Logie Coldstone Trust

2018/2019



NEWSLETTER

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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 had a lot of fun at our annual activities and at our regular community activities. We hope you enjoy reading about them in this newsletter. We are delighted to report that community activism has paid off and the long awaited footpath between Logie Coldstone school and hall is here!



As ever, the Trust extends its appreciation and thanks to people from our wider Logie Coldstone community who give their time freely, and work within a limited budget, to maintain the hall, organise community activities, and contribute to making Logie Coldstone a good place to be.

Thank you,

Newsletter Team

Logie Coldstone calendars

Our 2019 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, and community café and can be ordered by contacting Joyce at <u>Ictrust2012@gmail.com</u>or 07771715293.



Upcoming events

Community Café, LC Hall,

1st Friday of every month, 9:45am to12
2018

LC Trust AGM, LC Hall

Monday 26th November, 8pm

 $\label{eq:lc_school} \textbf{LC School Christmas Show}, \ \textbf{LC Hall}$

Wednesday 19th December, 2pm

Christmas music & carols, LC Hall

Sunday 23rd December, 4.30pm

Hogmanay Party, LC Hall

Thursday 31st December, from 7:30pm

<u>2019</u>

Quiz Night, LC Hall

Saturday 5th January, 7pm

Burns Supper, LC Hall

Saturday 26th January, 7:30pm

Duck Race, At the burn side

Sunday 5th May, races start 2:30pm

Morven Walk, meet at LC Hall

Saturday 25th May, meet at 10:30am

Fun Games

Saturday 29th June, afternoon

How to book the hall

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

or by contacting

Emma, Bookings Co-ordinator

at <u>Ictrust2012@gmail.com</u> Tel. 07734 543554



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2018 Logie Coldstone events in words and pictures

Burns Supper

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. The three course meal was expertly served by our trusty volunteers while The Barrel team kept the refreshments flowing.

Sandy Moncur compered the evening in his own inimitable way and addressed the haggis with panache. In keeping with the spirit of Robert Burns, Barry Cranna toasted the lassies and Elaine Cranna replied, with both speakers raising gleeful laughs and recounting amusing tales about the ups and downs of the lassies and laddies. Stuart Bull brought Tam O Shanter's journey to life, with its 'drouthy neibours', witches, warlocks and his trusty mare, Meg.

The evening continued with Burns songs, 'Ye Banks & Braes' and 'Corn Rigs', from the Coldstone singing



group, beautifully accompanied by Gillean Morrison on trumpet and Les Inness on piano. Special thanks to Rachel Fraser who sang a solo spot, Lewis Beddie who provided upbeat accordion melodies and Alan Robertson who left us all spellbound with his heartfelt and mesmerising singing. We think Robert Burns would have fair enjoyed himself.

The Duck Race

On a warm, dry day in early May, a crowd gathered by the burn at Logie Coldstone for one of the most important events on the calendar, the duck race. Young and old, regulars and new faces, were all there to cheer on the ducks as they competed for the top three places in each race while their owners anticipated their cash prizes.

While the younger spectators enjoyed the thrill of getting their wellies full of water, the grown-ups enjoyed tea, home baking and catching up with friends and neighbours.

As well as the hotly contested duck races, there was the competition to guess the giant duck's name and, of course, the grand finale, made up of the winning ducks from each race.

Many thanks to all the organisers of the event, the duck sellers and everyone who helped on the day. It's one of those lovely local traditions that attracts all ages and continues to

raise much needed funds for the trust a staggering £750 this year!



Morven Walk

A wonderful sunny day in late May saw a cheerful group of walkers assemble for the great ascent.

As ever, it was a relaxed affair with everyone progressing at their own pace with the young and not so young rubbing shoulders, chatting and enjoying each other's company.

There were smiles all round when we reached the top, and it was a real treat to have such a lovely day to admire the view. Spirits were high as walkers made their way down towards the hall and the eagerly awaited barbecue.

An evening of good company, sunshine, good food and liquid refreshment made for a good night. Thanks to Nick Bailey, our walk leader.

Community Café

The community cafe has become an established part of Coldstone life. Pop in and you will be greeted by the lively chatter of friendly folk and a mouth watering selection of cakes and bakes. It is a great place to catch up with friends and neighbours or get to know new ones.

