

The Grapevine

November 2015

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One of the many table decorations kindly donated by New Horizons Floral Club

Blair Drummond Community Hall

10th Birthday Party

On 25th September the Hall Committee held a wonderful Afternoon Tea Party to celebrate 10 years since the opening of the hall. There were many locals there, as well as representatives from some of the groups who use the hall. Colin O'Brian, who opened the hall in 2005, came along with his wife to help us celebrate, as did Councillor Fergus Wood. It was a great afternoon and the Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting our Birthday Party.



Some of the visitors enjoying afternoon tea at the 10th Birthday Party

Defibrillator

At our AGM in June, the Hall Committee decided to purchase a defibrillator, to be sited at the hall. The cost of this will be approximately £1500. At the 10th Birthday Party the

proceeds from the Raffle and Donation Box, raised £810 towards the defibrillator.



Some Youth Club members being instructed on using a Defibrillator by Dunblane Rapid Response volunteers who came along on the day to show us all how easy it is to use.

We have also now received very generous donations from Callander Ladies Circle, from Thornhill & Blair

Drummond Community Council and the 3F Group, bringing our current total to £1220. With the proceeds from the Christmas Raffle to be added to the fund, we hope it will not be long before we have the defibrillator in place!

If you would like to donate towards the fund please contact any Hall Committee member, all donations will be welcome.

Janette Gilliland, BD Hall Committee Chairperson.

Blair Drummond Blethers

What a success! The Blair Drummond Blethers held a MacMillan Cancer Fundraiser Coffee afternoon in September (hard on the heels of the Hall's 10th Birthday Tea Party) and raised an amazing £217! A huge 'Thank You' is due to everyone who gave so generously to this worthwhile charity. And a good afternoon was enjoyed by all.

In October the group held their Bring a Pal Lunch. This annual event ensured 40 people enjoyed the soup and sandwiches provided by volunteers. After lunch Craig Walker from Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park provided, along with 2 volunteer Rangers, an overview of their work and aims for the future of the Park.

For the November meeting (Monday 30^{th} 12 – 2.00pm), as well as enjoying lunch, we're going to be joined by the children from the Primary School, who are planning to give us an informal Christmas concert.

So if you live in the local communities, are over the age of 50 years, and would like to join us please do come along. You'll be made very welcome.

For more information please contact -

Christine Bauer (Tel: 01786 841191) or **Fiona Campbell** (Tel: 01786 860678).

Births



Stuart Barclay and Catherine MacGregor are delighted to announce the birth of their son Neil MacGregor Barclay on 15th October 2015. A little brother for their 3 girls Cameron, Jessica and Elizah.

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre takes place on **Friday 27**th **November** from 7pm till 9pm, in the Blair Drummond Hall. We have over 20 stalls coming along including Mary's Kitchen; Judes Jewels; Stella & Dot; Briarlands Farm; Phoenix Cards; Blair Drummond Youth Club and Kincardine In Menteith Primary School, as well as many of the regular stallholders who have been coming every year. 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 Blair Drummond Defibrillator Fund.

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

Admission is £1 for adults, children 50p and includes mulled wine/tea/juice and mince pie/shortbread.

For more information please contact Catherine Killen(Tel: 01786860246)

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Youth Club - Needs your help!

This year at the Christmas Fayre, the Youth Club are holding a bottle stall to raise funds for equipment and outings.....so we are looking for donations of bottles of any type, from food and drink to alcohol and even toiletries. They just need to be unopened and within date, so clear out your kitchen cupboards and lets raise some funds! Donations can be handed in to Youth Club on a Tuesday evening, or given to Mary Inglis, or Lorna FotheringhamThank you

The Youth Club started again for this season on the 29th September and



runs every Tuesday night in Blair Drummond Hall from 7-9pm. There are currently around 20 members attending every week, ranging in age from 10 to 15. There is an annual fee of £10, which covers insurance etc., and a weekly charge of £1, which is for hall hire, and there is a reasonably priced tuck shop, selling juice, crisps and sweets and is always a hit with the members.

On the 27th October we held our annual Halloween party. There was an obstacle course, dooking for apples, treacle doughnuts on a string and various other games, involving lots of icing sugar and sweets! It was the usual mix of madness and mayhem and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, as the photos prove! Also this year there will be



someone coming in to show the members some self-defence skills and there will be some Christmas craft activities for those who like to be a little more sedate – There is something for everyone! If you would like more information about the Youth Club, or would like to donate a bottle or two, please contact either **Mary Inglis** on 07443 455978 or **Lorna Fotheringham** on 07851 364227.

