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The Grapevine

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Down our Way

(An occasional series of interviews with local people)



John Sands

A recent conversation with John, well known in the Blair Drummond area and beyond, highlighted changes that continue in our community, as well as the local knowledge we can gain from a chat. Now a retired farmer he kindly shared some of his experiences of farming and local life -

My father, James, at the age of 24, took on the Nyadd Farm, in 1933. He was courting my mother Anny Mailer, whom he married in 1934. Farming at that time was in a big recession, as food and grain were coming in from the colonies. I was born in 1938. My father by then had established a small dairy, milking 24 cows twice a day, to start with by hand, but by the time I was born, a milking machine had been installed.

So life carried on into World War Two, which I don't remember much about. I can remember at one time having broken both my arms in one week at different times, at the age of four! And I remember seeing the bombers going over the farm on their way to bomb Clydebank. I went to the High School of Stirling Primary School, then Secondary, which I left at the age of 16, much to my father's disappointment, as at one time I wanted to be a surveyor. I can remember my father putting his alarm clock in my bedroom and telling me – 'Your day starts at five o'clock'. And after 1982 it was four o'clock and for the rest of my working life; seven days a week, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, for 46 years. But I have absolutely no regrets.

At that time, in the middle 50s, farm work was nearly all manual, or four legged horsepower. I first remember cutting hay with a four fingered mower, with a blade that shuttled back and forward. If you cut seven acres a day that was it (Passing farms now I can see the silage contractors cut fifty feet at a time and one hundred and forty acres a day). The hay was all built into ricks and then, with a horse fork like a crane, built into hay stacks of about twelve to fourteen tons each. These were then thatched and baled up in the winter, for feeding stock. Feed for all the stock now takes about 5% of the time, with ten times as many cows and other stock eating silage.

When I was 17 and learning to drive I joined Stirling Young Farmers. Having passed my driving test at the third attempt my transport at that time was an A30 Austin, in which I also took small pigs to market! It had to be spotless on a Saturday night, in case you had a girl to take out. I became quite involved in YF and enjoyed stock judging, was taught how to run meetings, speech making, drama and a bit of dancing, which usually happened in the church hall, by the Old Manse, at Blair Drummond. So hard work by day and a bit of social life at nights.

In 1958 my father was asked if he would become the Farm Manager at Boquhan Farm, by Kippen, an estate bought by industrialist Ross Anderson. Mr Anderson rebuilt the steading, mansion and four new cottages for workers. A new dairy unit was built, for over 100 milking cows, and the milk retailed. It was a pedigree herd which my father built

up, with good cows bought from the contacts he had in Scotland and England. My parents and younger brother James lived in the farm house at Boquhan for many years, until sadly in the late 60s, Mr Anderson Junior was killed in a motor accident. The farm had been bought for him, so a year after his death Ross Anderson Senior decided to sell the farm and my father and mother decided to retire.

Meantime I led a bachelor's life, happily running the farm at Nyadd. Things changed in 1959 when I went to a dance at Braco. Being a country dance there were many girls there that we all knew and some from Blair Drummond. Now, when I was at school, there were seven girls on the bus home at night and being the only boy on the bus, I knew them all. I tormented them and took their berets and hid them. But little did I know that one of them would become my wife! Back to the dance – I looked across the dance floor and this young lady smiled a beautiful smile back at me, so I went across the floor and asked her for the next dance. Her name was Isabel Brydie Paterson, my future wife.

We got engaged in May 1962, after I had asked Mr and Mrs Paterson for Isabel's hand in marriage. I had been ushered into the sitting room, where Isabel's dad and I had a chat, while the ladies disappeared into the kitchen. The ladies returned and we all had a small sherry to celebrate the happy event. I had a farm van for transport and decided to also buy a car for Isabel and I, so I ordered an MG1100, a small family saloon. It was British racing green and the first one to be seen in the Stirling area. I told Isabel to use the car, as she had a lot of running about to do before the wedding. Her father was astounded that his daughter's future husband would let her drive his new car, as she did not get to drive her father's. Mind you, his car was a Humber Super Snipe, more like a tank! The price of any car in 1962 was the same price as my grandson's mobile phone in 2017. We married in November 1962, here at our local church.

