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The Grapevine

May 2016

Blair Drummond Grapevine gratefully acknowledges United Auctions generosity in printing this and previous editions of this newsletter.



The Defibrillator located at Blair Drummond Hall next to the noticeboard

Blair Drummond Community Hall

At the AGM in June 2015 the Hall Committee decided to fundraise for a defibrillator, to be sited at the Community Hall.

When we held our 10th Birthday Afternoon Tea Party in September, the Raffle monies, along with the monies donated that day, raised over £850. This, along with other very generous donations and the Raffle monies raised at the Christmas Fayre, meant that by the end of December 2015 we had raised the money required.

The Trossachs Search & Rescue have been fantastic in helping and guiding us with the next stage of the process of purchase and appropriate installation. They also provided training in February, for some of the Hall Committee and other members of the community. The training given covered use of the defibrillator and CPR, it was a very successful evening and a further course will be offered later in the year.

If you would like to attend, please contact any Committee member. At the beginning of March the defibrillator was installed at the hall.

To have raised the necessary funds and to have the machine installed in such a short time is a great achievement. A huge 'Thank You' to all who have given so generously in supporting the Hall Committee to have such an important potentially lifesaving machine available in our local community.

REMEMBER: The defibrillator is there for all to use.

Janette Gilliland, BD Hall Committee Chairperson.

Blair Drummond Family BBQ

This year our annual Family BBQ is on **Saturday 4th June from 6.30pm** at Blair Drummond Safari Park (*by kind permission of Mr Jamie Muir*). Tickets £5 (under 5s free). Admission by ticket only. BYOB.

Contact Louise on 841352, or Helen 860578, or Catherine 860246 or any committee member.

Free High Speed Internet for the Blair Drummond Community Hall

Briskona will be helping the community of Blair Drummond by providing the Community Hall with a free High Speed Internet connection in the coming months.

"As rural broadband providers, we understand how important being a community is and we hope that this helps bring the residents together, to make the most of our reliable connection. It will open new and exciting opportunities for the area.

We have recently installed internet to Gartmore Village Hall and this has benefited them greatly in their day to day business, as well as allowing them to run different classes and hold events, something that they just weren't able to do before now.

We are a local company based in Alloa and, with the help of small communities and local businesses, we are always extending our network. We now cover even more of the Clackmannanshire & Stirlingshire areas, to find out if we can get you a connection please call the office on 01259 726630 or visit www.briskona.com or email: enquiries@briskona.com."

Blair Drummond Smiddy

Blair Drummond Smiddy has had several incarnations over the years, but was last used properly as a smiddy by the Wood Brothers, who came to Blair Drummond from the west coast in November 1918. Here the blacksmiths formed a business, which served the community making things like catching pens for longhorn cattle and all sorts of other agricultural equipment. Nannie Stewart, the daughter of Alex Wood (who retired in 1975), has been a fantastic source of information and old photographs of the smiddy. She says that one of the last things the Wood Brothers made were the gates for the new Safari Park! It's been fun to see pictures of the Smiddy cottages, with their rows of vegetables growing in the front garden, and one of my great grandmother walking her dog along the road in front of the cottages towards the A84. You wouldn't want to do that now!

Since the Wood Brothers, the buildings have been used by the Burnetts and then as a workshop for the Safari Park. I think it would be fair to say, though, that they were looking pretty run down and neglected and the site was a bit of a mess. So, what's happening with all the building work now? Jamie Muir, my uncle, and I had initial talks about 8 years ago about the possibility of setting up a shop and café on the site, but for various reasons decided not to do it. However, I have since moved back to Blair Drummond from Edinburgh and we are going for it! I'm delighted that the site is being given a new lease of life and will continue to have a connection to the land and local area.



