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NEWSLETTER

Welcome,

Logie Coldstone Trust is a registered charity which aims to foster active citizenship and community development. The Trust owns and manages Logie Coldstone Hall and is run entirely by volunteers.

We have all experienced a year with a difference. We were disappointed when we had to close the doors to the hall in March. The inevitable cancellation of our usual community events means we have less 'news' to share with you but we hope you enjoy reading about how our community has adapted, and managed to share some special moments, from a distance.

As ever, the Trust extends its appreciation and thanks to people from our wider Logie Coldstone community who give their time freely, to support community activities, and contribute to making Logie Coldstone a good place to be.

Thank you, Newsletter Team



Logie Coldstone calendars

This year, we are sending a 2021 calendar to every household in our catchment area, so everyone can enjoy the bonnie local scenes, and know how to get in touch with our Logie Coldstone COVID helpline throughout the year.

We also have c. 50 calendars for sale (on a collection only basis) for anyone who wishes to purchase additional calendars. Calendars are £7 each and would make a lovely gift.

Calendars can be ordered by contacting Gillean at lctrust2012@gmail.com

or Tel. 07814 389806



Supporting each other during trying times

Are you unable to leave your home because of Covid 19/ Coronavirus? We're here for you.

If you need a hand with

- food shopping
- picking up medication
- or a friendly phone call



please contact our

Logie Coldstone volunteers at:

Email: lctrust2012@gmail.com

Facebook: Logie Coldstone

Telephone: 07787 141 454



For further information about wider assistance and advice please visit the

Grampian Coronavirus (COVID-19) Assistance Hub:

<https://www.gcah.org.uk/>

2019/2020 Logie Coldstone events & activities

Festive events 2019

Remember those heady days when we were able to get together? There was a busy, festive, buzz at last year's Coldstone Christmas Fair. The hamper raffle proved as popular as ever and all credit to the walking group for hosting a lovely fly cup.

The Coldstone toddlers and school children had the pleasure of meeting Santa at the December community café and there was more Christmas cheer with carols around the Christmas tree accompanied by the musical collective, Coldstone Sober.



Hogmanay was marked by a ceilidh at the hall with toe tapping music from the Birds and Friends and the new year was welcomed in with a blast of the pipes and Auld Lang Syne.

January Quiz 2020



A hearty thanks to Gilleen Morrison for organising a fund raising quiz in early January for the past few years. This year's quiz raised £522 which was donated to the Team Jak Foundation. Team Jak provide practical, social and emotional support to children and young people age 0-25 with cancer and related illnesses, their family, friends and those bereaved. Further information can be found on the website <https://www.teamjak.org.uk/>.

Thanks to all who supported the event by donating raffles, sponsoring rounds, helping with the teas and especially to those who attended!



TEAM JAK



Burns Supper 2020

Logie Coldstone celebrated the life, poetry, music and songs of our national bard, Robert Burns, with our usual gusto. Around 70 guests tucked into haggis, neeps and tatties provided by HM Sheridan, while volunteer bar tender, Hitesh, kept the refreshments flowing.



Katrina Lovie piped in the haggis and Sandy Moncur compered the evening in his own inimitable way, addressing the haggis with panache. For the second time in Coldstone Burns supper history, Greig and Sylvia Anderson toasted the lassies and laddies, with wit, wisdom and panache, as well as a little help from Doug the dog.



The evening continued with songs from Ken Booth, ukulele tunes from Ailie Grigor-Taylor and a small pipes duet from Sandy Rodger and Katrina Lovie. The Coldstone singing group sang two Burns songs, 'My Heart's in the Highlands' and 'Willie Brewed a Peck o Maut', beautifully accompanied by Les Inness on piano. The singing group then led a rendition of 'happy birthday' to celebrate Les' special birthday. We think Robert Burns would have fair enjoyed himself.