The farming day went on as usual but things on the dairy side were beginning to change. The installing of a bulk tank in the 60s, along with a glass pipeline round the byre was a big step forward. Milk was cooled to five degrees much quicker, and no ten gallon cans to move about. We had run a flying herd until then, buying freshly calved cows at markets and selling them as cast cows when their lactation finished. There were always plenty of newly calved cows to buy. I began to buy just heifers in-milk and put back in-calf, and so we began to rear our own replacements. On the pig keeping side of my farming business, I had started off keeping sows and farrowing them and selling the weaners at the market. But then we moved into fattening pens. The fat pigs were sold on to a bacon

factory in Stirling. The money to be made in pigs was as good as dairying, so I decided to expand the pig enterprise. Eventually the turnover was 1,500 fat pigs a year. We used about four hundred tons of grain in a year, along with about eighty tons of soya for protein. But by the late 90s the price of barley was much dearer and the supply of pigs was harder, as my supplier had stopped keeping pigs. We had also, by this time, tripled the size of the dairy and the number of buildings to accommodate the stock.

An important thing about a Carse farm is good drainage and to keep ditches well cleaned. In the late 1960s we drained 14 acres, by digging out a trench, done by a revolving wheel and sliding the tiles down a chute at the back of the drainer. Handling all the tiles to keep the drainer working was quite a job. The tiles came in by lorry and were loaded onto trailers, to supply the draining machine. The drains then had to be filled in again with a digger side blade. Six years later we did another 27 acres of drainage. Then a further 42 acres, using plastic piping by then! Over the years, I took note where drains and outlets were, with arrows pointing in the direction of the water run.

Labour on the farm had changed quite a bit, when I left school my father had a ploughman (who was a very important person on a farm before tractors) and byre man. He milked the cows in the byre, where the cows were tied up in stalls, usually tied there for the winter. Over the years that changed to dairyman. When Isabel and I married, we had just a dairyman and myself. We had an extra man at hay and harvest and a borstal boy from Stirling Borstal, these boys on their own were very good workers.

With no pigs after 1995 we just had the cows and young stock to look after, ably helped by Tom Gilliland, who alongside his wife Janette, had moved to work with us in 1982 and later came into partnership, thereby allowing Isabel and I to retire in 1999.

For Isabel, bringing up our lovely girls Karen and Lesley kept her busy. And with her office skills she kept the farm paperwork under control, as well as being church Treasurer (for over 40 years). Outwith the farm we greatly enjoyed meeting up with other farming families, playing cards on Saturday evenings (I learned to play cards as a child, taught by my granny Sands and it's a hobby I've enjoyed all my life, especially bridge) and being involved in the Church here in Blair Drummond. I was a member of Dunblane Round Table, and Isabel a member of the Ladies Circle, one of the best activities we ever got involved in, allowing us to meet a wide range of people from different professions, with such diverse interests. I was also a member of Lanarkshire Friesian Breeders Club, from about 1985. The herds in that area were more competitive than

Stirling area. At stock judging and farm visits I learned a lot, but I was never an out and out stockman. I was also involved in the local NFU. After Isabel and I came out of the Table and Circle at 40 years old, we curled with Blair Drummond Curling Club. Isabel, the girls and I all played for the club, which gave us great enjoyment.

When I stopped working I joined Brucefields and Muthill Golf Clubs, where I played regularly. I would go to Stirling County Rugby Club to watch the rugby, which I did enjoy; I went to every home match and some of the away ones with friends. Over the years I became involved with the Club but that all stopped when I had my stroke. I still go and watch the County in the warmer months.

Sadly in 2012 my life partner and beloved wife Isabel passed away.

So life and farming carries on at a pace.

It was a great pleasure to speak with John and we would like to thank him for his time and insights.

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Maggie Magor

Outreach Worker, Stirling Citizens Advice Bureau

Blair Drummond Curling Club

I hope you are all well in these challenging times.

Like many sports we are at the mercy of government restrictions, and would have to appoint a Covid Officer, undertake extra paperwork and checks, if we decided to have normal club games and competitions.

The committee has decided not to have club games and other competitions, as many members did not feel comfortable curling this season. The National Curling Arena is the only available ice at the Peak at the moment for curling, with limited availability.

We were hoping that we could enter a Blair Drummond curling team in the Province League this season, but with the current restrictions curling has been suspended.

It is looking like it may well be next season before we see restricted curling at the Peak and hopefully club games, with the Province League dependant on government guidelines.

Hopefully this time next year we will have returned to normal curling as we now have the great news of the vaccine rolling out. Until then we will have to wait and see.

May I wish you all a healthy, happy New Year, stay safe and take care.

Anne Christie
Chair

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Life at Briarlands

2020 was certainly a roller coaster year for us all. After we reopened in July we enjoyed 3 months of reasonable trade, considering all the restrictions we were under regarding reduced numbers etc. When we moved into Tier 4 restrictions in November, coupled with the poor weather during October, we made the decision not to reopen again before the beginning of our 2021 season which was supposed to start on 5th February, however, that too is now on hold.



