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The Grapevine

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Births



Blair and Debbie Craig, of Milton House, Sommer's Lane would like to introduce their new arrival Struan John Craig born on the 4th June 2023, weighing 8lb 3oz. His older brothers Logan and Zander are just absolutely besotted with him.

Congratulations to proud parents Danielle (nee McLeod) and Thomas Hay, on the birth of their daughter Hailey Ruby Hay, born on 10th July, weighing 8lb 6oz. A little sister for Scott.



Thornhill and Blair Drummond Community Council

The Community Council is up and running again!

After a fraught time of not having enough nominations to continue with a Community Council after the recent elections, it was second time lucky getting the seven we need.

So here is your new Thornhill and Blair Drummond Community Council:

Hector Muir (Chair), Andy Greig (Vice Chair), Elaine Blanchard (Secretary), Gary Marshall (Treasurer), Al Rawlinson, Moira Russell and Rowena Coulthard. We even have another two keen volunteers waiting in the wings to be co-opted later this year.

The meetings for the year have also been set, so we want to welcome all to attend, in person at the Thornhill Community Hall, or online via Zoom. We will continue with these hybrid meetings to encourage as many people as possible to take part in all meetings:

Tuesdays from 7.30pm on 22 August, 26 September, 7 November, 12 December, 23 January, 5 March, 23 April and 4 June (June meeting will also incorporate the AGM, starting at 7.00pm)

If you want to get in touch, email ThornhillBlairdrummondCC@gmail.com

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Obituary



Marilyn Miller 1937 – 2023

Born on 8th July 1937 at Blackdub Cottages, the first child to John & Jemima McAra, and big sister 'in waiting' for brothers and sisters John (Jackie), Anne, Alastair and Sheena. Blackdub was to be the family home for Marilyn until she was in her early twenties.

In 1942 Marilyn began her education at Kincardine in Menteith Primary School. It was here that Marilyn struck up a lifelong friendship with a young lady from the Coldoch Estate, Ella Clyne. Ella emigrated to New Zealand in 1960, however that bond remained, they were best friends for over 80 years.

In 1949, Marilyn moved on to McLaren High School in Callander. She would make the journey to and from school by bus. On occasion, a couple of stops on from Blackdub, a young man who had cycled from Chalmerston Farm would get on board. This young man was Tom Miller –

who knew at this time what the future would hold for them? I say only on occasion, there was a frequent tendency for Tom to hide from, or 'miss' the bus and then hot foot it straight back to Chalmerston to get on with the real work of the day. He didn't like school!

Marilyn left school at 15. She furthered her education by going to night school where she learned amongst other competencies, to write shorthand in a clerical class run by Miss Simpson, a skill that she used throughout her working life, starting work at Clydesdale Bank and then onto Associated Oils. She would meet up with Celia Fotheringham (now Ferguson) in the morning and cycle to Stirling, then meet again for the return journey at the end of the day. In 1971 she started work with Robert Dykes, Thornhill and remained there until her retirement in 1997. During this time she was also Treasurer to the Blair Drummond Youth Club and served on the Blair Drummond and Thornhill Community Council.

The McAra's house at Blackdub, like most in Blair Drummond, centred on family, friends and neighbours. Saturday nights, the family gathered round the radio listening to the McCalmans, this kindled the fire for Marilyn's passion for music and dancing. Moving forward, not much changed, Saturday nights were set in stone, with Robbie Shepherd's 'Take the Floor' and latterly 'Your Requests' with Gary Innes.

She loved to dance, it was in her blood, her mum was a championship piper and Highland dance teacher. Marilyn was also a competent piper and she played with the British Legion Pipe Band in Callander.

Her childhood centred on family and home however, as she got older, the highlight of her week was Friday night, dancing at the old church hall behind the Old Manse at Blair Drummond or at the Muir Hall, Doune. One special Friday night she was asked to dance with, in her words, the best dancer in the room - Tom Miller. She always remembered affectionately how they danced the Quadrilles, taking the lead at Strip the Willow or both gracefully waltzing round the floor, Marilyn as always, dancing on her toes.

The two became a couple, Marilyn and Tom married on 3rd June 1961, at a service conducted by Rev Turner, at Kincardine in Menteith Church. A marriage that was to last 57 years and blessed with children Sharon, Mandy and the twins Jim and Iain. Not forgetting Misty, the wee Westie, the family was now complete.