Acoustic panels fitted at hall



The hall acoustics are great for music but the sound quality for speech based activities has proved more challenging. We were delighted to be awarded 50% grant funding from the Marr Area fund to enable acoustic panels to be fitted. The installer, Acoustisolve, managed to fit the panels just before COVID restrictions came into force, so we have not been able to enjoy the improved sound quality for activities just yet but we are confident you will hear conversation and speech based events much better.

Community Café

We enjoyed our February and March cafes and look forward to when we can gather again to meet old friends or make new ones.



Logie Coldstone community zoom sessions



We enjoyed the weekly virtual blethers during lockdown. Each session featured an activity, with highlights being Stuart's scavenger hunts, Hitesh's bingo, virtual games of 'Who Am I?' and 'Where am I?' featuring a unique artistic approach from Quintin, a scavenger hunt with riddles from Jackie, and some fascinating and engaging quizzes including general knowledge, science, doric words and phrases and a Coldstone Cornucopia. A special thanks to Hitesh for being the ever affable host.

Tending our garden

A hearty thanks to Sue, Carmela, Les, Katrina, Anne, June and Colin for helping to look after the plants and flowers at the hall and around the war memorial. Thanks to Evelyn and Hazel for the many years of plant tending they have undertaken. Thanks also, to the MacRobert Trust gardening team who kindly donated plants, which would ordinarily be sold at the annual plant sale, to the communities of Cromar.



We have always had some keen gardeners at Logie Coldstone ...



Logie Coldstone Trust

Trust activities have been significantly curtailed but we managed a small outdoor meeting in August. The Trust is grateful to have been awarded funding from the Scottish Government and the Marr Area Partnership to support community recovery.



Logie Coldstone SWI

Taking a look back at the meetings of our "Rural" we can reflect on how fortunate we were to enjoy the few sessions we had - before the pandemic disrupted things. We have resumed our monthly meetings online using Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Non-members are very welcome to join us. Follow us on Facebook: [https:// www.facebook.com/logiecoldstoneswi](https://www.facebook.com/logiecoldstoneswi) or get in touch with Jude Bain or Rachel Mather for more information. We look forward to the eventual return to having our meetings in person - to share a delicious fly-cup together and learn something new.

We ended 2019 on a "fly-cup high" kindly provided at our December meeting by Moira Melrose – a "mini" feast of smoked salmon; turkey dinner on a skewer; cranachan; mulled wine & mince pies, Christmas cake...and...mint chocolates! Truly sumptuous and enjoyed by all, with poems and quiz by Mary McCombie – we had a great evening.

To start 2020, artist Quintin Davies gave an excellent talk at our January session about his passion for painting and how his work has evolved over the years, receiving royal approval along the way. Quintin explained some of the technical aspects of his work and brought some framed examples for us to see – a very interesting evening. For our February session, we hosted Alan Melrose, who took us on a journey with travel tales of home and abroad. It was a fantastic evening, enjoyed by all. Our March meeting was a celebration of World Book Day, in which members read excerpts from their chosen books. Our selected readings from fiction and biography narratives brought us on a literary tour from hilarity to hardship and back again. Little had we known, this was to be our last meeting for some time. In October 2020 Logie Coldstone SWI turned 100 years young! As well as planting some bulbs, we marked the special occasion with an online gathering, copious cake and a promise to hold a future celebration in person together, when we are next able to.



Connected Coldstone



Logie Coldstone website <http://www.logiecoldstone.org/index.php>

Logie Coldstone on Twitter. Follow us at [@LC_Trust](https://twitter.com/LC_Trust)

Logie Coldstone on Facebook

To hear about local new/events on a regular basis please email: lctrust2012@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email circulation list

Logie Coldstone Walkers

During the lock down and the following restrictions many people have found that escaping for a walk has become an unexpected pleasure or even a mental necessity. I would love to invite you to enjoy your walks even more by joining the Logie Coldstone Walkers but sadly we too are walking alone at present. However, just as soon as we are given the green light we will be out there every Thursday afternoon going for a gentle ramble in and around the area.

We are seriously looking at safe ways of starting up the walks again so if you are interested in joining us please get in touch with me (Anne Heath on 013398 81558/07752314632) and then I can notify you when we are gathering again.



