## LOGIE COLDSTONE TRUST

HALL NEWSLETTER

March '08

# A Scots Handsel 26<sup>th</sup> April

A traditional Scots concert party! Singing, Dancing, Music and Story-telling.

Bring a friend and buy your ticket before the event for a £2 discount!!

### **GROUPS**

### **Fun Social Dancing**

The Sunday evening dancing was such a success that they're doing it again on 23<sup>rd</sup> March!

# Indoor Kurling, Bowling & Badminton

Thanks to all who come regularly on a Tuesday or Friday evening to enjoy the Kurling and Bowling or Badminton. These will stop for the Summer but watch out for the occasional summer evening sport or Friday evening walks. If you are interested in the walks call Louise (81148). As the nights draw in come the Autumn the indoor sports will start again.

# **Hall Bookings**

If you have any events you would like to hold at the Hall, please call Mrs Evelyn Smith on 81401.

### **Arts & Crafts**

We hope to start an informal craft club and perhaps later in the year some art classes – please let Dawn (81163) or Anne (81539) know what you think about this, especially if you want to join in!

# What's Happening with the Hall LOGIE COLDSTONE TRUST

After many, many moons we are now in a position to move forward with what is called a Feasibility Study. This study will be carried out by three consultants working together and will hopefully tell us that our Hall is worth not only preserving as it is, but actually worth spending money on and developing into a building suitable for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century users and usage.

The consultants we have appointed are Neil Sutherland, Bill Fraser and Andrew Keir who will work together and will be phoning and visiting the area to speak to everyone whether you use the hall regularly, occasionally or not at all to help them develop a picture of what is happening now and how things could be in the future.

Over the past few years, as you are all aware, the various members of the committees from the old Welfare Trust and now the new Logie Coldstone Trust (LCT), have worked very hard to raise the profile of the Hall. Our aim was to get more local people to use the Hall for all sorts of activities, some old stuff, some new stuff and lots of fun stuff and hopefully at the end of the feasibility study we'll find that all this hard work has paid off.

In the first Newsletter, four years ago, we mentioned the Morven Walk and the Duck Race and thanked everyone for their participation in the Hogmanay and Halloween parties! These events, along with Youth Club throughout the year and the WRI for part of the year, were pretty much the total usage of the Hall. This year as well as these popular special events there are now sports in the Hall – badminton, kurling and bowling which are enjoyed by all ages and abilities (so if you haven't gone along because of the children or because you can't play – that's really no excuse!). The Bingo, which was probably held once a year, we plan to hold three or four times, the very successful family bowling and kurling, and now matches, a social dancing taster evening – no partner and no experience necessary – a traditional Scottish concert party with singers, musicians and a story teller to entertain us - and that's just in the Spring. Come the Summer we hope the weather will be kinder than last year and we'll be able to hold some outdoor games evenings, another Family Fun Day, a table top sale (again if you're interested in taking a table you need to let me [Dawn - 81163] know) and anything else you fancy doing!

The hall is also available to be used for private parties and public meetings – in fact if you need a space larger than your own sitting room to meet with friends to do almost anything (although we do have legal guidelines as to what you can't do!) we'd be delighted if you wished to hire our hall!



Tickets - £4 in advance/£6 on the door Children - £2 in advance/£3 on the door

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Tickets in advance from Joyce Lovie, other Committee Members and at The Airedale Lounge

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The **WALKING CLUB** meets every Monday at 1.30pm at the Hall before setting out for their walk. Everyone is welcome – if you are interested please call Bob McLaren on 81443.

**YOUTH CLUB** meets at the Hall every Thursday during school term – 6.15 to 7.30 for the P4 to P7s. Currently the older group have no leader so are meeting very infrequently – if you know of a youth leader who would enjoy working with this group of kids please contact Dawn Tyson (81163).

**WRI** – the 'Rural' ladies meet the second Wednesday of each month. Potential new members are welcome to drop in one evening. Contact Joyce Lovie (81427) for more details.

### Stuff to look forward to!

**DUCK RACE – If you go down to the woods that day you're sure of a big surprise!** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 14:00hrs – Don't forget to buy your ducks!

### **MORVEN WALK**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30hrs from Hall. More details next newsletter

#### **COMMUNITY FUN GAMES**

Once again, weather permitting, we would hope to hold this on 28<sup>th</sup> June – WATCH THIS SPACE for more details in the future.

If you wish to help at any of the events the Hall Committee organise for the community please get in touch with a member of the committee. Our main aim in getting together is to help each other have a relaxing and fun time, and to meet other folk of all ages in the community, as well as making money (which is a bonus to be used to improve the Hall!)

Anyone who would like to come along to help in any way, for as long or short a time as suits, either to set up or on the day, or tidy up next day is very welcome. Please contact Bob (81443), Joyce (81427), or Anne (81539).

### **TRAINING COURSES**

The requirements of Public Licensing mean that all groups that use the hall *should have* qualified first aiders; a nominated person to deal with emergencies such as fire and if food is being prepared someone with a Food Hygiene qualification. Recently the Committee have managed to arrange funding in order to carry out this type of training and if you or your group do need to do some training please ask as we may be able to arrange further training (and obtain funding to cover the costs!)

### **Fire Awareness Training**

As above all groups who use the hall should have someone present who is aware of the risks and actions which should be taken in the event of a fire in the Hall. To that end a Fire Awareness Training course will be held on the evening of **7**<sup>th</sup> **April** from **7.30pm to 9pm**. If you are interested just come along and join us, don't wait for your group leader to nominate someone else as the training will help you to react correctly in the event of a fire anywhere.

#### Item of Interest

Recently on the news the swathing Post Office closures in Highlands were mentioned, here in Aberdeenshire the consultation will begin on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Where a branch is not threatened no consultation will take place. The consultation period is only 6 weeks, finishing on 8<sup>th</sup> July so we need to be prepared to act quickly to ensure that Tarland Post Office is retained if it were being considered for closure. Over the coming weeks you could get some idea of how often you visit Flo and consider where you would go (and how hard it would be) if you had to go to Aboyne, Banchory, Ballater or Glenkindie instead!!