Kincardine in Menteith Church

On Sunday 27th September we welcomed at our font Harris James More, son of Ashley and Robin and the congregation was increased by family and friends who accompanied and supported them on this happy occasion.

Here at Kincardine in Menteith we are happy to welcome families and are always ready to discuss options of baptism and blessing for children of local families. It's a great way to celebrate new life and acknowledge God's love at a time of family celebration (Phone Rev Andy on 07523420079, to get more information). Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated on 25th October, when Rev Lynne conducted our service. Our Communion Service on 1st November was conducted by Rev Andy.

Looking forward to Christmas and New Year, our services are -

20th **December** – Family Christmas Service at 9.30pm

24th December - Christmas Eve Watchnight Service at

11.30pm at Kincardine in Menteith

25th December – Christmas Day Service in both Gargunnock and Kilmadock (Doune) at 10.30am

27th December – Sunday Service in Gargunnock at 10.30am 3rd January – Sunday Service in Kincardine in Menteith at 9.30am. Start the year with a New Year resolution, to get out of bed and come to church!

And before that, to get you into the Christmas spirit, come along to Carols in the Kirk, this will be held in Gargunnock Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 6th December, when you can sing some favourite carols and be entertained by Gargunnock Songsters and other local artists. Rev Andy will compere the evening.

J Gilliland, Session Clerk.



The Rev's Rural Rant.

I've often thought how much alike farmers and ministers are, which may surprise some of you! OK we do an entirely different set of jobs, but a lot of the time in the same sort of way. Oh, it's nothing so tacky as equating the congregation to the minister's flock, or sowing ideas never knowing if they are going to come to fruition and often being disappointed. It's the way we work: pretty much on our own a lot of the time. When things go well, we can take the credit but if they don't, we carry the can - alone! At least that's what it feels like. It's true that ministers do get together the same way as farmers - but then there is a fair bit of competitive edge amidst the "friendly rivalry" and banter. Why is it that we always seem to need to compare how we are doing with the guy across the field and usually think they are having an easier time of it than we are!

Of course we are more than ready to help the man down the road if he needs our help. If truth be known we actually enjoy doing so, even if it puts us under additional pressure, because it allows us (a) to work in a team and (b) feel good about ourselves because he came to us for help! The trouble is we don't actually like asking for help when **we** need it. We believe we should be self-sufficient. Asking for help seems to say "I'm not coping". As for telling someone how we are feeling – don't even go there!

Apparently this is not just a Scottish thing; it happens across the U.K. – perhaps it's a universal trait of farmers and priests. At **Faith** in Farming at Briarlands last month we learned about the Farm Community Network (www.fcn.org.uk) which operates below Hadrian's wall, listening to farmers when things are tough and when they are going well, finding resolutions with awkward government or bank officials when single payments are late, or when farm-family wars break out. like a great idea; which we are hoping to import to Scotland with the help Many of us rejected the idea of national of RSABI and others. independence last year, but we have not yet learnt the benefits of local inter-dependence yet. It's no surprise that Jesus of Nazareth gathered a group of guys together and told them to work with each there rather than alone for He knew that a 'self-made man' is fallacy and that God designed humanity to share.

Until we get FCN established you'll just have to make do with me!

Yours aye

Andy Campbell

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Resolve To Get Involved!

A discussion with people brought together by the Stirling Local Food Collective highlighted the fact that there's plenty of things going on in the local area, but it was either difficult to get people to sign up to things, or they simply didn't know about them.

Rather than just leaving it at that, we've decided to do something about it and hold an event to highlight what's happening in 2016 (and ongoing) in the Blair Drummond, Doune, Deanston, Kippen and Gargunnock area. In the New Year, when everyone's overindulged and is looking for ways to shift a couple of turkey pounds, what better time to volunteer, start training for an event or resolve to eat better quality, locally produced food.

The Inn at Kippen are kindly providing the venue on Saturday 16th January, where there will be stalls and information on things from the Lanrick Challenge, Flanders Moss, Camphill Blair Drummond and a new cycle route from Gargunnock to Stirling. There will also be a range of local food producers to entice you with their wonderful produce.

For more details on timings for the day and who will be there, contact **Daisy Muir** by email on daisymuir@hotmail.com

The halls' website is currently offline while we make some improvements. We hope to be back online by December

Can you take your next edition of The Grapevine by Email?

The paper copies of The Grapevine are delivered by a small group of volunteers. We understand that not everyone has access to a computer so we are very happy to hand deliver a paper copy to them. However if you could receive your copy by email please help us by sending us your contact details and a note of your address(so we know where to stop delivering a paper copy to). Thank you.