While we were closed we decided we could offer a safe, unique Christmas experience, so 'Christmas on the Farm' was created which included a fairy lit tractor and trailer ride to see Santa. This is the first time we have offered a Santa experience and it certainly was a learning curve for us.

'Colin the Handyman' worked hard to make the passenger trailer Covid safe by creating 6 family sized Perspex pods inside the trailer, so everyone felt safe in their own pod. Over 10 nights leading up to the 23rd December we took 6 families every half hour on a twinkly journey through the farmyard, saying 'Hi' to the animals in the sheds on the way past, up to the new shed which had been transformed into a Santa world, complete with workshop, Santa's hoose and elves. (One day farmer Robin might actually get to use the shed for its intended purpose and get to put some cows into it!!)





Once in the shed, the big man himself came and spoke to all of the children from a safe distance. Then the naughty elves entertained everyone with their antics, before handing out a gift to them all, socially distanced of course, it is amazing the uses a litter picker has! The tractor and trailer headed back down to the building where it was unloaded and cleaned ready for the next families to enjoy the ride. The tearoom was open for takeaway food and drink and there were some photo opportunities set up outside for customers to use. Everyone who attended had a great time and it was so nice to be able to offer a Santa experience in a year when most others were cancelled.





We have also had a couple of new additions to the Briarlands animal team in the form of Jack and Victor our Valais black nose and Valais black nose cross Jacob sheep. They will be out in the paddocks for all to see when we open again. They are very friendly boys and will follow you anywhere for food!

Looking forward to 2021 we are staying positive and as soon as the Government deem it safe for outdoor play areas to open, we will be here ready to greet all our lovely customers.

Mary Inglis

Youth Club

We hope all our members and future members are well and we hope to resume “normal service” as soon as the Scottish Government and Youth Scotland gives us the green light.

Catherine Killen

Callander & District YFC

“It’s been a quiet one” – the go-to way of describing 2020’s festivities. Same goes for Callander & District YFC, usually we’d be spending every spare minute at Thornhill Community Hall rehearsing for our annual variety concert, alas yet another thing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has taken from us. Concert convenors Angus Bryce and Craig Arnott may, however, be glad they’re not having to turn a bunch of amateur (at best) singers and Fubar dancefloor loyalists, into a synchronised dance troupe of well-tuned vocalists. I understand our usual audience of parents and neighbours will severely miss the opportunity to laugh their heads off at our on-stage antics, but fingers crossed we shall return to the stage in 2022.

Before Christmas, there were a number of competitions the club had success in. Drew Steel was placed 2nd in Clyde & Central Mr & Miss competition, and in C&C’s Quiz, Kim Morrison and Kirsty Graham took the top spots in the individual senior and junior points, respectively.

As our dinner dance could not go ahead in its usual style, we organised a takeaway meal for club members from the Lion & Unicorn in Thornhill. Lots of members ordered a 3-course meal to eat in the comfort of their own homes. A massive Thank You must go to Fiona and the team at the L&U for the delicious meals and assisting to distribute them on the night!

Heading into 2021, we have a couple of virtual events planned, including stockjudging and another quiz. To keep up with all our activities, find us on Facebook or drop me a text on 07957867779!

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Eilidh Graham

Yoga

Tuesday morning 10 am – Vinyasa flow yoga

Thursday evening 7 pm – Yoga Nidra (psychic sleep yoga)

Yoga for Golf - every Tues and Thurs morning

March will see the launch of my new Power Yoga classes, focusing on whole body strength and flexibility- class times and updates to follow.

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MaryAnn

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Doune Health Centre

Thank You

The staff at the Health Centre would like to thank those patients who generously gave us Christmas cards and handed in biscuits and chocolates over the festive period. They are always greatly appreciated.

Covid -19 Vaccination

By the time you are reading this article, everyone eligible for a Covid-19 vaccine should have received a letter from the Government regarding vaccination.

The Health Centre will be administering the AstraZeneca Oxford vaccine. National policy must be followed in relation to the priority groups eligible for vaccination. We will be working through the selected age groups; first vaccinated will be all those over 80 years. The next group will be those over 75 years and so forth until we have vaccinated everyone eligible.

We will be contacting you when we are ready to deal with whatever age group you are in.

Patients should not attend the clinic for their vaccine if they think they may have Covid-19 infection. Instead, they should arrange to have a Covid-19 test and follow national self-isolation guidelines. As clinical deterioration can occur up to two weeks after infection, ideally vaccination should be deferred until around four weeks after onset of symptoms.