The cafe is held from 9.30am to 11.30am on the first Friday of every month (except Jan). It is run by volunteers so any help on the day or with set up on the Thursday evening would be very much appreciated. Donations of home baking would be welcome. Donations for the food bank can also be handed in here. Please call Joyce on 013398 81427 or email <u>lctrust2012@gmail.com</u>

Joyce delivers regular charming seasonal reminders of this event with a small selection of poetry. So as an ode to Joyce and for your enjoyment Mr George Ellis will cover the whole year.

The Twelve Months

Snowy Flowy ,Blowy, Showery, Flowery, Bowery, Hoppy, Croppy, Droppy, Breezy, Sneezy, Freezy,

George Ellis





Logie Coldstone Fun Games

The Annual Fun games scored with a day of glorious sunshine in June. Never before has the Ice Cream van run out of ice Iollies.



Our merry band of helpers (more are required!) set up the tents the



week before and, despite valiant efforts to reinvigorate it we had to condemn the wooden flagpole. This caused a flurry of concern, how would we open the Annual Logie Coldstone Fun Games with no way of raising the flag? Should we do a dare devil helicopter stunt by way of homage to the London Olympic

Games Opening Ceremony? We thought it was too late for booking the Queen, who else might be free? Alas, Jock, Evelyn, Sandy, and Hazel were all busy. MOT's, Spinning the Wheel of Fortune, Compering and Treasure Hunting had already booked their services. Several emails and phone calls later we had momentous news, a last minute donation of a street lamp that had been cunningly fashioned in to a flag pole by staff at McIntosh Plant Hire was donated. Many thanks to Bert & Larry for arranging this.

The day could not happen without the use of the park. Thank you to John and Linda Diack for their continuing support with this and to their daughter, Katrina, for kindly agreeing to open the Games for us. Katrina was piped in by our very own trio of talented pipers Katrina Lovie, Mary Farquhar & Barry Cranna, and raised the flag to officially open the Games.

The heat did not deter our enthusiastic competitors. The AG and JJ Smith Memorial Cup for our junior entrant with most points was won by Seol Dobson-Hallam with Mary Farquhar coming a close second.



In order to quench the thirst of those taking part in these activities, and the effort used by those watching them, refreshments were abundant. The School Parent Council provided teas, coffees and homemade lemonade and Hitesh & Paul, on behalf of LCT, ran the bar (another race in the making?!). Thanks also to Mary (& helpers), Tarland Girl Guiding and the Curling Club for taking stalls.

In a time when many businesses are tightening their belts and donations are hard to come by, we are extremely grateful to Stephen Davies at Culloden House hotel for donating the star prize for the Grand Raffle and to all those who gave generously.

Thanks to all our fun games sponsors

Tick Tock Soft Play, Alford The Barn Burn O Bennie, Banchory The Cornerhouse, Aboyne Culloden House Hotel Phoenix Chip Shop, Ballater Tarland Toy Shop Colin Mitchell To the Point Ian Smith Den in the Glen,Maryculter



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How does our garden grow?

It has been a tough year for all gardens for sure. The hall plants have survived quite well considering minimal upkeep and the surprising, yet lovely, hot weather. The Berberis pillars are a superb autumnal red highlight right now, and the apple trees produced a healthy crop for such small trees. We will keep them well pruned to avoid wind damage.

Other things, including rampant weeds, require a little more attention; the Guelder Rose suffered from some minute type of aphid, and we will treat that accordingly next spring, to make sure we have a better display of flowers, leaves, and berries. The plum trees will be similarly treated.

We are planning to fill some more gaps, and to plant some 'Elephant Ears' (Bergenia) as these are fairly hardy, like good drainage, provide good ground cover and put on a good show for most of the year.

As well as any new gardening volunteers (we do have a nice cuppa and a blether too), we welcome any cuttings that are low maintenance and provide good ground cover - Alpines for example. Please feel free to email: lctrust2012@gmail.com

Our very own musical collective, Coldstone Sober, organised an in-

4.30pm. Accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies.

formal Christmas carol singalong at the hall last year. It proved popu-

lar with all ages and we are delighted to welcome you again to en-

joy 'carols around the Christmas tree' on Sunday 23rd December at

Caring for our war memorial plants

Many of you will appreciate the well tended, colourful plants around the war memorial. A big thank you to Evelyn Smith and Hazel Moncur for the time and care they put into caring for the plants.

