

LOGIE COLDSTONE

HALL NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to all who took part - either by transporting, counting, walking, cooking, serving, and everything!
As ever it was a great walk and a successful day!

Summer Picnic

Once again everyone in the village seemed to turn out to help make the day such fun.

The whole event was very relaxed with all ages taking part in a wide variety of activities.

Special thanks go to the young folk who tidied everything up so willingly and speedily at night.
Hooray for Logie Coldstone!

Towie & District Pipe Band – Web Site

Another successful season has drawn to a close and winter practice is now underway. During the 2006 summer season the band were delighted at Forres Games to win the 'Bank of Scotland Tercentenary Shield' for presentation for the second year running, and surpassed last years performance by also winning the Forres Highland Games AAA Shield for marching. For further information about the band please contact Marie Chapman on 81219 or check out the website – www.towiepipeband.co.uk

Recycling bins

Bins are now in the Hall car park for you to leave glass for recycling into new bottles and jars, and food and drinks cans for recycling into new cans, sheet metal and building materials.

What's Happening with the Hall – October 2006

Over the summer months progress with the work which has to be completed before the hall redevelopment can even be thought about seems to have been going even more slowly than before. But all of a sudden as September drew to a close things have finally come together and there are things to let you know about.

We have now appointed a company of solicitors who are specialists in Charity Law to look into the proposed changes to the structure of the Welfare Trust which were discussed at the last Annual General Meeting. Just to make sure that everyone has a clear picture of where we are now and where we are going I'll give a very brief recap ...

The current set up means that the Minister, Head Teacher, Land Owner and two local people of good standing are Trustees of the Hall. They are legally and financially bound by any decisions which the committee (a separate group of folk) make.

When this trust was originally set up this system worked well – it is now not so ideal so after much discussion and consultation it was agreed that the Welfare Trust would become a Company Limited by Guarantee with charitable status. This is the process which Lindsays are now setting us on the road to complete.

Before any final signatures are appended to documents or decisions are made final there will be further public meetings at the Hall to ensure that everyone understands that this is not a huge change. In fact most people won't notice any difference at all, but the existing Trustees will have some of the burden lifted from them and the Committee will have their responsibilities more clearly laid out.

Clarifying our legal structure, so that we all know what is expected of us, will also make it easier for us to source funding for redevelopment work.

As well as the legal situation moving forward there has also been progress on the funding for getting a feasibility study and business plan carried out. This is another stage in the process of redevelopment.

Before the committee can think about how the Hall should be redeveloped, it is important to find out, as best we can, how much it will be used and what for, not just in the coming months, but also in the years to follow.

All the necessary funding is now in place to carry out this research, so it is hoped that over the winter the required study can be completed which will then put us in a position to move ahead with sourcing major funding to carry out the best agreed upon solution for the redevelopment of the Hall!

Also over the last year regulations have been put in place by Aberdeenshire Council regarding Public Entertainment Licences.

We have now been granted this licence.

The following are key points for all users of the Hall (Full copies of the conditions of the licence are available from the committee on request) :-

Procedures to prevent fire and to ease evacuation in the event of fire continue to be improved on, along with all other safety issues. We are grateful for the cooperation of user groups while we work on the practicalities of this.

Training in fire awareness and first aid is soon to be made available to all user groups, free of charge. We also hope to offer Food Hygiene training as soon as possible.

Fire drills are to be held regularly.

Each user group is asked to allocate 'nominated person(s)' to take charge in an emergency, and to take precautions against fire.

A first aider is required at each Public Entertainment event / hire.

The kitchen is to be used only as a servery or for simple low level catering.

Pyrotechnics (fireworks for the non-technical!) are prohibited within the premises except with the approval and supervision of the Firemaster.

Exhibitions of hypnotism are prohibited unless with the permission of the Council.

The first floor area of hall to be used for storage only.

No gas tanks allowed in the building.

No members of the public can be allowed to remain within the premises after 1am without the council's written permission, given at least 48 hours beforehand, which permission will include any occasional licence or permission granted by the Licensing Board.

Hirers must comply with Food Safety Regs 1995 (if any help needed to clarify the regs contact Alan Tait, environmental health officer at Bellwood, Aboyne, on 87373).