The building will have a shop, butchery and café and we are hoping to open in late summer. It's been a fun few months sourcing suppliers and we now have some great producers lined up to provide food, gifts and flowers. The Youngers' at Old Leckie are stepping up their production

and will supply eggs, salads and beautiful cut flowers. They are also providing lamb and together with Bryan Duff who will do beef. Pork will come from Al Orr, Bryan's neighbour, and we'll also get fantastic organic Shetland beef from Kate Sankey, at West Moss-side. I have had some tasting sessions with Zsolt, who runs the bakery at Camphill, and we're perfecting a range of delicious bread to sell in the shop.

It's perhaps a bit of a cliché to say that the food in the café will be local and seasonal, but that is what we're aiming to do. We hope that there will be something on the menu to suit everyone, from a slice of indulgent gluten free cake, to a hearty bowl of spiced chickpea curry or a tasty burger made with beef from just a couple of miles away.

The shop will stock fruit and vegetables, meat, groceries, wine, beer and gifts. The deli will provide a fantastic range of cheeses, meats and olives and the kitchen will make a range of delicious ready meals to take home and pop in the oven.

We do need more local suppliers though, so if you grow, rear or make something which you think we may be able to stock, then please get in touch and we can have a chat about it. Staffing the new business is also a hugely important job, and we aim to start recruitment in about a month's time. We will be looking for a cook, butcher, cafe and deli managers, shop and café staff. Watch out for adverts on Gumtree, on our upcoming website (www.blairdrummondsmiddy.co.uk) and in the local press. You can also get in touch with me if you're interested in a particular role and I will send you information.

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Some Local Weather Facts

Our average annual rainfall is 1050mm, however 2015 recorded 1480mm!!

Using the statistics collated from 1941 – 1971 averages, here is how 2016 looks, to date –

<u>Month</u>	<u>1941-1971</u>	<u>2016</u>
January	101mm	182mm
February	80mm	128mm
March	72mm	41mm
April	69mm	46.3mm (<i>as at 5/4/16</i>)

Jim Brisbane

Briarlands

We have enjoyed a very successful, if wet/cold, Easter! 'Pop up fun' involved a weekend of Climbing Wall and Spider Mountain; this was followed by a week of climbing, then an amazing week of Zorbing.

Briarlands has more pop up fun planned, with Spider Mountain back for the May weekend 30th April – 2nd May, and the incredible High Ropes Trial for all the summer holidays.



The animals are all enjoying the recent sunshine. We have ewes and lambs, goats with kids, pigs, ducklings and chicks and have had a fair bit of 'Calving Live' on the tractor ride. Calving is coming to an end now but we still bottle feed lambs twice a day.

All tunnels are now planted out with strawberries, so with a little sunshine we should be picking by mid June. Look out for the upcoming Early Bird deal, on the summer promotion for our Season Pass. A deal that will allow you to enjoy Briarlands from 30th June until 30th October 2016. Always check Facebook or our website for up to date information.

Katie Brisbane.
Deputy Manager

A New Health Centre for Doune

For many years it was evident the current Health Centre in Castlehill had become unfit for purpose, cramped, over crowded and the building crumbling down. The problems became more critical with the rapid expansion of new housing in Doune Riggs and Deanston, adding over 800 new patients to the practice list.

As part of the agreement to build a new estate at Doune Riggs, it was sensibly agreed to reserve a plot of land for a future new Health Centre. If this option were not taken up after 5 years, the builders would have the right to build further new houses on this plot. In 2013 this 5 Year option would have expired and thanks to the excellent lobbying work done by Doune Community Council, Forth Valley Health Board agreed to purchase the land. This prompted the development of the first plans and it has been a long and slow road, but finally the end is now in sight.

The plans are for a one storey building in Springbank Road in the Doune Riggs estate, pedestrian access will be possible from Balkrach Street and there will be parking for 35 cars. The plans show 6 consulting rooms, offices and additional space for practice nurses and visiting clinicians. A larger meeting room will offer facilities for group treatment, such as antenatal and child health classes, and this room will be available for community use.

There are still a few hurdles to cross before the building can start. At present the business case has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Capital Investment Group, for consideration in April. If approval is forthcoming, a full business case will be developed and submitted to the Scottish Government for full approval. If all goes according to plan, building should start as early as this summer 2016 and completion by Spring 2017. The total cost of the project is £2.4 million.