Christmas carols with Coldstone Sober

Connected Coldstone

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

Logie Coldstone on Twitter. Follow us at @LC_Trust

Logie Coldstone on Facebook

Logie Coldstone Trust Newsletter Team can be contacted at lctrust2012@gmail.com







ColdStone

Sober

Logie Coldstone School

We are very lucky to have a vibrant school in Coldstone. The pupils and staff work together to ensure that the learning experiences are engaging and structured in a way that progress is real.

Last year, the pupils worked with many visitors to the school. They looked at the history of the school and the surrounding area to create their own map of the village.

They investigated how they could help the Hen Harriers survive with the RSPB Community Engagement Officer, visiting Burn'a'Vat as part of the project.





We also welcomed the Ceilidh makers to school. These musicians worked with the children over a number of weeks to produce a music extravaganza, full of local influences. The performance was greeted by an audience of parents and friends from the community.





In Term 4 the whole school developed their tapestry skills by working with volunteers from the Embroidery Guild to produce a panel that will join the World's Longest Tapestry. The completed tapestry will tour Scotland, spreading the name of Logie Coldstone School wide and far. Although we are a small school, we still manage to have all the pupil groups that you will find in any other school in the North East. We have Pupil Council, Eco Group, Junior Road Safety Officers, Digital Leaders and the Rights Respecting School Group.

The pupil groups enjoyed many successes last year, but the most notable must be the installation of the new path that leads up to the village hall. The Pupil Council were proactive by contacting the Roads Division to explain the reasons behind the need for the path. In conjunction with members of the community, councillors and land owners this much needed addition was completed.

This year we will build upon the work from last year, ensuring the children get the best possible experiences to develop their learning styles, and celebrate their achievements.

Already this year, 2018-19, we have had visitors to the school. Primary one parents

came in to see what happens in class. Lots of parents and visitors enjoyed the French Café that we held to mark European Day of Languages in September. As everyone enjoyed some French Cuisine, the children demonstrated their learning through different means: speaking French, identifying the foods in French, presenting their work on the computers and iPads. Please watch out for opportunities like this where you are invited to visit the school.



Very soon the children will be learning about the centenary of the end of WW1. We would be very grateful if anyone has any background information about the names on the Logie Coldstone War Memorial to come along to the school to share with us. The children are planning to, in turn, share their learning at a future event arranged by the school.

The teachers and other staff have planned events for the year. Sometimes you will be invited to join us, sometimes we will go out into the community to share with you. There will be lots of times where we can come together. The Head Teacher, Ms Rogers, advertises this on Twitter (@logie_ps), and a helpful parent also puts it onto Facebook. The children often provide posters that go out into the community also. Watch out for these arranged times.

We always welcome visitors to Logie Coldstone School. If you know someone who has a skill, or a job, or just an interest that you think would enhance the children's learning experiences in school, please contact the school office on 013398 81272.



Logie Coldstone Activities Update

Cromar Walking to Health Group



We know that walking can bring physical and mental health benefits; it can also be a lot of fun. Why not come along and give it a try?

We meet every Thursday afternoon outside Logie Coldstone hall at 1.30pm. We walk at a gentle pace for approximately one hour in and around Logie Coldstone and then return to the hall

for a cup of tea and a home bake. If the weather prevents us walking we still meet at the hall, do a few exercises (not nearly as bad as it sounds) and have an earlier cup of tea and a longer chat. We are a small, very friendly and supportive group of people who thoroughly enjoy walking together and are always happy to welcome new members to the group. If you are interested in joining us just turn up at the hall on any Thursday, or if you would like more information give me a call on 013398 81558. Anne Heath (Group Leader)



SWI

The first Women's Institute was formed in Scotland in Longniddry, East Lothian in 1917. Since then the Scottish Women's Institutes (SWI) as grown to approximately 15,300 members across Scotland

including the most rural of Islands to the highly populated vibrant cities. Logie Coldstone Women's Rural Institute was set up in October 1920. At their first meeting, the following month, 72 members were in enrolled. For last year's birthday meeting, Kate Inness was able to get copies of newspaper articles covering these events in 1920. They make fascinating reading, giving an insight into life and the issues of the day. Our hostesses of the evening, Anne Mathers and Kathleen Farquhar, did an amazing job of providing food from the 1920s.