They initially set up home at the farm cottage at Chalmerston then after a few moves settled at the family home, Burnside Cottage, Sommers Lane, then on to Woodside in 1982.

Marilyn and Tom moved to Abbot Road, Broom Ridge, Stirling in 2007. Like the others, this was a busy family home, especially with her 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, Grannie's was always the hub. She loved that. Maybe not so on a Saturday night whilst listening to Gary Innes!

Tom died in November 2018, he had suffered from Dementia for a few years. As always, she had stepped up to the plate and had given him the best of care at home, she missed him terribly!

Sadly, Marilyn died on 15th February 2023, back into the care of Tom. Her funeral service was held at Logie Kirk, Stirling on 27th February 2023.

RHET News

RHET is excited to offer some fantastic new teacher training opportunities. We have two teacher CPD events in September, where we will share ideas to build pupil capacity, focusing on challenges, creativity and innovation linked to sheep and wool.

Please spread the word to all teachers that this academic year we are offering a suite of teacher learning and sharing events to get involved in. These are open to all primary and secondary practitioners, to join us for any or all of the sessions on offer. This is an opportunity to hear from experts, ask questions and learn lots along the way. We would then ask participants to take what they have learned and produce a learning resource for their work setting, which RHET can then also share with other practitioners.

RHET Forth Valley is gearing up for a busy learning year, we have 3 Food and Farming events planned before Christmas and are again able to offer schools a transport grant, to get classes out of school and onto farms, to learn how their food is produced. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help at these events, join the committee and talk to classes about food production. If you would like to find out more, please email Katie at forthvalley@rhet.org.uk

Finally the RHET Factor Choir is hoping to regroup in September, if you fancy a weekly singalong through the winter months, look out for info in next Grapevine edition or ping an email to the above address.

Katie Brisbane, Project Coordinator, RHET Forth Valley

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) are seeking applicants interested in becoming an ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER

SFRS is delighted to invite applications for the role of On Call Firefighter within our Doune Community Fire Station.

On Call Firefighters are a vital part of the SFRS, providing a professional emergency fire and rescue service in remote and rural communities across Scotland. We recognise and celebrate the vast diversity of the local communities of Scotland that we serve and aspire for this to be reflected within our workforce. We encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds, experience and beliefs, who share “Our Values” of Safety, Teamwork, Respect and Innovation and want to make a difference in the community, to consider working for us.

On Call Firefighters undertake a range of activities that contribute to the protection of people and to making communities safer;

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – Educate the local community on fire safety and carry out home fire safety visits / deliver fire safety advice and identify potential risks within the home, delivering important water safety and prevention of wildfire advice.

- **OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES** – Attend all types of emergencies, e.g. fires, road traffic collisions, rescue of persons, floods, incidents involving hazardous materials, as well as supporting partner agencies when required.

- **NON-OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES** – Develop and maintain skills by attending drill nights, training courses and exercises.

No previous experience is necessary, as full training will be provided but you must meet the following criteria:

- eligible to work in the UK.
- 18 years of age or over (at point of application).
- readily available to attend station within a specified time of an emergency call out.
- have a good level of physical fitness.
- meet the required standard of vision and colour perception.

The role for an On Call Firefighter is not a full-time role and if employed, you must have the express permission of your employer to allow you to be released for On Call Firefighter duties. We can help you talk to your employer to explain the commitment required.

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Lee Turnock, Group Commander, Stirling SFRS



Camphill Blair Drummond



On Saturday the 10th of June, Camphill Blair Drummond held its ever popular sponsored Bike Safari. This took place in the grounds of Blair Drummond Safari and Adventure Park after closing. We challenged everyone to cycle or walk a set amount of laps around the Park. The weather was kind to us and

great fun was had by all. We raised £2,579.46 which will go towards the building of a new Sports and Recreational Centre for our residents and students. We would like to thank everybody who helped make the night a great success.

News from the Safari Park

Lazy Summer Lates

It's official, summer is upon us! The schools have broken up and we are all looking to make the most of the warmer weather. To help our visitors do just that, we have decided to bring back our Lazy Summer Lates for 2023. Until the 13th of August, we will be staying open until 7pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Visitors arriving from 4pm can even access special discounted tickets at £15 for an adult and £10.50 for a child.