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Callander Young Farmers

Callander Young Farmers is inviting former members to help the group celebrate a landmark anniversary. This year the club is celebrating its 70th Anniversary with a dinner dance on 21st November at the Highland Hotel, Stirling. The night will consist of a drinks reception, three-course meal and a ceilidh with music from the Andy Gordon ceilidh band. Tickets are £34 and can be booked by contacting Secretary **Rosalind Bennie** on 07769268824.



At the start of September, five members competed for the Clyde and Central District at 'West Big Night Out'. Members then had the chance to show off their skills at the district 'Root, Seed and Produce Show'. Gemma Bevins received several prizes for her home baking. Three members of the club competed at the Clyde and Central District 'Mr and Miss Young Farmer' competition. Current Callander concert

convenor, Jeni McNicoll(centre) was placed first and went through to compete at the West Region final, but sadly did not get placed there.



Some of the lads competed at the Clyde and Central clay pigeon shoot at Kippen a few weekends ago. We then had a club outing to 'Airspace', which was great fun for all!

Thornhill & Blair Drummond Community Council

The Community Council meeting was held in Thornhill, on 22nd September. Matters discussed at the meeting included:

Police reports and feedback on a variety of issues, including local criminal activity and speeding offences in the area. Radar speed traps will continue to be deployed on the A84, the A873 in Thornhill and other roads in the area.

Thornhill's new defibrillator is now installed at Robert Dykes Jnr's works on Main Street. The CC has agreed to help finance a similar defibrillator to be sited at Blair Drummond Community Hall. This will add £250 to the generous donations already received at the Afternoon Tea held to celebrate the hall's 10th anniversary. It is worth noting that the recently installed Kinlochard defibrillator has already been instrumental in saving a life.

Stirling Councillor Fergus Wood updated the Committee on the priority budget consultations that are currently under way. This is all about how Stirling Council will allocate funds in these financially difficult times. He also spoke about 'community empowerment' and how this might help improve local area services and save money. In particular, the idea of bringing back Village Officers (VO) was discussed and agreed as a promising way forward, in order to undertake a range of local civic duties. The role of VO is currently under development but would be expected to cover such things as lollipop duty, notice-board updates etc.

The next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm in Thornhill Primary School.** All are welcome to attend.

Ken Ingle, Community Councillor.

Kincardine in Menteith Primary School

Trip to Camphill

On Tuesday the 15th of September 2015 Kincardine in Menteith Primary School went on a trip to Camphill, to see their chickens. They have 30 chickens and some pigs. They are hoping to get some Shetland ponies, guinea pigs and some rabbits too.

They have a very big hen pen which is split into two parts, on one side there is the gate to get into the hen pen and also has the chicken coop. Beside all the chicken and pig pens there was a hut that had a small sink on the side and inside we got juice or milk. The teachers got tea and coffee. Just before we left we were allowed to throw some apples into the pig's pen. The apples had been grown by Camphill, so some of Kincardine in Menteith pupils ate some of the apples.

We were then taken inside and saw the library and hall, we then got our coats and were taken back to school in the Camphill bus.



School Chickens

The chickens arrived at school on the 19th of October. The Duff family were taking care of the chickens for a couple of weeks so that they were used to having children and other chickens around them.

That day, Mrs Duff kindly came into our school with the chickens, to help us get them settled in. We all helped with

the chickens including:

Doing the bedding for the chickens

Filling up the water

Filling up the food

Putting oyster shells outside in a corner for calcium

Spreading mite powder under the bedding

And making sure the chickens are well and happy!

We are all very excited about the chicken project and are

looking forward to getting our first eggs.







We have been very lucky to have had lots of help from everybody to get us started. We have enjoyed working with the staff and students from Camphill to build our fence. Gerry and Mrs Duff are very knowledgeable about chickens.

Netball Festival

On the 22nd of October, Primary 5 – 7 went to a netball festival at McLaren Leisure Centre in Callander. It was from 4 o'clock until 6 o'clock after school. Both teams won a game against another school. Everyone looked very smart in their new netball skirt or shorts that were bought for us by the Parent Council. We enjoyed the competition and are looking forward to some more games in the spring.

New Hoodies

We have been very lucky that the Parent Council have provided us all with new school hoodies. We are very happy to have them to wear for school events so that people around us can know that we are representing our school. The hoodies are bright red and look very smart.

Learning to Knit

We are very lucky to have been joined by some ladies from our local community. They have been sharing their knitting skills with us and have been very patient. Everyone has enjoyed learning something new and we hope to make a blanket together as our skills improve.



Learning to knit with some expert help

Christmas Enterprise Project

Pupils in school are creating their own recipe book. We are looking for a variety of recipes to be included. If you would like to include a recipe in the book, please contact the school.