Let's hope there are no more delays and building work will finally start soon, to give Doune and surroundings areas a modern Health Centre, to provide medical services for many years to come.

Dr Philip Rose, GP Partner, Doune.

The halls' website is being updated. Visit www.blairdrummondhall.co.uk to see our new look website.

Blair Drummond Blethers

The February meeting of the Blair Drummond Blethers enjoyed yet another tasty lunch of home-made soups and sandwiches. This was followed by a very interesting talk, given by Kate Sankey, about her years farming on the edge of Flanders Moss. Kate brought along some beautiful examples of her woven baskets, and considerable interest was shown in the weaving workshops that she holds at West Moss-side Farm.

Easter Monday saw the final date on our winter soup and sandwich calendar. After an excellent lunch we enjoyed a lot of fun with another Blethers Beetle Drive. Most of the prizes were won by the gentlemen, who clearly take their games very seriously, but win or lose everyone went home with a cream egg! Special thanks go to Catherine Killen for organising this event so expertly.



We are now back to our summer meeting time of 2 - 4pm when tea, coffee and home-baking is served. Our get-together in April was in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday, when the tables were decorated to reflect the occasion, we enjoyed a superb afternoon tea and held a "Right Royal Quiz". It was amazing how much people

knew about the royal family but equally how much was not! The winning team scored very highly and good fun was had by all.

A few dates for your diary:

30th May – Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel the session with a trained physiotherapist, on exercises without even leaving our seats. Instead this will be a Chat afternoon. Apologies to those folks who were looking forward to the session and hopefully we will be able to reschedule it at a later date.

27th June – Tea and chat afternoon.

25th July - Gordon Foster of The Antiques Roadshow will be bringing a few antiques of his own to show us. If you would like to bring along an interesting item Gordon may choose to share his knowledge about it. *(Please do not bring fragile heirlooms, as we cannot take responsibility for them).*

Thank you to all who make this group possible through their efforts and attendance. **Kate Ingle**

DOUNE & DUNBLANE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 2nd July, Keir Mains, Dunblane, Junction 11 off the M9 North.

Doune and Dunblane Show is one of the most popular annual events in the area. The show is organised and hosted by Doune & Dunblane Agricultural Society, in order to showcase the best of local livestock, agricultural products and rural crafts to the public. This is our 69th Annual Show and we hope it will be bigger and better than last year.

Our Show is the perfect mix of the traditional agricultural show, where it's all about the livestock, the competition and showmanship, as well as having a huge variety of trade, craft and food stands and live entertainment, to ensure a great day out for all the family. But don't take our word for it, come and see for yourself!

Things we want to shout about...

- This year we have classes within the Dairy Section, where **Any Other Breed** can now enter
- Cattle section, we now have a class for **ANY PAIRS**
- And last but not least, we are introducing the **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**.

All entry forms etc., are available to download from our website



Our **VIP guest** this year will be **Mr Jamie Muir**, Blair Drummond Safari and Adventure Park. Mr Muir and his team are big supporters of the Show.

Classes this year will be in Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Clydesdale Horses, Light Horse & Ponies, Vintage Tractors & Working Machinery, as well as Sheep Shearing, Wood Carving, Crook Making, and the ever so popular Pets Parade.

Main ring entertainment will come in many guises, details not finalised yet.

Pony Club will run a friendly Games Competition against other local branches. Mounted games consist of 5 riders working as a team, racing their ponies up lanes of obstacles, the children are all 15 years and under; and will carry and pass equipment as well as vault on and off their

ponies. Information about what the competition involves can be found on the Pony Club website www.pcuk.org.

Callander and District Young Farmers will be present, as well as the **Doune Pipe Band** who will be performing for us.