It's a perfect time to visit the Park as we have been experiencing quite a significant baby boom and there are lots of new faces to see!

What's a cria?

In June, we were thrilled to announce the arrival two baby alpacas, otherwise known as crias. The first adorable new arrival was born on the 5th of June and was named Sir Steveo in honour of one of his keepers, Steven Campbell. Sir Steveo was quickly joined by little Pippa, just 11 days later, whose name was chosen via Facebook poll.



Carolyn Booth, our Pets Farm Team Leader, couldn't contain her excitement, saying, "We are delighted to now be home to two alpaca crias. Wee Steveo, our first cria of the year, was absolutely desperate for a wee pal to play with and it is so lovely to watch the two of them running around together. They are already the best of friends and enjoy trying to chase any birds that may land in their paddock!"

Make sure to head on over to Pets Farm the next time you visit the Park. You won't want to miss all the fun and antics from our new mischievous alpaca pair.

Welcome to Scotland's first sea lion pups in decades!

In June, we were delighted to announce the arrival of two beautiful California sea lion pups. The birth of the two pups marked a significant milestone for the Park, as they were the first to ever be born here! They were also the first sea lion pups to be born in Scotland in at least twenty years.



Tiny Otis was born first on the 6th June 2023, at around 3am to mum Ineke. Our second sea lion pup Barney made his grand entrance soon after on the 21st June to mum Luce.

In the first few months sea lion mothers can be quite territorial, and it is expected that Luce and Ineke will establish their own separate spaces within the sea lion habitat. However, as the pups grow and become more independent, it's likely that they will enjoy playing together. The mothers will nurse and care for their little ones for about a year.

Jen Carpenter, our Deputy Sea Lion Team Leader, said "The last few weeks have been an absolute whirlwind of activity for us but we are delighted to now be home to two California sea lion pups. Both little boys are progressing beautifully and Luce and Ineke have proven to be exceptional first-time mothers. The next few months are bound to be busy but being part of the sea lion team during such an exciting time is truly special."

While there may be some adjustments to our regular schedule of training demonstrations, we want to assure you that you can still observe the rest of our sea lions in their outdoor habitat. Little Otis has even begun exploring outside already!

Jamie-Leigh Green, Communications and Conservation Manager

Weather News

Well, we are all hoping those wonderful 20 days of hot sunny weather in June was not our summer, June as you can recall was a very dry month, July not so! We have only enjoyed 4 entirely dry days, meaning it joins January and March as very wet months. At the moment we are looking at an above average rainfall year, please get out your sun dancing shoes, and hope for an Indian summer.

Weather conditions have made hay and harvest a farming challenge. The farmers chat is "Have you cut?", "When do you think we should cut?" Ideally hay needs 4-5 drying days from cutting to baling, the grass needs to be dry to prevent heating and moulds. You will have seen some combine harvesters out too, bringing in the winter barley, which is used mainly as winter feed for beef cattle, and oil seed rape, which is crushed to produce rape seed oil for cooking, plastics, and biofuels. The one crop thriving this year is grass, so the animals out there are growing well and enjoying life. Talking about animals, please take extra care of your pets when the tractors are working in the fields, machines nowadays work fast, and your furry friends don't expect to meet them in fields.

Katie Brisbane

Blair Drummond Neighbours WhatsApp

If you would like to be added to the local WhatsApp group please text Katie on 07957689782. It's very handy for asking questions about bins, roads, missing dogs, to name but a few, or to share any surplus fruit and veg from your garden. You will need to have WhatsApp on your phone.

Trossachs Search and Rescue Heart Start

There is a defibrillator located at the community hall and over the years we have had courses run by Trossachs SAR on it's use. We have organised for a class to be run at the hall on **Thursday 21st September** from 7pm to 9pm. Would you be interested in learning (or getting a refresher) how to administer CPR? Please email bdhallinfo@gmail.com to book your place. There is no charge for the class but donations can be made on the night to Trossachs SAR.

World Champions 2023

1Kilo - Sophie Unwin and Jenny Holl



What a start it's been to the UCI World Championships in Scotland! Our own Jenny Holl, with Sophie Unwin, thrilled and kept us on the edge of our seats watching the TV, or standing screaming in the velodrome as they raced the final lap in the Kilo, at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow.

