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NEWSLETTER

Welcome

The Logie Coldstone Trust newsletter team bid you a warm welcome to the autumn/winter 2015 newsletter.

We aim to produce two newsletters each year covering community activities, events and items of interest. We welcome contributions and will let you know about timescales for the next newsletter in the new year. We continue to produce and deliver paper copies of the newsletter as some people are unable to access an electronic version and others have told us they like to have a hard copy for reference and to share with visitors.

Connections

Research tells us that positive relationships and connections are crucial to individual wellbeing and help communities to thrive. Connections come in many forms; social, physical and technological and tie in with the wider objectives of Logie Coldstone Trust. As well as looking after the hall, the Trust aims to foster active citizenship and community development.

We are delighted that 2015 saw the hall become connected to super fast satellite broadband and we anticipate that 2016 will bring a new physical connection in the form of a footpath between the hall and the school. Our community events and activities help us all to connect in the social sphere and the pages that follow pay testament to our resourceful, active and connected community.

To hear more about Trust activities please join us at

Logie Coldstone Trust Annual General Meeting
Monday 7th December, 8pm, LC Hall

Upcoming events

LC Trust AGM, LC Hall

Monday 7th December, 8pm

Hogmanay Party, LC Hall

Thursday 31st December, from 7:30pm

Burns Supper, LC Hall

Saturday 30th January, 7:30pm

Duck Race, At the burn side

Sunday 1st May, races start 2:30pm

Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham, LC Hall

Wednesday 18th May, 7:30pm

Ticket booking arrangements TBC in the new year

Morven Walk, meet at LC Hall

Saturday 28th May, meet at 10:30am

Fun Games

Saturday 25th June, afternoon

Community Café, LC Hall

1st Friday of every month from 9:45am



How to book the hall

You can book Logie Coldstone Hall by using our online form at www.logiecoldstone.org

or

by contacting our bookings

secretary, Jean, at

lctrust2012@gmail.com

Tel. 07979 287035

2015 Logie Coldstone events in words and pictures

Burns Supper

Around 90 guests enjoyed a traditional Burns Supper in the beautifully refurbished hall. Sandy Moncur chaired the evening in his own inimitable style. Les Inness graciously toasted the lassies and Gillean Morrison replied with great humour. A very fine meal was cooked and served by Carol Eagles and a team of volunteers.



Entertainment from local musicians, along with recitations of Burns poetry and songs from the recently formed singing group, made the evening a great success.

A special thanks to accordionists Rob McCombie and Lewis Beddie for sparking an impromptu ceilidh to round off the evening which helped to raise around £1000 towards Trust funds.

BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? came to Logie Coldstone

On Friday 24th April, Logie Coldstone hall hosted BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? live!

Jo Swinson - Lib Dem, Charles Falconer - Labour, Stuart Hosie - SNP, and Dr Liam Fox - Conservative, were the guest panel, and a lively debate ensued after our audience posed their topical questions, compered by the amiable David Dimbleby. Trident, Nationalism and other topics were discussed at length, and afterwards the panel joined with the audience for a wee glass of something.



The audience of 160 people, including local politicians, filled the hall. There was almost standing room only.

The BBC production team were very pleasantly surprised with the facilities provided by our little community hall.

Well done to everyone who made it such a successful event.





Nice weather for ducks

This year's annual duck race at the beginning of May was very wet but by no means a washout! The torrential rain and strong wind which battered our newly purchased gazebo did not deter us and an admirable crowd gathered to watch the races, enjoy the hot drinks and home bakes, and even go for a paddle in the burn. Many ducks had been sold prior to the event which raised a fantastic £400 for the Trust.

The Annual Morven Walk

The Annual Morven Walk was a great success this year. The weather was mild and kind to the forty or so souls that made the trek.

Whether the round trip took 4, 5 or 6 hours, three things made it all worthwhile, a sense of achievement, the view from the top with good friends, and a bar, with a delicious barbeque at the hall afterwards. All were welcome, even non-walkers, and the sun shone as we sipped our rewards in the garden. Oh and we also raised over £700 for the Trust!



Race Night

Bets were placed, horses were bought, jockeys were purchased and local businesses generously sponsored races. Both Logie Coldstone Trust and race winners were in the running for a liberal boost to funds, with over £700 raised for Trust funds. The excitement reached fever pitch as Stacey auctioned off horses for the race finale. A big thank you to Stacey and his team of able helpers for organising what has become a savoured annual event.



