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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 another year with a difference. We have made tentative steps to reopen the hall with some of our regular groups now using it in line with current government guidance. 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 continues to adapt and get through the pandemic. As ever, the Trust extends its appreciation and thanks to the people who have given their time freely, to support community activities, and contribute to making Logie Coldstone a good place to be.

Thank you, Newsletter Team



Logie Coldstone 2022 calendars

We have calendars for sale. Calendars are £8 each and would make a lovely gift. Calendars can be ordered by contacting Gillean at lctrust2012@gmail.com or Tel. 07814 389806 and can also be purchased at the Airedale Pub and Tarland Pharmacy.



COVID support

Are you unable to leave your home because of Covid 19/ Coronavirus? If you need a hand with food shopping or picking up medication, please contact our Logie Coldstone volunteers at:

Email: lctrust2012@gmail.com

For further information about wider assistance and advice please visit:

[Grampian Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Assistance Hub:](https://www.gcah.org.uk/)

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Hall bookings

We are currently updating our hall booking system. For any booking enquiries, please

contact us at

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2021/22 Logie Coldstone groups and activities

Logie Coldstone Walkers

After so many months of having to walk alone the walking group are now meeting up each week with renewed enthusiasm. At first we only walked on paths around the hall but now we are sharing cars some weeks so that we have a greater variety of walks. Whilst the weather allowed we sat outside the hall after the walk and enjoyed a cup of tea with some home bakes. However, with the onset of more Autumnal weather we have now moved into the large hall for our refreshments. Life is nearly back to normal although we never forget the threat of Covid-19 and we are taking great care in all we do.

If anyone would like to join us you will be made very welcome. We meet outside the hall at 1.30pm every Thursday afternoon and either drive a short distance or walk from the hall. The walks are on good paths lasting 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.

Just turn up any Thursday or give me a ring (Anne Heath) on 013398 81558.



Walkers outside Auchnerran

Logie Coldstone Reading Group (ELSIE)



Logie Coldstone Reading Group have enjoyed several zoom and two 'in person' meetings during 2021. Our books have included Trains and Lovers by Alexander McCall Smith, The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd, The Country Girls by Edna O'Brien, When God was a Rabbit by Sarah Winman and The Editors Wife by Clare Chambers. We largely choose our books from Aberdeenshire Library Book Group Collection.

We keep in touch through our Whats App group (emails can be sent to those who don't use What's App) with lots of suggestions for podcasts we might like and information on what's going on locally.

We are a friendly group and welcome new members - hopefully 2022 will be a year when we can return to meeting every 6 weeks in the village hall. If you are interested in joining us get in touch with Pat Turner through the Logie Coldstone Trust.

Logie Coldstone Craft Group

The Craft Group have been missing our companionable craft meetings and look forward to resuming when we can. We will let you know when we are able to resume.



Logie Coldstone Badminton

A few of the badminton group have been playing in the hall since summer. All abilities welcome. For further information call Hitesh on 07801432093.

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.



The Friends Of Logie Coldstone Pensioners

Due to the ongoing logistical challenges presented by COVID, the Friends are unable to organize the Christmas meal this year. The Friends wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see everyone next year.

Logie Coldstone WI

The past year has limited our in-person gatherings, yet we kept the togetherness going, in the ways we could. Last October our “rural” celebrated 100 years with an online tea party, with delicious cake made and delivered to our doorsteps by our President, Rachel. SWI institutes and federations far and wide sent their congratulations, the news spreading by the power of social media! We continued online for the November 2020 meeting with Rachel leading a demonstration to make beautiful festive baubles and angel decorations using scraps of fabric and paper (ideal for upcycling non-recyclable foil wrapping paper and your Radio Times!). Later in November, we met in the fresh air of a bright crisp morning to plant 100 bulbs at the village signs and along the path, near the hall. This marking of our centenary year in the village saw cheerful blooms of daffodil, crocus and iris (the SWI colours – gold, blue and white) appear the following spring, for all to enjoy. For our December meeting we closed the year enjoying a fascinating online session with Scott Muir. Scott shared with us tales from his adventures in Scotland and beyond, skiing the gullies and capturing awe-inspiring photographs along the way.



The New Year saw a defiant approach to beat the January blues, courtesy of a fantastic online quiz led by Katrina and Joyce Lovie, which put our Doric and our local knowledge to the test! In February, Paul Mather gave an excellent online talk about his endeavours to take action in the climate emergency. Many factors impact our climate and the fate of our planet, beyond just doing the recycling. We thank Paul for a very informative talk that everyone took something important away from. Our March and April meetings were still online but we cheered ourselves with progress updates on our sewing project that has been ongoing over the many weeks. We are creating bunting for village events—made from recycled fabric—including tartans, a school jumper, old curtains and more. With each of our ladies producing several triangles, we plan to assemble the bunting soon.

