



February 2010

A Fun Night!!!

Despite the snow and bitter cold the Hogmanay night ceilidh could not have been better – around 100 people in the hall and only 7 cars in the car-park! A great night and huge thanks go to all those involved in the arrangements. Look forward to seeing you same time next year!

The Burns Supper

This year, following so swiftly on from the snow and ice which continues to linger, the sales of tickets for the Burns Supper were a little slow. Despite some early concerns a late run meant that the Hall was almost filled to capacity and I hope that a great evening was had by all. Once all expenses are taken into account it is hoped the event will have raised over £150. Mark the date at the end of this year's calendar so you remember to get your tickets early for 2011 – the date will be Saturday 22nd January!

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Oor Hall

As I'm sure many of you will have noticed, despite the amount of snow which fell (and remained) between mid December and mid January, the Hall has, thankfully, suffered very little from either the weight of the snow or the subsequent thaw and damp problems! So apart from a few frozen pipes this meant that the events such as the Pensioners Christmas Dinner, Hogmanay and the Burns Supper went ahead as planned and were very successful.

The LC Trust Committee continue to concentrate our efforts on raising the awareness of the hall, broadening the activities which take place there and increasing the numbers of people who use the hall on a regular basis. This is very much in line with the results of the feasibility study which was carried out – if we wish, at any time, to apply for medium to large scale funding we need to show that the hall is well used by the local community and is a vital part of the sustainability of rural life here in Logie Coldstone.

We continue to hold regular meetings in order to structure the maintenance of the hall as well as arrange various events for your enjoyment and we hope that you will continue to support our efforts over the coming year.

On a quite separate note, but still community linked, following a short presentation from a member of the community at the most recent meeting of the Logie Coldstone Trust committee we agreed that the formation of a Community Action Group as outlined on the reverse of this newsletter was very worthwhile. It should however be pointed out that this is NOT a Logie Coldstone Trust initiative, nor is it linked to the Trust other than in sharing the aims of enhancing social cohesion and sustainability for our community as a whole.

And, not only but also, keep a watch out for the following which are charged at £2 per person:

Badminton Friday evenings from 7.30pm

Craft group/social morning every second Wednesday (same day as **mobile library**)

Currently these groups are quite small and we would welcome any individual or group that wanted to join in using the hall on a Wednesday morning or Friday evening, so even if you don't do something crafty or play badminton you could join us for a cup of tea and a chat or you could bring your paper or a crossword, or enjoy a game of pool or darts, or you could even practice tap dancing or belly dancing if you wish!

Fund Raisers





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HALL NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Sunday 2nd May, 2pm	Duck Race, Logie Burn	
The ducks will be released into the wild from 2.30pm so come along and see who falls in the burn this year!		
Sunday 30th May, 10.30am onwards	Morven Walk – meet at Logie Coldstone Hall	Sponsored Walk
Transport is available to the foot of Morven (Ballater side!), then walk back to the hall for a barbeque		
Saturday 26th June, 2.30pm onwards	Logie Coldstone Fun Day	Donations are requested Refreshments will be charged
A fun day out for all the family – help will be requested closer to the date.		

Unless otherwise stated all proceeds from these events to Logie Coldstone Trust

Watch out for other events through the year as we have a full programme of exciting events in the planning such as another NEAT show. Of course valuable income also comes in throughout the year from community groups like Youth Club, WRI, Pipe Band, Young Farmers, Curling Club, Badminton Club and Craft Group and others. Some of the money raised will be used for running costs but we are looking forward to using what money we can to continue to improve the facilities – small steps at a time!

This winter more than usual thanks must go to those people who, unbidden, got on with jobs around the hall – tidying generally, clearing snow especially and also putting up and taking down Christmas trees and lights. Thanks to the CCC for the lights and Dinnet & Tillypronie Estates for trees!

Newsletter time– if you feel that next time you could deliver a few to your nearest neighbours please let us know as this is a time consuming job and all help is gratefully received – Contact Anne – 81539!

Also on the community front the Cromar Community Council (which covers Logie Coldstone, Ordie, Migvie, Tarland and Coull) has asked me to highlight again that Logie Coldstone could have three members on the CCC so if you are interested why not go along to the next meeting and find out more.

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Logie Coldstone has expressed support for replacement of the 'small hall' and this is being progressed by the Hall Committee as part of a wider project. Due to requirements set by the Council and potential funders, the process is inevitably slow and targets may not be achieved for a considerable time, if ever. However, recent communication with Aberdeenshire Council advises that the most effective way to achieve local ambitions is through a 'Community Action Group', a method which has proved to be successful in other villages in the Marr area and beyond. A proposal has been submitted to the Hall Committee that an Action Group is formed which may have the potential to accelerate the acquisition of a new 'small hall'.

The proposed Community Action Group will require around six residents, will set its own timetable and targets and will consult with the community throughout. The Action Group will be independent of the Hall Committee, with the sole objective of promoting the need for suitable premises which will enhance social cohesion and provide a 'focal point' in the community, attractive to both permanent and holiday residents alike. Personal exchanges have indicated that Aberdeenshire Council is sympathetic to our needs and we should consider their advice. Please give this proposal your consideration.

If you are willing to be a member of the proposed Action Group, or if you do not wish to join, but think it a good idea, please let this be known by leaving a note of your name and contact details in the post box at the Hall (by the gate to the field), this is checked regularly and you will be contacted and advised of progress in the near future.