The vaccine contains no preservatives, latex or animal products, so don't worry if you have an egg allergy.

The main side effect is a sore arm at the site of vaccination.

The vaccine is not licensed for those under 18 years and women known to be pregnant. Avoid other vaccinations such as pneumonia or shingles vaccines as ideally there should be a 7-day delay after any other vaccination.

Car Parking

We are very fortunate to have adequate parking at the health centre. May we remind everyone that the parking is only for staff and patients visiting the practice. Unfortunately, there are a small group of people who are using the car park on a regular basis which means we are having to monitor the situation daily. There have been more spaces available than usual in the car park throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, however, it is vital that we have all the spaces reserved for our staff and patients, especially our elderly and vulnerable patients as we now escalate the

Covid-19 vaccination programme. We cannot have spaces taken up for recreational use when full capacity is required and as we monitor the situation going forward, we may have to issue reminders to those parking without permission.

Bench

We have noticed an increasing amount of littering outside the health centre main door, particularly by the Dr Rose memorial bench. Items found include cigarette packets, empty alcohol bottles/cans, food wrappers and of most concern, a pen knife. We are so proud of the new clinic and whilst we are very happy to see people enjoying the environment we would like to draw this to our community's attention and hope that this will no longer be an issue in future Covid-19 Vaccinations.

Easter Closures

The clinic will be closed for Easter Friday on 2nd April and Easter Monday 5th April.

Please phone NHS 24 on Tel 111 if you are unwell or need to talk to someone before we reopen.

Prescriptions- Please remember to order your medicines before the holiday weekend.

Linda Keay

Practice Nurse

Blair Drummond Blethers

As we welcome the second month of 2021, we can surely hope it will be more positive than last year?

With Covid injections being rolled out to the community, the Blethers membership will be watching in expectation of 'freedom' with the chance to get out and meet old, and make new, friends?!

However, unfortunately it will still be some time before we can consider it safe to open the doors for our lunch group get together each month. Until the government guidelines are altered to enable meetings such as the Blethers, and the use of our lovely hall is allowed, we continue to be closed.

Meantime, very best wishes and please stay safe.

Christine Bauer

Young Farmers – The Marriage Bureau

This past year (2020) has been anything but normal for a passionate young farmer like me. When it was announced on the 17th March (a day I now call Doom's day) that Ayr Show and the Highland were cancelled, I saw my carefully planned show- season- summer go out of the window. I did manage to squeeze some 20th birthday celebrations in before the full lockdown was announced. Looking back, it is scary that the last 'normal' event I went to was West Renfrewshire's dinner dance, it was however a good one at least.

To my parent's delight (or annoyance) my two sisters and I moved back home to the farm for lockdown. This proved to be the best decision, as being stuck in the city would've been a nightmare. The first week involved adapting to new university life at the kitchen table, 100 odd miles from the actual place and it turns out I have the concentration span of a goldfish. Also being a typical Uni student who sometimes missed a lecture or two, the motivation to go to them online ran very low but I did manage to successfully complete all my work, make the deadlines and pass second year.

Fortunately, I had a full-time job at the local farm shop through the entire nine weeks of lockdown. I was in charge of the 'click and collect' shopping experience. I really enjoyed this, and it was a change from my usual work as a waitress. At this point lockdown almost felt normal however, there was nothing to look forward to; no dances, competitions, going out for dinner or seeing friends. Anyone who knows me well, knows how much I love going out, partying until the early hours, sourcing some cheap takeaway food, then boarding a Callander bus home where there is always some horrific 2000 tune blasting, a couple or two hidden up the back "chatting" and someone emptying the contents of their stomach into a nice handbag at the front. I really miss the drama, the gossip and the memories that came with any Young Farmers event.

Suddenly having a half decent internet connection became fairly vital and not just from the Netflix point of view but for Zoom, which I for one had never heard of pre – Covid19. My Young Farmers club successfully held an online AGM, in which I was appointed Vice Secretary for Callander. As a committee we have since organised online quizzes, challenges, competitions and stayed in touch with our members to make the most of a bad situation. I've also managed to attend many online parties, which were quite different to the usual, but at least we were able to drink, laugh and have some fun.

Show season always gives one the opportunity to meet new people, new people meaning new friends or potentially something more. My parents talk about Young Farmers being “the marriage bureau”, a place to meet a potential husband but with no Young Farmers’ events, how has dating changed in lockdown? Three words, Tinder, Bumble and Hinge. These words might not mean a huge amount to the over 40s, but for us youngsters it is has kept many of us entertained along with TikTok, throughout the past few months in isolation. Without disclosing any scandalous information, I have dabbled in the online dating world, occasionally just for some entertaining chat and to find the profiles of my male friends. It does make me wonder if socialising in person is not allowed for the next 6 months, will we have to look at online dating as a serious alternative?