For our May meeting we enjoyed a superb evening outing at the Knockiehill Woodland Centre. Many thanks to host Pip, who did a marvellous job of providing a delicious supper by the campfire: nettle fritters; wild garlic bread; campfire pizza and dandelion & lemon cookies – delicious and heart-warming.



In June, the warm evening and the beautiful backdrop of Morven set the scene for an outdoor meeting by the hall, with special guest Max the cat taking full advantage of a captive audience.

We resumed after the summer break for an in-person September meeting at the hall, albeit in small numbers. Tuning in for a nationwide SWI session with George Anderson of the Beechgrove Garden, who gave an interesting and entertaining account of his gardening career, with technical filming assistance from his wife—also a SWI member.



Recently, we celebrated our 101st birthday, enjoying a lovely night out with a meal at the Airedale. We dressed in black & white, inspired by the movie 101 Dalmatians, but being together certainly brought colour and cheer to our evening. Here's to the next 101 years of our lovely rural SWI!!

Upcoming on 10th of November we look forward to weaving with willow to create sustainable and beautiful pieces, hosted by

Katie and Nick. Non-members are welcome to come along to our meetings too. LC SWI meet at the hall (all being well!) at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Our meetings are informal, with a lovely fly-cup served, and small raffle— only £2.

Look out for us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/logiecoldstoneswi>

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

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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 School



January 2021 saw Google Classroom replacing the real life classroom for most, while a snowy start to the year allowed for some fun activities outdoors. School re-opened for P1-3 following the February half term holiday with P4-7 returning before the Easter holidays. The school building was very much alive again, especially as we welcomed two new families to Logie Coldstone School.



P1-3 were kept busy designing and building a Picnic Pocket Garden outdoors in the spring term. Reusing an old pallet and tyres, we painted and dug and planted and created and built our pocket garden including flowers for the bees and butterflies, edible plants for a picnic and a pond for wildlife.

Mike from Jazzamatazz returned to Logie Coldstone in June. P1-7 learned about different types of Jazz music and how to play the xylophones.



The summer term saw the children take part in Sports Day within the school grounds ending with a visit from the ice cream van.





The children also had the opportunity to share their many talents in our Talent Show. We were treated to magic, singing, puppetry, violin-playing and displays of artwork.

At the end of the school year, we ventured into the woods for some outdoor fun with Knockiehill Woodland Centre. The children enjoyed relaxing in hammocks, making story sticks and bracelets, playing games and testing their balance on the slack line.



In the autumn term, pupils and staff have been working towards the FairAchiever Award, the highest Fairtrade Schools Award. P5-7 have been leading some Fairtrade assemblies. For Climate Fringe Week, they did an online presentation entitled 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'. They also did an online question and answer session with Phil Wells, a former Director of the Fairtrade Foundation. At the end of the term, both classes came together for an enjoyable, collaborative Fairtrade learning experience.



Thanks to

- ◇ June and Colin for helping keep the area around the old kirk and shop looking bright, cheery and looked after. Thanks also to our hall gardening helpers.
- ◇ The Tarland Pharmacy and the Airedale for helping with Logie Coldstone calendar sales/distribution.
- ◇ Lucy at Tarland Toy Shop and Post Office for helping us distribute newsletters and for going above and beyond last year at the height of the pandemic.
- ◇ Rachel, Paul, Dougal and helpers for picking up litter and keeping Coldstone Beautiful
- ◇ Our committee for steadying the ship of our trust accounts, keeping us right with company secretary tasks, securing grant funding, keeping on top of hall maintenance and helping to keep everyone going through tricky times. Also to Fay and Tracy at PA Solutions for keeping xero transactions up to date.



Can you help?

Logie Coldstone Trust has a small but committed core group of experienced volunteers but we would love to have some additional volunteers to help us keep core community activities going. We know that no one wants to be thrown in at the deep end or have responsibility foisted on them—we are of the same view! Consequently, we would look to support any new volunteers into activities through buddying up with our existing team. Once you get to know folk, it can be tremendous fun. These are the kind of things we would like a hand with:

- ⇒ Our core activities: help to organize maintenance of the hall and garden/outside area; treasury tasks, secretary tasks; help to organize events
- ⇒ Grant funding: help to research grant funding and draft grant applications
- ⇒ Newsletter & calendar: help to put together the annual newsletter and calendar
- ⇒ Community café: volunteers who can perhaps form a core group to oversee the monthly community café following the retirement of our previous volunteer café coordinator
- ⇒ Longer term: help to plan any future projects, develop ideas, and organize feasibility studies, e.g. developing the footpath network; improving digital connectivity; community land purchase; explore affordable housing development.
- ⇒ New ideas: are there any projects you would like to lead on? Perhaps we can support you.
- ⇒ Infectious enthusiasm is also welcome!