We are a small, very friendly group of all ages, from the Cromar and Aboyne area, who enjoy walking together and are always happy to welcome new people to the group. We normally meet every Thursday afternoon outside Logie Coldstone hall at 1.30pm and go for a gentle walk for 45-60 minutes. We go at the pace of the slowest or split into two groups if some are feeling more energetic, frequently stopping along the way to investigate things of interest. We then return to the hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

I do hope we will all be out there walking together again very soon.

Craft Group

The Craft Group have been missing our companionable craft meetings and look forward to resuming when we can. For further information phone Joyce on 07771715293.



Badminton

We are missing our badminton a great deal and look forward to getting back to playing as soon as it is practical. All abilities welcome. Call Hitesh on 07801432093 for more information.



Logie Coldstone Curling Club

Logie Coldstone Curling Local club is run by local volunteers. New members are always welcome. You can find information by joining our Facebook group or call Hitesh on 07801432093.

Logie Coldstone Baby & Toddlers

Logie Coldstone Baby & Toddler group meets on a Friday from 10.15-12 noon in the hall when COVID restrictions don't prevent it. Despite only having met for a few months this year we packed a lot in. We kicked off the year with sticking rolls of paper to the floor and letting our babies and toddlers loose with the paint. Madness ensued but nothing copious amounts of water and mops couldn't sort. We had some book based messy play. Making porridge for the three bears was very popular. Valentine's Day was celebrated with red sand and crafting sun catcher hearts. After lockdown we met on line with Makaton signing songs and scavenger hunts, plus when rules permitted some catch ups at the park. The group is missing one another dreadfully. If you would like to come along once we resume give Sylvia a phone on [07941401010](tel:07941401010) or just pop in. No parental rota, all attendees just help.



The Reading Group (ELSIE)

Since last newsletter we have only managed to meet a couple of times but we have had lots of lovely support via our WhatsApp group.

Hilarious and clever memes, uplifting books, poems, radio listening and tv viewing suggestions have all been shared.

Books we read before lockdown and library closure included The Grapes of Wrath, The Misremembered Man, A Man called Ove and Narrow Dog to Carcassonne.



The good news is the library is now supplying collections for reading groups through their Click and Collect service and we are going to start ELSIE meetings via Coldstone's Zoom platform in January. We are requesting the following books for our next 3 meetings.

The Mermaid Chair Sue Monk Kidd

Trains and Lovers Alexander McCall Smith

When God was a Rabbit Sarah Winman
For more information on how to join group or next meeting please email lctrust2012@gmail.com

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



Logie Coldstone School

We are very lucky to have a vibrant school in Coldstone. The pupils and staff work together to help us feel happy and safe and to make sure the learning experiences are varied, engaging and enjoyable. It has been an action packed and memorable year with the transition to online learning in the spring months and a welcome return to face to face learning in August. We hope you enjoy reading about our school year.

There was music, dancing, and poetry for all to share at our **St Andrews Day** celebration. Some brave adults joined in with dancing later!



We enjoyed a delicious **Christmas lunch**. Thank you to Merna in the kitchen for all her hard work.



In February we had a great day on the slopes at **the Lecht**.



In March our P1-P4 shared their love of reading for **World Book Day**.



Thanks to the parent council for arranging delivery of our **P7 leavers hoodies**.



Mrs Currie had a brilliant **tennis training** session with a certain Mrs Murray!



It was all change in late March when we all adapted to **virtual learning**. We looked forward to seeing each other again in August.



A thumbnail image for a YouTube video titled 'The Beast of Kindrochit'. It shows a large, brown, textured creature with a black and white striped body.

The Beast of Kindrochit : with Jackie Ross and Pupils from Logie...