From being over a second behind they came back in the last half lap to take the win, the rainbow jersey, and the World Championship.

This has been their first final of the Championships and they have another that they have qualified for, in the Pursuit, a 4km distance on the velodrome. This is then followed by Sprint Scratch Races also on the velodrome.

Then it's onto the road, for the Time Trial and Road Race, both being held in Dumfries. Good Luck!



Sophie & Jenny



Life at Briarlands

The summer holidays are well underway and sadly the weather has not been brilliant for most of them! We have still had a busy few weeks though, with lots of visitors coming and enjoying the outdoor space between the showers.



This year we have had GGT Pony Party's visiting us on a Tuesday and Thursday during the holidays, providing pony rides for anyone who would like them. They have proved to be very popular with many visitors enjoying a ride round our pony paddock on their two ponies. Hopefully they will visit us again occasionally at weekends and we plan on them being here during the October holidays too.

GGT Pony Party's, Dollar Equestrian, FK14 7ND provide private pony parties for any occasion and can be contacted via their Facebook page if you are interested in using them for your event or child's birthday party.



Meet the newest animals at Briarlands, three Sulcata tortoises! They are the third largest species of tortoise and have to be seen to be believed! You'll find them at the top of the park behind the junior go-karts, either zooming around their paddock or having a pit stop in their new shed 'The Shell Station'.

Strawberry picking is still available at the moment but will be closing soon. When available Pick Your Own is open from 11am to 4pm but we ask you to call ahead to make sure the tunnels are open.

On the 20th and 21st May we held our annual spring Tractor Weekend. All of the farm vehicles were lined up in the Fun Yard and the kids were able to have a seat and play on them under the watchful eye of Farmer Robin. We had a face



painter and competitions on during the weekend. The weather stayed dry and everyone had a great time, even the staff! We will have another Tractor Weekend at the end of September....keep your eye on our Facebook page for updates.

To keep up to date on our events follow our Facebook page @briarlandsfarm or check out our website www.briarlandsfarm.co.uk Did you know that when you book tickets online the tickets are 10% cheaper? To book – simply go to our website and hit the “Book Now” button!

Mary Inglis

Blethers

As we head into August, and hopefully some more sunny days, the Blethers are having their holidays. However, before we got out the suntan lotion, we made up our programme for the rest of this year from membership suggestions.

We will be back on Monday 25th September at our usual time of 12 – 2pm, at Blair Drummond Community Hall, for lunch, a good old blether and perhaps some of our local school children will also come along.

From a suggestion made by suggested by Helen (one of our members) and unanimously supported, we will be collecting prizes for a raffle, to raise money for the chosen charity of this year.

Monday 30th October our pals from the Ukulele Group will be joining us, providing a musical afternoon.

On Monday 27th November the Blethers will be joined by representatives from the Eilidh Brown charity, when we will make a donation to this wonderful local respite provision for terminally ill children and their family.

And on Monday 18th December we will have our annual Christmas lunch, with the local school children providing us with their carol singing talents.

So, we look forward to getting back together again and to welcoming new members over the age of 50 years, from local communities.

Christine Bauer

Blair Drummond Curling Club



Prize giving at the AGM

I hope you are all enjoying your summer despite it being a bit showery?
It was nice to see a good turnout at our AGM in Blair Drummond Hall, where we welcomed on to the Committee Vice-chair Mike Onslow and Max Findlay as Treasurer. Our thanks go to Alastair Campbell who has done a sterling job as Treasurer.

Office Bearers:

President – John Sands, Chair - Anne Christie,
Vice Chair - Mike Onslow, Secretary - Stephen Walker,
Treasurer – Max Findlay, Trophy Secretary – Susan Seaman,
Development Officer – Nigel Holl.

If you wish to have a go at curling, the Peak in Stirling organises Try Curling sessions (01786 273555). The next step is a 4 block session and then you go on to join the Virtual Club on a Monday night, to learn more about the curling techniques.

Stephen Walker our Secretary, has been busy during the summer break organising next season's schedule, which will kick off at the end of September with the opening Bonspiel. It is hoped we will have a coaching session from one of Scotland's Gold medallists Hammy McMillan, which will be a free session for members.