If you would like to help out, or just make an initial enquiry, please get in touch at:
lctrust2012@gmail.com

Fish Van

The Skipper & Wife fish van comes to Logie Coldstone Hall on Tuesday afternoons at approx. 2.20—2.40pm.



The Airedale



Since re-opening in February 2020 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. Contact Tel. 013398 80107 or facebook @TheAiredaleLogieColdstone

Logie Coldstone MOT Centre

Callum Lumsden is now undertaking MOT's. For further details contact Tel. 013398 81404.



Cycling Tour



The last stage of the September 'Tour of Britain' 2021 included local routes at Dinnet and Ordie, where some Coldstone and Ordie residents gathered to cheer on the cyclists. *(Thanks to Gerry and Ellen Robb for the photo.)*

Youth Club Panto 1999 —some familiar faces?



Power to the people!

One of the objectives of Logie Coldstone Trust is to foster active citizenship. After a quick trawl through newspaper archives, we were fair trickit to find a when o Coldstone campaign victories...

First up from **March 1973** (All newspaper articles courtesy of Press and Journal archives)

Villagers voice fear

CEMETERY, SCHOOL CLOSURE PLANS ANGER FOLK

THE PEOPLE of a quiet North-east community are frightened their homes are going to become part of a "death village."

The fear comes as a result of proposals by Aberdeen County Council to close their small two-teacher school and to construct a cemetery in the centre of their hamlet.

The villagers of Logie Coldstone near Tarland, Aberdeenshire, have formed an action committee — like many other communities in the county — to do what they can to prevent the school closure.

But the fight to stop the cemetery coming into realisation has been taken up by one woman... 37-year-old mother of two Mrs Margaret McMunn.

The county council are planning to lay the resting place in a field adjoining the village's only place of worship, Logie Coldstone Parish Church.

And this is what is annoying Mrs McMunn who, along with her husband David, runs the post office and the only shop.

For their premises face the church and are only a few yards apart. If the county council went

ahead with the new burial ground it too would face the McMunn's shop.

But Mrs McMunn is up in arms because, she says: "I just don't want a cemetery staring me in the face."

She wrote a letter of protest to the county council and after waiting a month she received her reply. But she is still not satisfied and has written again.

In her first letter Mrs McMunn, who hails from Glasgow, wrote asking if there was any possibility of the present cemetery at Logie Coldstone being extended.

She received this reply from a county official: "If it had been possible to do so the council would have preferred to extend the old cemetery."

"This possibility was thoroughly investigated but as the ground is unsuitable for grave digging and the access road to the burial ground is a rather lengthy farm track, it was considered desirable that the new cemetery be constructed more centrally and appropriately adjacent the church.



TWO of the main objectors... Mrs Elsie Craigmile (left) and Mrs Helen Harper.

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"The council had intended to plant trees to screen the proposed burial ground as evergreen trees provide a better screen than a wall. To prevent traffic congestion access with a car park would be constructed south of the shop just above the bridge."

Mrs McMunn was also asked in the letter to consider withdrawing her objection.

But Mrs McMunn told "The Press and Journal" yesterday she had no intention of withdrawing as she has the support of all the villagers.

TREES

She said: "The council say they are planning to plant trees, but just how long will they take to grow? They must think we have corn growing out of our ears."

And Mrs McMunn also condemns what she described as the council's "Gestapo" approach. "They write you a letter telling you of the proposal and you are expected to accept it."

"You complain and they reply offering reasons and then ask you to withdraw your complaint."

"With the proposed closing of our primary school and the arrival of a burial ground in the middle of Logie Coldstone, it will be turned into a death village."

"People in the village who have either lost their husbands, wives or children, just don't want to be reminded of the fact every time they pass the cemetery to come to the shop."

"Personally I don't want to see people being lowered into their graves while serving in the shop. It is a morbid idea to have the cemetery there."

MINISTER

"If the council go ahead with it the value of our shop and house will definitely drop."

Mrs McMunn has spoken to the church minister, the Rev. E. Rushford, and she said he didn't approve of the proposed new site.

She is now to organise a petition and says she will have the support of all the villagers.

Undertaker Mr John Harper (67), Holmhead, has offered to take Mrs McMunn's petition round the doors of the village. He and his wife Helen are both against the new cemetery.