Hirers must comply with the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 - we must therefore continue to write Risk Assessments when booking the Hall.

Note that the Welfare Trust insure the building and the activities of the hall association committee, **not** the activities of third parties.

ALSO :- since the smoking ban, hall users are responsible for ensuring there is no smoking allowed in the building.

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Were you born or brought up in the Parish of Logie Coldstone, including Migvie & Ordie?

Do you have memories, photos, of the 1930's, 40's -----?

We would love to share these memories and are planning a **"REUNION OF REMINISCING"** in the Logie Coldstone Hall over a cup of tea. If interested please call Helen (81449) or Joyce (81427).

Transport can be arranged.

Date set for Wednesday 1/11/06 starting around 1.45 pm.

HALLOWEEN PARTY/DISCO – This will be going ahead after all – see you all with neep lanterns, ghoulish food and drinks and costumes for a spooky night!

£5 per family. Raffle (please bring along a prize). Saturday 28th October 7.30pm -10.30pm in the Hall . Proceeds to the youth club.

If you still have some energy after that, or are (still) thinking about getting a bit fitter to tackle the Christmas cheer which is all too rapidly coming our way, maybe the **WALKING GROUP** is the thing. They meet every Monday at 1.30pm at the Hall before setting out for their walk. Everyone welcome.

YOUTH CLUB is now running for the winter – 6.15 to 7.30 for the P4 to P7s and 7.30 to 9.30 for the older ones. During the October holidays on Wednesday 25th a **Summit Climbing Wall** will be in Logie Coldstone (sited at the school). For £1 kids (and 'big kids' too) can come along and have a go, between 10am and 12 noon. If you can't manage the early morning then they will be in Ballater in the afternoon! Also, on Monday 16th October, Youth Scotland held an open session "Cafe Consultation" to find out from volunteers what the Scottish Executive could be helping us do for our young people. Youth club secretary is Dawn Tyson (81163).

HOGMANAY – Mike and Gillian Bird and Friends are all set to entertain this Hogmanay – more details to follow.

CLASSES at the Hall – Desktop Publishing and Computing (improvers). These classes may start after the October Holidays. To register interest or for more information please contact Caroline Cowie or Alan Melrose on 86222.

WRI – the 'Rural' ladies meet the second Wednesday evening of each month. New members are welcome, or drop in for an evening if you are interested in the programme. Contact Joyce (81427) for more information .

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP - meets in the school every second Thursday morning 10.30 –11.30 am. Very informal. No charge. For further information call Kathleen (81195).

CONGRATULATIONS to the ladies of the Logie Coldstone School PTA for a fantastic **Fashion Show** on Friday 6th October – the Body Shop products went down a bomb and many were amazed to see such a great selection of clothes from a local shop. Well done and thanks for an enjoyable evening.

BADMINTON GROUP - start again in the Hall on Friday nights early November. For further information call Louise or Malcolm (81148) .

BOWLING CLUB – A wee note from Mrs Evelyn Smith reads 'I am very disappointed to say that Logie Coldstone Bowling Club is no longer a club .I have tried everything to keep the club, which has been running since the late 1970's, going.'

MOBILE LIBRARY - Aberdeenshire Council's mobile library van is at the school every second Wednesday (has been on 18/10/06), from 11.30 -12.00 am approximately. Anyone can join. Books – fiction, non fiction including a good selection of local history books, childrens , audio books for all ages to listen to and large print books - can be borrowed for free. A book borrowed from the mobile van can be returned to Aboyne library if that suits you (and vice versa). Also for loan are music cds and video cassettes for 80p, and dvds for £2.50. Next call is on 1/11/06. Two new services to allow easy access to Aberdeenshire Libraries have recently been introduced – the Library Renewals Hotline 01224 661511 and website www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/alib

NEWSLETTER :- We have been asked to include more local news in this Newsletter. Although we are always happy to include items of interest about the local clubs and groups, this is predominantly a Hall Newsletter (as you will see from the change of title) and so it seems best to keep to items connected to the Hall – maybe in the future if all goes well the newsletter may be able to develop and include broader items but for now we are going to stay as we are!

To book the Hall please call Mrs Evelyn Smith on 81401.

Comments or queries on the newsletter – contact Anne Mathers (81539).

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