Bonfire Night

Despite a damp and drizzly day the evening cleared to provide the perfect backdrop for a dazzling display of fireworks with complementary soundtrack. The bonfire provided warmth, cheer and humour in the form of a guy created by our younger community members in the form of an effigy of a certain D Trump. A hearty thank you to Nick and Lisa for hosting our eagerly anticipated bonfire night celebration.



Logie Coldstone Fun Games



Logie Coldstone Fun Games was fortunate this year to fall on the dry summer Saturday and a fine day was had by all. Ian Smith donated and presented the AG and JJ Smith Memorial Cup at the end of the races and the field events concluded with a good humoured turn out of players of all ages taking part in a game of rounders. Thanks go to all who helped to make the day possible and especially to John & Linda Diack for the use of the park.



Thanks to all our fun games sponsors

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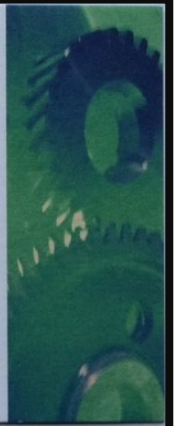
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Logie Coldstone School then and now

Fa's 'at?



Jack Ferguson kindly provided this photograph of Logie Coldstone school pupils taken around 1948 and possibly showing Primaries 3, 4 and 5. Jack is the little boy with the big smile in the middle row, third from the left. Jack now lives in Stonehaven but his family connection to Logie Coldstone continues with his daughter, Morag Ramsay, and her family now living in the community.

A school days contemporary of Jack's, Violet Reid, then of Raebush, has helped to identify some of the children. Gilbert Clark is back row first left, Gilbert's sister, Helen Clark, is front row first left, and Harold Reid, Violet's brother, is the boy in the middle row first left. Violet herself is not in the picture. Violet goes on to say that the Clarks emigrated to Tasmania. Violet also remembered that the names Shirley Harper, Roberta Riach, George Michie, and Rosemary Michie would probably also appear in the photo, but can't put faces to them. Billy Robertson and Kate Coutts may also have been at the school at that time.

Logie Coldstone School was a Junior Secondary School, taking pupils up to Secondary 3. In its heyday there were 3 full time staff members, 4 visiting teachers and 73 pupils. The classes, then, were called Infants 1 and 2. Primaries 1 to 5, and Secondary 1 – 3.

The Secondary department closed in July 1960, and Jack's father, the dominie, moved, in 1967, to become head of Peterhead North School. For a number of years Jack's mother taught the Infants.

The school was destroyed by fire in 1968, after which time pupils were taught in the Hall until the new building was completed in 1971.

If you know any of these faces please get in touch with the newsletter team at lctrust2012@gmail.com or contact Gillean on 013398 81161.



THE OLD SCHOOL SHOWING THE TEACHER'S RESIDENCE AND DETACHED KITCHEN.

**Dis onybody mind
on this skweel? ...
Hardly!**

This was the original school before it was relocated to the current location.

Logie Coldstone School today

Logie Coldstone school continues to thrive and plays a central part in our community to-day.



On 18th September Logie Coldstone School held a Soup Lunch in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. P1-3 made soup from our home grown vegetables with cauliflower and cheddar cheese, carrot and coriander, potato and leek and lentil on the menu. The children had made rolls to accompany the soup and lunch was finished off with a cup of tea or coffee and cake. All the pupils had a job to do on the day and looked very smart in their uniform and school aprons. The event was well attended with donations and raffles resulting in a fantastic £240.43! We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us.

P6 and P7 pupils departed on Monday 21st September for a week at Abernethy Outdoor Centre accompanied by Mrs Griffin and Mrs Strachan. The group participated in lots of outdoor activities including canoeing on Loch Morlich, rock wall climbing, crate climbing, archery and zip wire. A very tired but happy band arrived back all in one piece on Friday 25th having greatly enjoyed the experience.

Logie Coldstone Activities Update

Cromar Walking to Health Group



We are a small, very friendly group of all ages (under 7 to over 70!) who enjoy walking together and are always happy to welcome new people to the group. We meet every Thursday afternoon outside Logie Coldstone hall at 1.30pm and go for a gentle walk for approximately 1 hour. We then return to the hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We try to vary the walks as much as possible so we sometimes drive for a short distance to a new area whilst at other times we make use of all the paths close to the hall.

If you are interested in joining us just come along to the hall any Thursday at 1.30pm, or give Anne Heath a call on 013398 81558 for more information, or just come along for a fly cup around 3.00pm and meet the group.