Kincardine in Menteith Parent Council 100 Club

Kincardine in Menteith Parent Council would like to extend a warm invitation to members of the community to get involved with our 100 Club, which is re-launching in January 2016. The 100 Club is a very effective way to raise funds for Kincardine in Menteith Primary school and while it raises funds for school it also gives you the opportunity to win cash prizes. At the end of June the 100 Club paid for 3 iPads for school and has supported many other projects that have benefited the school community.

The new format will have a £25 prize every month, then a bumper prize in December of £250! For those who are already signed up, thank you; your numbers will continue to be included in our monthly draws.

How it works and how you can get involved.

You are allocated a number, which is put into a monthly draw to win £25. The December draw is a bumper prize of £250.

Each number costs £1 per month and this is collected bi-annually by standing order.

Parents, grandparents, colleagues, friends and any other members of the community are welcome to join.

If you would like to join please email kimparentcouncil@gmail.com with your name and address, and indicate how many numbers you wish. Once we have this information we will issue you with your allocated numbers and a Standing Order form, which needs to be completed by you and handed into your bank. Alternatively a Standing Order can be set up by online banking.

Thank you!!

Lorna Duff, K in M Parent Council Treasurer.

Blair Drummond Curling Club

The 2015/16 season is well under way, with about 26 members actively playing, a great start to the season.

Before the season began one of our members Graeme Giles passed away, after a very short illness. Graeme was Vice Chairman of the Club, an active member of the Stirling Curling Group and very involved in the encouragement of young, new and existing members. Coaching was another of Graeme's interests and only weeks before his passing he took part in a Club coaching session. Graeme will be sorely missed and the Club's thoughts are with Clare and her family.

At the end of June the Club organised a coaching session, at which seven members participated, under the able coaching of Judith McCreadie. I am sure all those who took part picked up tips for the season!



A Grand Match was hosted by Ayr Curling Club, at Ayr Ice Rink at the end of October. Our Club was represented by Hugh Sloan, Rosemary Hunter, Steve Walker and Alistair Campbell. A great day out was enjoyed by all, with splendid hospitality from Ayr CC.

New members, Robin Nisbet, Rob Sherrard, Jackie O'Neil and James Walker joined the Club this year and have already made their mark.

Steve Walker and Jackie O'Neil attended the Bridge of Allan Curling Clubs' 225th anniversary dinner in September. At the end of November Steve Walker, Fred Bauer, Nigel Holl and Hugh Sloan will represent Blair Drummond at the Anniversary Bonspiel.

Anyone interested in taking up curling would be most welcome in the Blair Drummond Curling Club. Contact **Fred Bauer** on 07500 354 004.

The Community of Blair Drummond

Jimmy Maxwell of North Kirklane Farm, Blair Drummond has kindly shared his 1958 school photo with us and with the help of his sister Jennifer and Christina More have managed to name many of the faces.



Back row left to right

Arthur Denholm, James Maxwell, -McMillan, -Mc Millan, John McNie, George Fleming, Ian McDonald, Tommy Moodie.

Middle row

Sheena McAra, Lesley Bachelor, Christina Parlane, Jessie Beamer, Barbara Scott, Catherine Moodie, Margaret Dunlop.

Front row

Margaret McNie, Margaret McFarlane, Winnie Beamer, Elizabeth Dougal, ----, Anne Comrie, -----, Jennifer Maxwell

Police Scotland

As with every year, some of our local school-leavers will have left for Colleges and Universities and should have seen various personal safety messages from Police Scotland, their Universities and other organisations aimed at encouraging students to protect themselves online, at their studies and in their accommodation. If they have somehow missed this, they can catch up on the Police Scotland website or on social media using #studentlife to find key information.

The online booklet 'A Guide to Security in the Rural Environment' has been updated to include advice on cyber crime. This booklet can be downloaded from the Police Scotland website.

Police Scotland have rolled out nationally a scheme whereby members of the public can ask if their new partner has a history of domestic abuse. This Disclosure Scheme is intended to help those at risk from Domestic abuse. There is a media campaign and information is on-line at the Police Scotland website and on social media, using #righttoask.

We are also running a campaign to counter door-step crime and so called bogus workers. This is not something the Blair Drummond area has had much experience of, but there is information on the Police Scotland website, which may help avoid overpaying for bad quality work. As the old saying goes, 'the nights are fair drawing in!' This brings a timely reminder to check your vehicles, ahead of the worse weather and (gulp!) snow. Please check your tyres have more than the legal minimum of 1.6mm tread. If you don't feel confident, pay a visit to a garage that will advise you. Also check your lights and windscreen washers/wipers. We will be focusing on these road safety issues in the coming months.

