rory Duff, Forbes Gauld, Archie Hamilton, Hugh Sloan and Alyn Younie to **the league trophy** with 16 points from a possible 20. Isabel Sands skipped the second place team (13 points) of Robin Black, John Inglis, Marjory Phillips, Helen Watson and Ian Watt. The **Bonspiel - Highest-Up-The-Rink** was won by James Cuthbertson (skip), Archie Hamilton and Steve Walker beating Cecilia Ferguson's side by 6 points. The **Gents' points competition** went to John Sands (47 points) with Archie Hamilton - runner-up with 36 points. **The Ladies' points competition** went to Helen Watson (26 points) narrowly beating Pat Hendry (24 points).

Alan Brisbane skipped Isabel Sands, Marjory Phillips and Steve Walker to victory in the knockout competition - beating Stuart McCaskie (skip), Bob Howie Alyn Younie and Maggie Sherriff in the final 9-6. That man Archie Hamilton was on the

winning side again in the Pairs Competition - this time with Robin Black beating James Cuthbertson and Gregor Murdoch 8-1 in the final.

The annual competition with Thornhill Curling Club - the Moss Cup - was a close run affair with Blair Drummond retaining the trophy on aggregate. Team 1 (Helen Watson - skip, John Sands, Pat Hendry and Rory Duff) won their game 8-7 and Team 2 (Isobel Sands - skip, Marjory Phillips, Ian Brisbane and Steve Walker) peeling 6-6.

The Annual General Meeting and Barbeque were held on Sunday 20 June. The new office bearers are:

- President: David Arnott (841762)
 Chairman: John Inglis (841309)
 Vice Chairman: Rory Duff (841654)
 Secretary: Isobel Sands (474207)
 Treasurer: Pat Hendry (01259 723244)

The club always welcomes new members - novices

through to international standard - well someone needs to challenge Ian Brisbane next year! If you want to join contact any of the office holders above.

THE SUMMER QUIZ

Finally a quick quiz to get those brain cells into gear.



The list of letters below are the initials of 10 films relating to the summer and the leading actor/actress:

- For example:
 SH (CR) - Summer Holiday (starring Cliff Richard)
1. SAS (LH)
 2. SM (KH)
 3. SOTSD (JM)
 4. SS (JG)
 5. NLV (CC)
 6. HOTB (RV)
 7. COC (SJ, KW)
 8. BP (BC)
 9. NLEV (CC)
 10. CH (EP)

Too easy? Well what about ten Songs about the summer and the singers:

11. SITC (MJ)
12. STB (EC)
13. OTB (CR)
14. SO69 (BA)
15. HCTS (TB)
16. SL (JT & ONJ)
17. HCTSS (T)
18. MBS (ELO)
19. TBTP (DS)
20. S (LA)
21. SIO (DS)
22. SUSA (TBB)
23. LHCDOS (NKC)
24. CS (TSC)

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

... will be in the autumn (a nice vague timescale we hear you cry!). We would welcome any articles from budding reporters or columnists, young or not so young. So get out those quill pens (kids ask your parents/grandparents!) or your PCs (parents/grandparents ask your kids!) and put it down on paper and pass to Dave Simpson, Joanne Inglis or anyone on the Hall Committee. Deadline for the next edition is **30 September 1999**.

- Dave Simpson
Comment: Summer Time Blues (Eddie Cochrane)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: On The Beach (Chris Rea)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Summer of 69 (Bryan Adams)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Here comes the summer sun (Texas)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Twistin' By The Pool (Dire Straits)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Summertime (Louis Armstrong)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Summer is Over (Dusty Springfield)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Surfin' USA (The Beach Boys)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer (Nat King Cole)
- Dave Simpson
Comment: Cruel Summer (The Style Council)

The Community Hall Committee is:

Richard Muir, James Maxwell (841352), Joanne Inglis (841309), John Inglis (841309), Robert Muir, Maggie Sherriff (841236), Linda McKinstrey (841728), Eillen Smith (841821), Jon Darby (841679), Lesley MacKenzie (470894), May Killen (860280), Dave Simpson (471455), Hugh Cullens (841025), Catherine Killen (860246)

Articles for inclusion in the newsletter can be sent to Joanne Inglis, Briarlands Farm, Blairdrummond or Dave Simpson, No. 2 Cottage, West Drip Farm. Alternatively phone Joanne or Dave or email Dave on Dave@westdrip.freeserve.co.uk