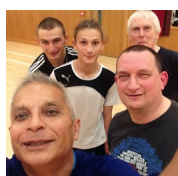
SWI



Logie Coldstone SWI celebrated its 95th birthday in October. It is the oldest WRI in Aberdeenshire with 15 members and 2 honorary members who themselves celebrated their 90th birthdays this year.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in Logie Coldstone hall at 7.30pm. A syllabus is displayed in the porch of the old Airedale.

To date this session we have enjoyed a talk from the Tarland First Responders and a birthday meal at the Commercial Hotel. We look forward to a Body Shop fundraising events evening with Gilleen Morrison in aid of the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation which funds vasculitis research and promotes awareness of the condition, so if you would like some Body Shop goods please come along and enjoy a cuppa and cake. Later in the year we will have a slide show on derelict buildings, both local and further afield, a demonstration of enamelling, a demonstration of origami and a games night. Please get in touch with Rachel for more information on 07876821073.

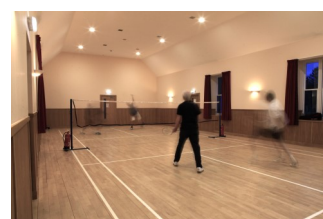


Badminton

We play every Wednesday from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Anyone interested in playing please call Hitesh on 80041.

Badminton Marathon

Hitesh set himself and supporters a challenge with a difference by holding a 24 hour badminton marathon in support of Befriend a Child. A Herculean effort!



Junior Football

Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm

Craft group



Craft group meets every 2nd Wednesday morning in the hall from 10 -12. We are very informal. If you have no craft work (or mending?) to do you are very welcome to join us for a chat and a cup of tea. We pay a nominal £2 towards Hall costs. We are all ages and often include young mums and toddlers. The little ones enjoy the space to play and there are toys to amuse them. We hope to welcome you soon - just come along on the day or telephone Joyce on 07771715293 for further information.



Aberdeenshire Mobile Library

Craft group also coincides with the visit of the mobile library which comes to the Hall every 4 weeks. (See Aberdeenshire Council website for dates and times)

Community Café

The Community Café is held on the first Friday morning of every month in the Hall from 9.45 to 12 noon. (Except January when we will meet on the 2nd Friday) The Café is an opportunity to meet friends and neighbours in a relaxed atmosphere with a warm welcome, a nice cuppa and a fine piece there for all, so we hope you can join us.



We often have the pleasure of craft stalls - so a chance to get ahead with gift shopping. Tables are available at no cost if you want to sell / display your goods.

Donations of baking always required and very welcome, also volunteers to help serve. Just come on the day or phone Joyce on 07771715293. We usually set up tables etc. on Thursday evening at 7.30pm and any help is appreciated. We look forward to having you join us for some very pleasant mornings!

Toddlers

Logie Coldstone Toddler & Baby Group has been busy since the summer break. In addition to the usual playtime with toys, nursery rhymes, snacks (and a cuppa for parents/grandparents) the kids decorated fabric lids to cover jars of lovely blackcurrant jam (made by Kate Inness) to sell at the Toddler stall at the Community Café in September. As the season progressed the children enjoyed a poem about trees in autumn and had fun playing with flurries of paper tissue leaves.

Some early preparations for the festive period were underway with toddlers and babies making Christmas designs which will be turned into printed Christmas cards. Look out for the Toddler stall at the Christmas Fair where you can decorate a canvas bag - a great gift idea! The group meets on Mondays at 10am in Logie Coldstone Primary School during term time. New faces are always most welcome.



Other news

Public Access Defibrillator

Recently a Public Access Defibrillator was installed on the outer wall of the former Airedale Pub. It is great to have the defibrillator in our community because they are essential if anybody were to suffer a cardiac arrest; the sooner that a defibrillator is used, the greater a person's chance of survival.



Tarland and Mid-Deeside First Responders very kindly donated the P.A.D. However we needed to raise a substantial sum to purchase and install a specialised container that keeps the unit at an ambient temperature. A great many people and organisations helped: Hamish Farquhar allowed us to place the unit on his premises and Stewart Davidson installed it for free. Cairngorm Lodges and Ian Smith both made significant donations which will allow us to fund the defibrillator for many years to come. Many individuals made donations and also supported our fundraising Jiggery Pokery ceilidh. A massive thank you goes out to everyone; the defibrillator would not be up and running without all of your support.