Darker nights also sometimes attract unwanted visitors. Don't make your house an attractive target. Leave a light on if you are out. Lock your car, even outside your house and put the keys somewhere safe.

There is more information about local Policing in the 'Your community' section of the POLICE SCOTLAND website, as well as other information about the Police in general. We can be contacted by phone on 999 in an emergency, and 101 for all other enquiries.

Your local office can be emailed at TrossachTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk and for those that use Twitter, we tweet using @StirlingPol regularly.

We hope everyone has a happy, peaceful and above all, safe Christmas and New Year, when it comes.

Anne-Marie Carter, Community Sergeant.

3F (Faith, fun and friends)

3F meets monthly in Gargunnock Community Centre at 7.30pm for young women. You can see from the photo that we all enjoyed ourselves

at the October meeting!



For Season 2, we're doing all sorts of different things, so having met the local guide dogs in August, feasted on a Pot Luck supper in September, we're now into Autumn activities. Fifteen ladies attempted to follow Anne Maitland's demonstration of making colourful decorations out of

glass, and the results were most

impressive. Now we have to be patient while our creations are fired, to fuse the glass elements, and by next month we should be planning where they'll hang in our homes. We meet again on Tuesday 24 November when our local minister - Rev Andy, will tell us about a series of pivotal phone-calls which made a difference to his life . . .

On Tuesday 8 December, we look forward to another activity, when Janet Iffla will share her considerable skills in floral art and we'll all have a go at making our own Christmas floral decorations. Do come and join in – we have a great laugh and encourage each other! Bring a container, flowers and greenery and anything else you want to include. (Don't forget to think about how to get the finished article home again!!).

A warm welcome to new faces – we start with a welcome, short time of worship followed by the speaker or activity, and tea/coffee to finish. Info from **Fiona Campbell** Tel 860678.



Admission £1

camphill blair drummond

5th December 2015

1pm ~ 4pm

- ~Craft~
- ~Textiles~
- ~Pottery~
- ~Christmas Wreaths~
- ~Bakery~
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Blair Drummond Hall Diary Dates

Weekly Classes

Monday: Metafit -6.00pm to 7.00pm

Tuesday: Youth Club – 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Wednesday: Ballroom dancing – 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Thursday: Metafit – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Other Events

Friday 27th Nov: Christmas Fayre 7pm – 9pm. See advert

Monday 30th Nov: Blair Drummond Blethers. 12 - 2pm.

Soup & sandwiches. School childrens' concert.

Monday 28th Dec: Blair Drummond Blethers. 12 - 2pm.

Soup, sandwiches, mince pies & shortbread.

Chat afternoon.

Monday 25th Jan: Blair Drummond Blethers. 12 – 2pm.

Burns Lunch.

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.

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FEED A FAMILY

this Christmas

Christmas cheer doesn't come cheap, we all know that.

But as you decide where to spend Christmas day, who to invite for dinner and how to cook the turkey, over 100 families in Stirlingshire will need to decide between heating or eating.

The sad reality is that many families can't afford to do both so we are asking for your help to Feed a Family this Christmas.

Donate online at tiny.cc/feedafamily 'Donate Now' on our Facebook cover page or Visit www.startupstirling.org.uk % will provide turkey

will provide Christmas Dinner

will provide a family food pack

€100 will provide a family with food for 4 weeks.

And if we exceed our target? Then we can Feed a Family (and individuals) for longer!

Any additional funds raised will be used to cover our on-going costs, helping us pay the bills into the new year.







Useful Contacts

Hall Bookings (Louise) 01786 841352

Kincardine In Menteith

Primary School 01786 841346

McLaren High School 01877 330156

Stirling Police 01786 456000

Stirling Council 01786 443322

Doune Health Centre 01786 841213

Woodside Pharmacy, Doune 01786 841216

NHS 24 08454 242424

Forth Valley Royal Hospital 01324 566000 Stirling Road, Larbert FK5 4WR

www.nhsforthvalley.com

There is a Minor Injury Unit based in the former Accident & Emergency Department at Stirling Royal Infirmary, which is open from 9.00am to 9.00pm, seven days a week. Children under the age of one should be taken direct to the new Forth Valley Royal Hospital at Larbert. Minor injuries include:

- Sprains and strains
- Suspected broken bones
- Minor eye injuries
- Minor burns and scalds
- Cuts and grazes
- Minor head and neck injuries
- Infected wounds

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christinebauer@tiscali.co.uk

or

catherine@grasslands.plus.com

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