We welcomed 6 new members last season. The season runs from September to the end of March, club games are Wednesday\Thursday 5.30-7.30pm, or 6-8pm, at the Peak Stirling. Anyone interested in joining Blair Drummond Curling Club please contact myself, Anne Christie, Chair, on 07877 441108, or Stephen Walker, Secretary, on 07724 042730 for further details.

Date for your diary ----- We will be holding a Social Night on Saturday 7th October - Blair Drummond Curling Club Quiz night 7.30pm at Blair Drummond Hall. £5 ticket includes Tea/Coffee. BYOB. Raffle – donations welcomed. This is our only fundraiser of the year.

I look forward to seeing our BDCC members old and new for another new curling season.

Enjoy the rest of the summer hopefully with a bit more sunshine than of late?

Anne Christie, Chair BDCC

Blair Drummond Community Hall Update

Our AGM was held in June and was followed by the committee meeting.

The Committee has been increasingly concerned about the rising costs of an inefficient heating system which is hard to control and regulate.

A subcommittee has been exploring options to reduce our running costs by drawing on renewable energy and external funding.

An application was made to CARES (Communities and Renewables Energy Scheme) and we recently heard our application has been successful. The award will help to fund 'air to air' source heat pumps to heat the main hall, solar panels with battery storage and LED lighting throughout the building. These systems will reduce our carbon footprint and be a sustainable system to support the hall going forward in its aim to be an attractive amenity for our community in Blair Drummond.

The LED lighting is to be installed in August, with planning and building warrant applications to Stirling Council currently being progressed towards installing the systems as soon as possible.

Thanks are due to the many people within Blair Drummond who show their ongoing commitment to the Hall and its aims, by offering their time and skills, to maintain and look after the hall.

This promotes the smooth running of its operations and bookings for the benefit of the community in Blair Drummond.

If you would like to become involved with community led events and activities please email or come along to the next Committee meeting in the hall on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm.

Details of our website and Facebook page can be found on the back page of the Grapevine.

Alison Coates, Chairperson

Doune Health Centre

Masks 😊

Updated Guidance on Use of Face Masks across Health & Social Care
Official Scottish Government guidance on wearing face masks was withdrawn on May 16th for social care settings, including adult care homes, hospitals, primary care and community healthcare settings.

A mask may still be worn by staff if they opt to do so, or when advised in particular situations.

Covid continues to exist and pose health risks, particularly to those with existing co-morbidities, including patients, members of staff, or visitors to healthcare settings and so some groups may decide themselves to continue wearing masks if it feels safer. For those at risk please keep up to date with Covid boosters when offered.

Welcoming FY 2 doctors into the Practice

You may be wondering, what does the phrase FY 2 doctor mean? I will try to explain.

An FY2 doctor is different from a GP trainee. After qualifying as a doctor the next step is to start a foundation programme for two years. During the first year, the FY1 doctor completes a 12 month programme in secondary care.

As a FY2 doctor they have full GMC registration and a license to practise. The FY2 doctor is not necessarily pursuing a GP career at this stage but it can be treated as a taster experience and during their short time in the clinic they will be consulting, writing prescriptions (under close supervision of one of the regular GPs) but not doing home visits on their own.

They will learn how a practice operates on a daily basis and will therefore sit in with other members of the team and attend meetings.

We will be starting this programme in August and the doctors will stay with us for four months.

Hopefully this rotation will give the FY2 doctor an overview and maybe the experience gained will inspire them to pursue a career as a GP in the future.

GP Trainee

Dr Richard Abbott who has been with us since February is leaving in August and moving to work in Forth Valley Hospital. He will return to finish his GP placement with us in August 2024.

In August we welcome two GP trainees, Dr Rebecca Thompson and Dr Avinash Randi.

Thornhill 10K



Our own Dr Julie Reid completed the annual Thornhill 10k route on 7th May. (*Dr Julie Reid and Linda Keay in photo*)

The race is in honour and memory of Steven Black who tragically died of a rare form of duodenal cancer in 2020. This annual event supports The Beatson Cancer Charity.

Not being a runner I enjoyed the day as one of the many volunteers involved in the catering side and accepting very generous cash donations.

Pam Black and her family organise the event with Tay fitness.

Almost 600 runners took part and so far more than £7,500 has been raised.

Why not come along and join in next year for this worthwhile cause. It's a great day out and good fun too. ♀ □ We all want the memory of Steven to live on in the area.

Royal garden party (For some!)