In 2017 **Team Noble** embark on **The Talisker Atlantic Challenge**, a 3000 miles rowing endurance race across the world's most dangerous ocean. 2 of the crew members from the **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service** are originally from Dunblane and they will be coming along to show case the boat they are going to sail, in order to raise money for the Fire Service Charity Fund (**Facebook- Teamnoble2017 or website team-noble.org**).

We are also running a **Shearing Event** on the Friday (1st July) prior to Show day. This should be a good fun night, BBQ will be available (Skinners of Kippen) and a full bar.

Barn Dance this is our fundraiser and it will be held at Upper Spittalton Farm, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Burnett on the 4th June. Dance to music from the Andy Gordon Ceilidh Band, who are well known within the Young Farmers circuits. Full bar available and there will be food vendor van, selling burgers etc.

Check out our website www.douneanddunblaneshow.co.uk or Facebook page for updates as they happen.

Email: info@douneanddunblaneshow.co.uk , Tel No: 07769336861

Thornhill & Blair Drummond Community Council News

The Police Scotland report noted that there have been a large number of road safety issues on the A84 in recent months, including a very bad accident involving several vehicles. The Community Council has now informed Stirling Council that the roadside displays which are meant to warn north-bound drivers of traffic build-up towards the Safari Park, are not working.

Regarding the proposed future development by Graham's Dairies of their Bridge of Allan site for housing use, this has been rejected due to flood plain issues. This is currently subject to a legal challenge. Although this matter does not directly affect the Trossachs and Teith ward – the outcome of this proposal may affect the proposed development of Hill of Drip farm. The next meeting will be held at Thornhill Primary School on 24th May at 19.30.

ALL WELCOME.

Ken Ingle, Community Councillor

Blair Drummond Hall Diary Dates

Weekly Classes

Wednesday: Ballroom dancing – 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Thursday: Fitness Class – 7.15pm to 8.15pm

Other Events

Thursday 5th May: MSP Elections. 7.00am – 10.00pm
Saturday 21st May: NFU Charity Wine Tasting Evening. 7.00pm
Monday 30th May: Blair Drummond Blethers. 2 – 4pm. Afternoon Tea and Chat.
Saturday 4th June: Family BBQ at Blair Drummond Safari Park – see Advert.
Thursday 23rd June: EU Referendum. 7.00am – 10.00pm
Monday 27th June: Blair Drummond Blethers. 2 – 4pm. Afternoon Tea and Chat.
Monday 25th July: Blair Drummond Blethers. 2 – 4pm. Afternoon Tea with Antiques Road Show Expert Gordon Fraser .
Monday 29th August: Blair Drummond Blethers. 2 – 4pm. Afternoon Tea and Chat

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 or info@blairdrummondhall.co.uk.

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Youth Club

Well, another year has passed and Youth Club has finished again for the summer!

During the past 6 months approx 20 young people have come along regularly to Blair Drummond Community Hall on a Tuesday evening, to catch up with friends and play the odd game or two.

This year the Youth Club successfully applied for a "Scottish Government CashBack Small Grants Scheme" and was awarded £1002. Some of this money was spent on new equipment, which includes netball stands and gymnastic mats. The kids have enjoyed playing new games with this equipment and the mats have been very popular with the more flexible members! The rest of the money will be spent before the next season begins and will probably be used for an Ipod and docking station (and ear defenders for Lorna and Mary!), so that the members can enjoy some music.



As usual we like to have a wee outing or 2 and this year we had a rather nice meal at Christmas in the Highland Gate and enjoyed a trip to a Trampoline Park in East Kilbride. We are very grateful to Rev Andy Campbell, who once again organised and drove the minibus to take us to Airspace. Many thanks also to the Mums who volunteered to drive too! The kids had an hour of bouncing about and jumping from great heights into foam pits and all went home exhausted!

Youth Club has closed now but will be back in late September for another session. Anyone aged 10 and above can come along to Youth Club on a Tuesday night from 7pm till 9pm and all new members will be made very welcome.