It is vital that as many people as possible in the community are trained and confident in using the defibrillator. They are incredibly simple devices to use and are designed to be 'idiot proof'. Tarland First Responders will be offering free training over the next few months.

Thin Ice

In March the hall showed "Thin Ice", a film about climate change made by a group of climate scientists themselves. It was well attended and provided considerable food for thought. Tired of seeing incorrect information about climate change in the media, the scientists felt that their work needed to be understood by a wider audience. The film provided a fascinating insight into how humans have been changing the climate of the planet. It also offered a warning to us all about our continued use of fossil fuels and tried to dispel many of the myths and mis-information that still exist surrounding the subject. Paul Mather's full article on this topic can be read on our website <http://www.logiecoldstone.org>

Logie Coldstone calendars for sale



Our 2016 calendars feature some stunning pictures of scenes in and around Logie Coldstone. Calendars are £7 each and would make a lovely gift. They will be on sale at the Christmas Fair, community café and can be ordered by contacting Joyce at lctrust2012@gmail.com or 07771715293.

Garden: Impossible

By Vincent and Xander Ramsay

On Saturday 10th of October drastic action was taken to tackle the hall garden. But who could do such an extreme task? The brave, work hardened Logie Coldstone Ground Force was ready for action with a capital A! First, a tractor driven by Richard was driven through the gates filled with wood chips for the soil. All eyes were on the mess they were going to have to work with. This work would make clearing mines look like a picnic. But the hardy workers grabbed tools and got stuck in.

After about an hour of manual labour Vincent brought out coffee and biscuits and everyone looked at the small space they had been able to cultivate. Soon it was back to work. Everyone attacked the seemingly indestructible **bad** ground with weeders, rakes and forks in an act of defiance. Wheel barrows trundled back and forth filled with woodchips. Actually, Daniel found many interesting artefacts as they dug deeper.

Sue was planting plants on the now **good** ground but the garden warriors ploughed on. Sweat dripped from their aching limbs as the sun beat down upon them as though trying to drain every bit of strength they had left. Even the solar system was against them. They were running out of woodchips, everyone was on their last legs, they disturbed the biggest toad they had ever seen and morale was rock bottom.

However, they were closer to the end than they ever thought possible. This new development immediately upped the morale. It was like a small oasis in a scorching desert. They hacked at the ground viciously knowing that the ball was now in their court, but they also knew that it could easily go out. They could see their goal and this gave them a burst of strength. They batted hurdles out of their way as though they were insolent flies. Finally, the last plants were planted. The garden now looked like Eden.

Garden: Possible



BREAKING NEWS

Kids, send us your report on local events.

Drawings, stories, poems and cartoons are all welcome too.

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Newsletters will also be placed on the website <http://www.logiecoldstone.org/>

Pensioners Christmas Meal



The Friends Of Logie Coldstone Pensioners are organising the Christmas meal and have set a date for the 17th of December in Logie Coldstone Hall at 5.30. If, for any reason, we have missed you out previously or if you have recently become eligible please get in touch with Kathleen on 01339881195 and we will include you this year.

New Fund Raising Event

Logie Coldstone Trust is always on the look out for new and innovative means of generating funds for the local community. The latest idea, suggested by a well known local figure who wishes to remain anonymous, is a fresh take on the Logie Coldstone Calendar. In recent years, the Calendar has been composed of photographs featuring the beautiful surrounding countryside: including Morven at sunrise, barley fields at dusk and the mid-summer fun games.

However, the new year will bring a new take. The calendar will feature local male residents, at work or play, in sleet or snow, sun or showers.

Ideally the first letter of the subject's name will match that of his corresponding month

At this point we have had 4 successful applicants:

1. *Super Sandy the singer makes September steamy*
2. *Macho Martin the mechanic makes March magical*
3. *Frisky Farquhar the farmer makes February fabulous*
4. *Naughty Nick the Navigator makes November notable*



If you wish to be part of this hot new venture please send your name, age, occupation, BMI and dental records, to LetsLoveLogieColdstoneLads@hotmail.com

Pro-Fitness News & Winter Promotion

Pro-Fitness continues to hold busy classes at the hall. All classes start at 6.30pm.

Monday is Cardio Kick – a fun, action packed, non-contact kickboxing class set to great music. **Tuesday** is Kettlebell Core – Kettlebells are a fantastic tool for improving overall core strength and increasing cardiovascular fitness even though all movements are low impact. **Thursday** is Metasculpt – a High Intensity Interval Training class.

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