

THE BLAIRDRUMMOND GRAPEVINE

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FREE

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Blairdrummond celebrated the Queens Golden Jubilee in style at Blairdrummond Safari Park on Saturday 1st June. The evening took the form of a sports and BBQ night. The winners of the sports were boys champion - Ruairidh O'Donnell and girls champion - Jennifer Campbell. The winning football team was captained by Tom Gilliland. The finale of the night was a visit by an all ladies professional football team who challenged Tom and his team to a final match. There was great hilarity when the woman's team appeared as they were made up of Andrew Graham, George McLeod, John Inglis, Robbie Craig and Ian Watt - where did you get the dresses!!



Well-done lads/ladies thanks for the laugh.

Thanks to the hall committee for organising a night to remember.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Stuart Burnett who is this years deputy head boy at McLaren High School. Stuart is following in the footsteps of a number of Kincardine-In-Menteith former pupils who have gone on to do well at McLaren.

SHINTY NEWS

Andrew McLeod represented Menteith Camanachd Club in Lochinver near Ullapool on the 5th/6th July, coming home with a gold medal. Next on their tour the team went to Aberdour - Again they came back with a gold medal. On 25th August Menteith Camanachd will run their own festival hopefully to remain champions. All visitors welcome.

KEEP-FIT

The keep-fit stopped for a summer break. We hope to restart again on Monday 2nd September. Anyone interested is welcome to come along and join us for an hour of keep fit on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm. Classes are suitable for all ages and abilities.

The class is run by the sports council and costs £2 per class. For more details contact Eleanor Graham tel 472523

PLANT SALE

The hall committee held a plant sale in the community hall on Friday 24th May. There was a great turn and everyone there enjoyed the sale along with a cup of tea and home baking. The sum of £320.00 was raised for hall funds. Thanks to the McLeod family for all their work. (Can we make it an annual event please?)

BLAIRDRUMMOND ACTIVE GROUP

20th Aug - A night in O'Neills to celebrate the children going back to school

25th Sep - Ten pin bowling at AMF Riverside 7.30pm. Numbers needed - Phone Connie 860310

11th Oct - Salsa Night in Albert Hall. Numbers needed - Phone Connie 860310

ANNUAL DISCO

The Annual Disco raising funds for the School will be held on 30th November. Tickets will be priced at £3. For tickets please contact Catherine 860246 or Mandy 841825.

RECIPE CORNER

This edition's recipes are from Joanne at Briarlands Berries, and pretty delicious they sound:

Hot Raspberry Crumble

An old-fashioned hot pudding with a particularly good, spiced "shortbread" crumble topping.

Ingredients

Filling:

1lb 2oz fresh raspberries
2 level tablespoons caster sugar

For the crumble topping:

6 oz plain flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ level teaspoon ground cinnamon
4oz butter (diced)
2 oz caster sugar
2 oz flaked almonds

You will need a wide, shallow baking dish with a capacity of about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints, well buttered.

Preheat the oven to 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4, then spread the raspberries over the base of the buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with the sugar and add 2 tablespoons of cold water.

To make the crumble topping, sift the flour and cinnamon into a mixing bowl, add the butter and rub it in with your fingertips, then stir in the sugar. Continue rubbing the mixture in until it begins to form coarse crumbs and clings together in larger lumps - this extra rubbing shortens the crumble topping and encourages a crunchy "shortbread" texture. Add the flaked almond and mix. Scatter the crumble topping evenly over the fruit and press down gently.

Bake in a preheated oven for 50 minutes, or until the topping is crisp and golden - the hot raspberries will bubble up around the edges. Serve hot.

HALL FOR HIRE

Remember the Community Hall is available for hire. Costs are remarkable reasonable – one wonders how they keep the costs so low!

£4 per hour for Blairdrummond residents

£8 per hour for non-residents

£50 for an evening hire

Mixed Berry Gazpacho

Place 12 oz strawberries and 8oz raspberries into a food processor with 3 tablespoons icing sugar and blend until smooth.

Pour into 4 serving dishes and place a spoonful of Greek yoghurt and a selection of berries on top. Serve immediately.

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Thornhill Mother & Toddler Group would like to welcome any new babies or toddlers with mums, dads or carers to Thornhill community centre Mondays 10 - 11.30. There is a lovely relaxed atmosphere and it gives you a chance to meet other mums. Just turn up or call Fiona on 850215.

RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme (RSVP) are starting some new projects assisting the housebound to become involved in volunteering. We are doing this by asking people to knit Trauma Teddies and Premature Baby clothes and also make costumes for Youth Shows. We are also looking for people who will help support the volunteers by delivering and collecting material. If you're interested in helping please contact Stan Sanderson - contact details below

Also for the more energetic, together with the countryside department we are looking for help to

carry out footpath surveys. There are over 400 footpaths in the Stirling area which stretches from Plean to Tyndrum. Some are in or pass through urban areas are we are looking for people who will walk these footpaths once or twice a year and report on the condition of the gates, stiles, signposts and the condition of the paths.

We have a number of other projects - if you would like to know more please contact Stan anderson, RSVP Scotland, 4 King Street, Stirling FK8 1AY Tel/Fax: 475800 Email: rsvpscotland@csv.org.uk

DOWN AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Its all happening down at the community hall this autumn

Starting on 1st October, the **Youth Club** is back in business - initially just High School pupils.

On 12th October there's a **Family Quiz Night**. Starting at 7.30pm, entry is just £1 per person - bring your own refreshments.

Following the previous successful evenings, there's a **Beetle Drive** on 22nd November - again £1 per person, starting at 7.30pm - bring your own refreshments.

Then finish off the year with the **Hogmanay Party**. Colin Dewar's band will be playing and as with previous years we can expect to welcome the new year in style. Ticket prices & times to be confirmed nearer the time - keep an eye on the Stirling Observer Community News section.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

... will be in December - so if you have events planned (right through to early Spring eg Valentine's Day, New Year, even Easter, etc) let us know the dates. Any articles on any subject welcome. Don't worry about typing - we'll do it if you can't. Articles to:

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Remember the Grapevine depends on your contributions!

or anyone on the Hall Committee. Deadline for the next edition is 30 November.

Your Hall Committee is ...

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