Mary Inglis, Youth Club Leader

Blair Drummond Curling Club

In early March 2016 the Club competed for the Moss Cup against Port of Menteith Curling Club, with Blair Drummond coming out winners, following a most enjoyable day at Perth Ice Rink.

The 2015/16 season ended with the AGM at the beginning of April. The season proved to be a success for the Club, membership standing at 24 playing members.



The office bearers for the coming year were elected as follows;

President – John Sands

Chairman – Fred Bauer

Vice-chairman – Anne Christie

Treasurer – Jackie O'Neil

Secretary – Stephen Walker

Trophy Secretary – Susan Seaman

Club Development Officer – Nigel Holl

The Club's thanks goes to Rory Duff, who did a sterling job of being Club Treasurer for many years.

The Club competition trophies were presented (*see photograph for Committee members and trophy winners*).

During the year we welcomed 2 new members, Tanya Brown and Jane Hutchison. The Club thanks all members for their support, including those who will not be playing in the 2016/17 season.

The Club were pleased to assist in 'Come and Try' curling sessions for pupils from Kincardine in Menteith Primary School during late April and early May.

If you are interested in curling, please contact Fred on 07500 354 004.

Blair Drummond School



Louise Maxwell has kindly shared this 1983 school photo with us and has been able to name all the children too.

Back row left to right

Mariad Wells, Adele Rodgers, Abbie McKenzie, Donna Mitchell

3rd Row

Miss Drummond (Head Teacher), Ross McKinney, Karl Paget, Andrew Findlay, Ewan Beaton, Michael McKinstry, Graeme Beaton, Donald Mitchell, Mrs Colomatina (teacher in the 'wee' class)

2nd Row

Carol Stewart, Neil Cameron, Juliet Mathews, Neil Beaton, Thomas Allan, William Maxwell, Jackie Rodgers, Ewan Fenwick, Stacy Wells

Front Row

Julia Barbour, Susan Cameron, Linda McNie, Jane Beaton, Lorraine McNie, Kirsty Carr, Gillain Fenwick, Deirdre Riddle Louisa Maxwell.

**Blair Drummond Community Hall
Association
Annual Family BBQ**

**On Saturday 4th June from 6.30pm
In Blair Drummond Safari Park
Tickets £5 (under 5s free)
BYOB & Snacks
Ticket by admission only
Contact Louise on 01786 841352
or Helen 01786 860578 or any
committee member**





Wine Tasting / Charity Fundraiser
Saturday 21st May 7.00pm
In Blair Drummond Community Hall

NFU Stirling Office is hosting an evening of wine tasting at Blair Drummond Community Hall. The event is being sponsored by NFU Mutual Stirling, and is in support of two of Scotland's leading rural charities, RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) and RSABI (Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution).

Woodwinters Wines & Whiskies from Bridge of Allan will provide a selection of delicious wines from around the globe, and the team from Woodwinters will be on hand to talk us through each wine.

Entry to the event is free, but we would appreciate it if all attendees make a charitable donation on the night, the proceeds of which will be equally split between RHET and RSABI.

The evening is open to members and non-members alike.

If you'd like to join us for the evening, please contact us at the Stirling Office on 01786 446585 as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Iain Logan & David Lyle. Group Secretaries





Rev's Rant! Show support !

Dear Friends

Do you remember the 2015 Doune & Dunblane Agricultural Show? Not many will 'cos only the hardiest of weather-proof folk ventured out on that July day full of thunder and lightning, flooded roads and fields and lashing rain. Three weeks earlier the Gargunnock Show faired even worse when gale force winds blew the beer tent away – catastrophe! But full marks went to the organising teams who managed to press on regardless. '*The Show must go on*' was definitely the cry that went up and these events will go down in the annals of Agri-Show history. Being honest they heralded a pretty awful summer and an even worse winter for all our farming folk across this area and across the rest of Scotland and northern England with floods, destruction and despair. 'Can you not do something about this weather meenister?' was asked more than once. 'Im in sales not management', was my response. BBC TV has certainly given farming a boost over the past couple of months, with programmes like "*The Mart*" and "*This Farming Life*" making stars of George and Sybil (I married them!), Bobby and Anne Lennox, Martin and Mel and the rest. We've all enjoyed watching them, but perhaps there is more that we can do for our farmers and neighbours than just watch. Farming life should be celebrated!