Mr Harper was taught in the village school and made his home there in 1935. He said: "Mrs McMunn has our sympathy and we will assist her in every way."

ATTRACTIVE

"Admittedly Logie Coldstone cemetery is full and the ground is not suitable for digging, but I see nothing to stop the council extending the cemetery at nearby Logie."

Mr Harper explained both existing graveyards were about the same distance from the village — about a mile.

"It would be a far better idea to extend Logie cemetery

than to construct a new one in a field next to the church," he said.

His wife added: "We have a very attractive village centre in Logie Coldstone and this would really spoil it. We just don't want to be constantly reminded of death with a cemetery plonk in the centre."

Concluded Mr Harper: "Even if they do build a cemetery there it is going to take ages to fill it. It is going to look really unsightly at first with maybe one or two headstones sticking up."

One of the first to sign the petition will be 74-year-old Mrs Elsie Craigmile, who lives near the Harpers in a house also called Holmhead.

Mrs Craigmile is a regular attender at the village church and is in complete agreement with Mrs McMunn.

She said: "I certainly would not like to see a graveyard every time I wanted to go to the shop. It is just not right that we should have to do this."

None of the county officials connected with the proposed cemetery was available for comment yesterday.

Parents fight school closure plan

Logie Coldstone building in 'poor condition'

□ TIM PAULING

THE proposed closure of the school would be the final nail in the coffin of a small Deeside community, local people have claimed.

Parents and residents have vowed to fight the closure at Logie Coldstone — even though there is a danger the roof could collapse on the children with the first heavy snowfall.

When the original granite building burned down 24 years ago, it was replaced with a modular building designed to last 10 years. Now well past its anticipated life, the school is considered dangerous. For several years wooden props have had to be placed under the flat roof during the winter.

Last week, Grampian Regional Council's school buildings sub-committee decided it would be safer to close the school before the



■ Pupils of Logie Coldstone school pictured outside the building they may have to leave. On the right is Mrs Dierdre Rattray, from Tillypronie, whose daughter, Claudia (7), attends the school. Mrs Rattray is press officer for the committee which is trying to save the village school.

winter sets in. The options are to teach the children in the village hall or in nearby Tarland.

Parents and villagers want a new school built on the site and are opposed to children moving out of the area, even on a temporary basis. And they do not feel the hall is suitable to be used as both a school and community centre.

Independent surveyors estimated it would cost about

£70,000 to repair the old building, £84,000 to replace it with another sectional building, and £220,000 to build a traditional building.

Action committee spokeswoman and PTA secretary and treasurer, Mrs Deirdre Rattray, said the school serves a wide area, and the number of pupils is expected to increase from 21 to 35 within a couple of years.

"The church closed about 12 years ago and the village

hall is hardly used. The school is the only thing left," she said.

"Parents are unanimous in their opposition to a move to Tarland, and are backed by the members of the growing community of Logie Coldstone who fear that the loss of the school would remove an important focal point and lead to the demise of the community."

Education committee chairman Mr Eric Hendrie

said: "The school is in a very bad condition and we are really quite anxious to see the children out of there before the winter sets in."

"We are just talking with the parents at the moment. No decision has been made by any means."

"We are very concerned — I am personally concerned — about the effect on Logie Coldstone as a village."

Parents plan to send a delegation to next Tuesday's education committee.

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Clatt and Logie Coldstone schools to be rerieved

1988 saw campaigning for a better water supply.



'Bridges Not Walls' 2017.



Community activism resulted in a long awaited path between Logie Coldstone School and Logie Coldstone Hall in 2019.

Hopes high for end to polluted water supply

HOUSEHOLDERS in the Logie Coldstone area may be connected to a new water supply by spring next year.

The good news for the consumers came after they presented a 95-signature petition to Grampian Regional Council following two spells of contaminated supply this year.

The residents have twice had to use alternative sources in the past four months after their water supply became polluted. An alternative local service is providing water for the area at the moment.

After receiving the petition, the council's director of water services Mr James Cockburn indicated that he is to ask the water services

committee to accelerate the programme to give Logie Coldstone a new water supply.

He will ask the committee, when it meets on November 15, to speed up the completion of a water main from Tarland to Logie Coldstone and he hopes that the new link will be finished by spring 1989.

Mr Cockburn said: "I am very sympathetic to the plight of consumers in the Logie Coldstone area and we are moving quickly to alleviate the problem and effect a permanent solution."

The petition was presented at the council's headquarters at Woodhill House, Aberdeen, yesterday by one of the consumers who has been affected, Mrs Pamela Burnett, Balnastraid Cottage, Dinnet.





Membership Application Form for 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

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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).**

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