There used to be a certain pressure to have found “the one” by your early 20s but as society changes, that is no longer the norm. Nowadays young people have lots of exciting opportunities to travel and work, so for some there’s no rush to settle down. That being said, it could be nice to have someone to share these adventures with, so if any potential bachelors are reading this, you know where to find me...

All joking aside, this period of isolation and lack of socialising has taken a toll on the mental health of many people. It is devastating to hear about the rise in suicide rates and the ongoing struggle many are experiencing. Being a student living away from home again, I can relate to anyone who battles with home sickness and the stress that accompanies living with strangers. My saviour is Young Farmers. The community and support it provides is brilliant and there are always people to talk to, meaning you don’t feel quite so alone. Since socialising in large numbers isn’t likely to be on the cards anytime soon, how will Young Farmer adapt and continue to support and help its members? Clyde and Central District has taken great steps. Our Mr and Miss competition was recently held on Zoom and there have been other online events such as quizzes and the Country Cooks competition. Hopefully come next year, we will be able to schedule sporting competitions, calf rallies and activities that can abide by the social distancing guidelines. It is sad that dances and shows aren’t expected to go ahead for the foreseeable future. However, I’m sure the first big ‘sesh’ back will be a memorable one.

To conclude, some good things have emerged out of lockdown. The small community I live in has really come together and got to know each other better with chats over the garden fence, drinks on the loading bank and socially distanced shed gatherings. The highlight for me was spending

more time on the farm, checking cows with Dad, and even getting trusted to cart bales of hay in from the fields. Farmers haven't stopped throughout the whole pandemic and I think they deserve a round of applause. Being part of the farming culture is something I have always taken pride in and I look forward to it playing a big part in my future.

Tara Brisbane



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Christmas was great fun, despite the Boxing Day lockdown and not being able to see everyone out and about as much. None the less we enjoyed The Christmas Tree Maze, fire pits and toasted marshmallows, and we delivered Christmas lunch and Hogmanay steak pies to families from Glasgow to Edinburgh and all the way to Lochearnhead in the north.

Not everything essential has to be boring, though we are continuing to develop our offerings to customers, with a range of new ready-meals including spaghetti carbonara, and chicken curry. Lots of our customers were interested in adding more vegetables into their shopping in January and we mixed up our fresh fruit and veg and tried to inspire people with recipes from the latest cooks!

We managed to finally make some long awaited capital improvements in January. We improved the busiest part of the carpark with tarmac and gravel; we like to think this is the Farm Shop equivalent of a red carpet for our customers! We also added automatic openers to the front doors keep the heat in!

We want to thank all of our neighbours and customers for being so supportive, shopping local and following the rules. We have managed to stay safe and stay at work, and we hope you all have stayed safe too!

Will Muir

Libraries

Stirling libraries are once again offering hearing aid batteries, food waste caddy liners and dog waste bags for collection, as part of their Select & Collect service. To order contact the library, in advance at

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Thornhill & Blair Drummond Community Council

The Community Council have set up a new Facebook page to communicate more information with the residents of both communities www.facebook.com/Thornhill-and-Blairdrummond-Community-Council-100396902080712/. We would like to encourage residents of Blair Drummond to contact us if they would like to raise any issues with us or propose some community developments or projects.

The Community Council will soon have a page on the Thornhill community website <https://thornhillstirling.org> where we will post minutes of meetings, agendas and log-in details while we still all rely on Zoom. We will also publish planning applications pertinent to our area, in case you haven't seen them and would wish to comment.

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Gabi Ingle
Secretary



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Although it is nearly a year since we were last able to hold our regular events in the hall, the good news is that the period of lockdowns has enabled us to carry out some essential work, that would have been difficult to fit in during regular use. The lack of adequate drainage in the car park has been addressed and a new underground drainage channel has been dug across the gateway and down the far side of the parking area to allow excess water to run directly into the burn alongside the A84. We are grateful to Messrs Maxwell and Killen for dealing with this work.

The hall floor has also been refurbished and looks as good as it did when it was first installed many years ago. We look forward to being able to welcome all our regular users back again this year – hopefully not too long now.

The committee have also been looking into improving the heating in the hall and the possibility of installing some form of renewable energy generation. This will be further discussed at our next meeting which will be held on Zoom on **Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm**. If you would like to join the committee or would just like to attend a meeting, contact bdgrapevine@gmail.com and we will send you the meeting link.

Kate Ingle
Chair

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