Make the commitment today, to go the Gargunnock Show on 4th June. Decide now to make Doune and Dunblane Show a day out on 3rd July, for you and the family - whatever the weather. Invite your friends – and show support for each other and those who feed this nation, make the countryside look as wonderful as it does and whose livelihood is under threat more than ever this year. "*Countryfile*" reported recently that prices farmers are getting are down across the board – dairy, beef, lamb, pigs and cereals. There is worry too about the effects of the EU referendum and the Scottish elections. We are neighbours and friends; a community who are quick to lend each other a hand when the snow falls and we need snowploughing done, or when we need a trailer or tractor to enable a community event to take place. So let's make the Agri-shows really buzz in 2016.

I've got faith in farming and I hope you'll show that you do too!

God Bless

Rev Andy



Update on New Micro-chipping laws

As most people are aware, there have been changes to the law regarding micro-chipping. I thought this would be a good time to clarify the rules, given the lack of media exposure that these changes have had.

- All dogs are now required to be micro-chipped, by the age of 8 weeks.
- Every dog over the age of 8 weeks is now required be micro-chipped with no exceptions.

Exemptions: There are no exemptions based on age.

Penalties for dogs found not to chipped, or incorrect details:

If the breeder or the new owner of the dog do not update the dogs details on an approved database, then it is possible that they may face prosecution and a £500 fine, or in some circumstances the dog may be seized and micro-chipped at the owners' expense.

Another commonly asked question is regarding collars and identification - Please note that under the 'Control of Dogs Order 1992', every dog, while in a highway or in a place of public resort, is required to wear a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed on the collar, or on a plate or badge attached to it.

If you have any queries, or need to have your dog micro-chipped, then please contact us, at Struthers and Scott on 01786 841304 and we will be happy to help.



Camphill, Blair Drummond

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June 2016 – Camphill Blair Drummond turns 40 in June! We have set a challenge to raise £40,000 to give the community a birthday gift of an equipped outdoor sports area for our residents, students, co-workers and staff to enjoy.

Please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/40kBirthdayChallenge> to help us achieve our goal.

Saturday 11th June: 6pm – 9pm Bike Safari

Year 5 of our popular Bike Safari! Will you take on the Ostrich Challenge of 10 laps around the Safari Park or will you be a Cheeky Monkey and do one lap? See our website for more details.

Sunday 12th June: 3pm – 5pm

Shona Gidney and friends return to Blair Drummond House for an entertaining afternoon, featuring music for ensemble, piano, woodwind and voice. Refreshments included. Tickets available from the Appeal Office. Please call 01786 841573 ext.113 or email andrea.khan@camphillblairdrummond.org.uk

Saturday 18th June & Sunday 19th June: Birthday Celebrations!

There's something for everyone in our birthday programme – do come and join us!

Saturday 10am – 5pm: Forth Valley Open Studios

Our Community is delighted to be taking part in the Forth Valley Open Studios event again. Our doors will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 18th June and Sunday 19th June. We hope you can come and enjoy looking at the wonderful art and craft work we do here.

12pm – 4pm:

It's our 40th birthday! Come and celebrate with us at our Open Afternoon. Check our website for more details.

Sunday 19th June

10am – 5pm: Forth Valley Open Studios

1pm – 5pm: 'Scotland's Open Gardens'

Visit Park House on Cuthil Brae and enjoy an afternoon in the sunshine, exploring Jamie and Sue Muir's wonderful gardens. Then wander along the Woodland Trail to Blair Drummond House for a cream tea on our lawn. What a treat!

Admission £5, children free. Camphill receives 40% of the admission fee, with the remainder going to Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries.