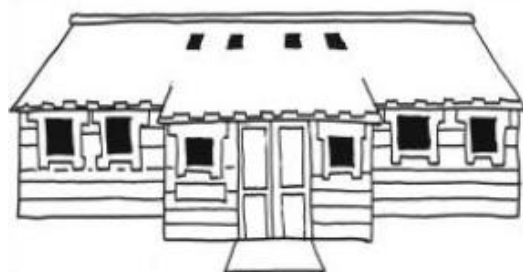
Iv ye've enjoyed the videos ye micht like tae hae a go at some o the free acteevities that ging along wi them. There's a bourach o arts an crafts ideas for i...

We worked with Mrs Ross to illustrate an animated story. This was part of the **Across the Grain Festival** to celebrate the Doric language. You can see it here: <https://youtu.be/gSTnVeA-Ly0>

P1-P3 learning about **road safety**



We came together on the **11th November** to observe the two minute silence at 11am.



Fish Van

The Skipper & Wife fish van comes to Logie Coldstone Hall on Tuesday afternoons at approx. 2.40pm.



Marr Area Partnership

Marr Area Partnership are a local charity that can help you with your community group. Do you need funding or help forming a committee and finding volunteers? We can point you in the right direction and give you a hand every step of the way.

We can help your group adjust to working throughout the pandemic. To make up lost income we assisted village halls to apply for funds and provided PPE to open safely. An online presence is more important than ever: we are involved with partnering villages with Growbiz to form internet Smart Villages.

To see if we can help your group get in touch with MAP's Development Officers Kate and Emma. They can be reached at kate@marrareapartnership.org.uk or emma@marrareapartnership.org.uk. They look forward to hearing from you!

The Airedale

Since re-opening in February local residents and visitors have been able to enjoy a refreshing drink and tasty 'pub grub', courtesy of mine host, Michelle Anderson and her team. The Airedale has adapted to the frequently changing COVID restrictions with all safety precautions in place at the pub and a take way and food delivery service available in the local area.



The Airedale was buzzing at the grand opening, with a few sair heids the next day!



Can you spot a famous footballer in this photo?

You may have correctly identified Coldstone's one and only Sandy Moncur alongside another well-known footballer Danny McGrain. This was taken in 1986 when Sandy, representing The Airedale Lounge, was acknowledged for reaching the semi-final of the Scottish Domino Championship. He missed out on reaching the final by only 4 points!



A wee song, to be sung to the melody of 'Teddy bears Picnic', was composed by a Coldstone wordsmith after encountering a Coldstone granny armed with polish near the play park ...

Slidy chute

If you go down in the park today, you're sure of a big surprise
If you go down in the park today, you'd better not spill your pies,
For every bairn that ever there was will gather there for certain
Because today's the day that Kate Inness has polished the chute.



Thank you

Thanks to Julie Mitchell-Mehta and her team for designing our smart new logo. Thanks, too, to Julie for revamping our website and to Gillian Bird, for helping us over the years with website development.

A huge thank you to Hitesh Mitchell-Mehta for co-ordinating Coldstone's COVID assistance support and to everyone who has volunteered. If you would like to help out with COVID assistance efforts or with the wider work of the Trust please get in touch at:

lctrust2012@gmail.com



Membership Application Form for Logie Coldstone Trust

Aims of Logie Coldstone Trust

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Become a member of Logie Coldstone Trust

Logie Coldstone Trust is a membership based organisation. Membership is open to anyone who is aged 18 years or over, resident in the polling district of Logie Coldstone and supports the aims of the Trust. By becoming a member you can:

- Affirm your support of the Trust's aims
- Help shape the future of the community
- Enjoy discounted member rates for hall hire

Please complete and return the application form below to:

- The hall postbox (at small hall door)
- By scanning/photographing the completed form and emailing to lctrust2012@gmail.com

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

I wish to become a member of the above named company and confirm that I am 18 years or over, am resident in the polling district of Logie Coldstone and support the aims of the Trust.

I understand that, as a member of Logie Coldstone Trust, **my liability will be limited to £1 (one pound).**

Signature:

Date:

All data collected from these forms is for the use of the Logie Coldstone Trust only and will not be divulged to any other party unless it is a statutory requirement.