Four of the Practice staff (Dr Julie Reid, Dr Peter Hanlon, Mairi McGrandles (Practice Manager) and Lorna Carberry (Receptionist) attended the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood on the 4th July.

The clinic was recognised and nominated for our organisational skills in delivering the Covid vaccines to our patients.

The staff looked very smart in their finery and thoroughly enjoyed the event and even spoke to King Charles and the First Minister.

Despite the rain, it didn't dampen their day out.

Emergency simulation drama

As you know from time to time we close the clinic for staff educational and development sessions on certain afternoons.

Last month the clinic took part in an educational simulation organised by a group of doctors trained in delivering emergency scenarios (mainly GPs from Lothian, who work at The Scottish Centre for Simulation). The visiting experts created an emergency for us to act out as a team. This involved the entire practice staff. Reception staff dealt with phoning the emergency services and the clinical team got on with the situation in hand. The scenario chosen was a patient having an epileptic fit, based on a potential or actual emergency that the clinic may face. To add to the

drama the crisis happened outside.

Although we were all a bit apprehensive to start with, once we got going, we all enjoyed and benefited from the learning experience and challenge.

The general feedback from the visiting team was that our performance went well and highlighted some minor points for us to reflect on and pointed out additional items that might be helpful to add to our emergency trolley.

The purpose of a simulation exercise is to enhance preparedness and response plans, procedures and systems for all hazards and capabilities. Focusing on

reducing errors, promoting safety and improving staff confidence.

Communication, knowledge and team work is key to success.

Rob Roy Mighty Hike Challenge

Six members of the Practice team are going to walk a Marathon for Macmillan Cancer support on Saturday 2nd of September. The hike covers a large area of the Trossachs National Park.

The girls are in training and if you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause and help to spur them on maybe you would like to



contribute to their “Just giving page “. The team is called “Sweaty Bettys” and the link is

https://www.justgiving.com/team/sweatybettys-dhc?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=team&utm_content=sweatybettys-dhc&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=78355e73473a41ff9bb8bd72c107b92e

September public holiday closure

We are closed on Monday 4th September.

As usual, please remember to order your regular prescriptions before the holiday weekend. If you require medical assistance during our closures, please call NHS 111 for Out of Hours Service. If your matter is urgent, please call 999.

The practice staff would like to wish our readers a good holiday break.

Linda Keay, Practice Nurse

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Blair Drummond Hall Diary Dates

Monday: Co Step Dance class 7pm alldance@costep.co
(Starts 25th September)
Tuesday: Youth Club 7pm to 9pm (Mid September to April)
Wednesday: Co Step Dance class 7pm (Starts 27th September)

Monday 11th September: Blair Drummond Hall Committee meeting.
At 7.30pm. All welcome.

Monday 25th September: Blair Drummond Blethers. 12-2pm. Soup & sandwiches. (See page 13)

Saturday 7th October: Blair Drummond Curling Club Quiz night.
(See page 13)

Saturday 28th October: Scottish National Cavy Club Guinea Pig Show
(See below for further details)

Monday 30th October: Blair Drummond Blethers. 12-2pm. Soup & sandwiches. (See page 13)

Friday 24th November: Christmas Fayre. 7pm to 9pm.
(To book a table - bdgrapevine@gmail.com)

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 bdhallinfo@gmail.com

Scottish National Cavy Club Championship Show

The Guinea Pig Championship Show is taking place on Saturday 28th October 2023 in Blair Drummond Community Hall.

The Hall opens at **9am** with Pure Breed judging starting at **10.30am**.

Pet Show judging starts at **1pm**.

Pet classes are split in juvenile owned and adult owned, for smooth coated, crested, longhaired or rough coated and costs **£2.00** per pig. Prize cards and rosettes are awarded to winners. Please contact the Show Secretary (Campbell) for help with entering the correct class.

Entry into the hall is free for the public, so please come along and see our show.

All entries to Campbell Mitchell at kirkleecavies@gmail.com. Entries close Saturday 14th October 2023.

Campbell Mitchell, Show Secretary

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NHS 24	111
Forth Valley Royal Hospital Stirling Road, Larbert FK5 4WR	01324 566000 www.nhsforthvalley.com
Stirling Community Hospital	01786 434000

There is a Minor Injury Unit based in the former Accident & Emergency Department at Stirling Community Hospital, 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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