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Callander Young Farmers

After the roaring success of our variety concert back in January, the Club has been back in action on stage, taking part in the Young Farmers 'Talent Spot' competition. After weeks of preparation the Club trod the boards at the Albert Halls, Stirling and although they didn't progress through to the next round, the scene 'Tinderalla', written by Rosalind Bennie, won Best Reserve concert act.

In between practices the Club also found time to travel up to Elgin to take part in the National Competitions Weekend. Kirsteen McAllister and her glamorous assistants came third in the 'Young Farmers Got Talent' competition on the Friday night, and on the Saturday the Club competed at the National Bowling Competition. There were dances on both nights, where the Club cheered on the District representative Stuart Rankin, who was challenging for Member of the Year.



The Club is a proud supporter of improving the skills and knowledge of young people, and so held a match Ploughing Training Day at Norrieston Farm, courtesy of the Black family. Here several members of the Club and other

young farmers from the district learned from members of the Central Scotland Reversible and Buchlyvie Ploughing Society how to plough to competition standards and also picked up valuable tips to use on the farm. These members went on to compete in a Young Farmers class at the Buchlyvie Ploughing Society's match on 12th March.

Upcoming events include the West Regional Talent Sport at the Armadillo in Glasgow, the Clyde & Central Calf Rally and the Club's AGM.

If anyone is interested in joining the Club don't hesitate, get in contact via the Facebook page, or phone 07557991784.

David Bennie, Chairman

Kincardine in Menteith Primary School

Swimming Primary Five have enjoyed taking part in swimming lessons since January. Swimming took place at the Peak in Stirling, on a Monday and Thursday afternoon.

Gymnastics Well done to our P4-7 representatives at the recent Gymnastics' Tournament. We had 10 gymnasts take part in two different teams in the event at McLaren High.

Rotary Quiz Flora, Charlotte, Kirsty and Caitlin represented the school at the recent Rotary Quiz in Callander. They worked hard to prepare for the day and enjoyed being part of the event.

Tennis Taster Primary 1-7 took part in 4 Tennis sessions with Active Stirling. The sessions were enjoyed by everyone and we are now going to run a lunchtime club so that we can continue to develop our skills.

Cricket Tony from Callander Cricket Club ran a lunchtime club for us in March. There are going to be a few competitions coming up soon.



Book Launch On Wednesday the 23rd March we had an Open Afternoon in school, to show parents and members of the community the books that we had written. P1-4 wrote stories linked to their topic on the Romans and P5-7 wrote a book about a passenger on the Titanic.

Curling Taster sessions A big thank you to Fred Bauer for helping us organise some curling sessions at the Peak. P5-7 will take part in two sessions on the ice with Active Stirling. Maybe the local Curling Club will have some new members in the future!

End of Term Service This year we are going to have two end of term services. The first will take place in the Church and the second will take place at the Highland Show in Edinburgh on Thursday 23rd June. Rev Andy Campbell has arranged for us to have our service at the Show at 11am, we will have a live stream so that people can watch it at home if they can't be there. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at the service! So if you are at the Show on the Thursday it would be great if you could come along. Details of the link will be available from the school nearer the time.

Gael Campbell

Briskona

COMPETITION TIME

Refer a friend and you could win a month free!!

All you have to do is refer your friends & family throughout May and after their installation you get entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a month free!!

Call the office on 01259 726630 or
order online at www.briskona.com

Winner announced at the end of
May



BLAIR DRUMMOND ESTATE

Hardwood Logs	£180/ load
Hardwood Logs	£90/ half load
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Softwood Logs	£65/ half load
Small bags	£5 for hardwood
Small bags	£4 for softwood

Contact: **Bob**

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NEW FITNESS CLASSES

Interval based training and body conditioning classes now running in KIPPEN, BALFRON and BLAIRDUMMOND:

- **Mondays 9.35am - 10.35am at the McLintock Hall, Balfron**
- **Mondays - 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Kippen Village Hall**
- **Wednesday – 9.30am – 10.30am in Kippen Village Hall**
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