Nowadays our membership is a little less. We are a small institute, with 10+ members of all ages. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from September to May, (7:30pm upstairs meeting room at the village hall) with an outing of some sort in June. Our meetings are opportunities to learn about something new and to catch up with friends, taking a break from our busy lives. It is totally acceptable for the hostess to bring food straight from the Coopie. Competitions are not a common feature, but we do like to submit an Institute entry at the "Bulb Show". Unfortunately, the 2018 Bulb Show was cancelled due to the snow, but Kathleen Farquhar is convinced we would have won the "combined effort". Maybe 2019 will be our year... In March 2018, there was an excellent turn out for our open evening, about Guide Dog Puppy training. It was a fascinating talk, the puppies were lovely and it was also a successful fundraiser for the charity. In June 2018, we ventured to Aboyne Golf Club for an evening meal. It was a lovely way to finish the year.



The current syllabus is a follows:

November 2018 – Christmas Crafts by Isla Black, Crafty Neuk

December 2018 – Buttony Bear by Jenny Gow

January 2019 – Cromar History Group and Archive by Lesley Ellis

February 2019 – Games Night

March 2019 – Impact of Huntington's Disease by Katrina Lovie, Scottish Huntington's Association

June 2019 – Outing to Bingo in Tarland

New members and visitors are always welcome



Logie Coldstone Baby & Toddlers

Logie Coldstone Baby and Toddler group meets on a Friday from 10.15-12 noon in the hall. We are a small friendly group that are always pleased to welcome new members. We share the space on the first Friday of the month with the community café and run sensory play (it can be a little bit messy!). At other times we enjoy Makaton





signing rhymes, nursery rhymes, ride-ons, parachute games and general play. We work on a no rota basis. If you would like to come along please give Sylvia a phone on 07941401010 or just pop in. We are also looking for a volunteer from the community to help the mums at snack time and with the teas and coffees. Please let me know if you might be able to help.

The Reading Group

Logie Coldstone Reading Group (otherwise known as Elsie) meets upstairs in the hall every six weeks. It is a very informal group - an opportunity to relax and chat about the book and catch up with friends. Next meeting is 14 December 7.30 pm.

Books are chosen from Aberdeenshire Libraries Reading Group Collection. Elsie members collect and return their books to Aboyne Library. This year our choices have included: The Reader, The Age of Innocence, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, The Secret Life of Bees and I know Why the Caged Bird Sings. New members are always welcome.



Logie Coldstone Activities Update

Craft Group & Library Van

The Craft Group meet in the main hall once every two weeks on a Wednesday morning from 10am - noon the same week as the black bin collection. It is a nice interlude from busy lives spent with a small friendly group as we catch up with our craft work (or mending). We enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and pay £2 each time to help with hall costs. We welcome new folk, either as a regular attendee or anyone who likes to drop in for an informal chat with others. Especially welcome are young children who take their parent/ grandparent/carer along too. All welcome.



For further information contact Joyce on 07771715293.

The Library van calls at the school fortnightly on a Tuesday from 12.55-1.25pm the same week as the black bin collection. Details of times etc. may be found on Aberdeenshire Council website.

Badminton

Badminton at Logie Coldstone Hall. Every Wednesdays between 8.00pm and 10.00pm. All abilities welcome. £3.00 per Adult and under 16's free. Call Hitesh for more information. 013398 80041

Logie Coldstone Curling Club – (LCCC)

Established over 150 years ago, LCCC is a vibrant part of the community. We are also a member of Deeside Curling Association. Our mission is to be "A Historic, traditional curling club, welcoming young and old". The curling season is a completely dependent on the weather and it has been non-existent for a several years. However, we were extremely fortunate towards the end of 2017 and managed to have a very enjoyable evening curling.





LCCC holds various fundraising events to raise money

for the up keep of the pond and the electrics.

Events included a film night, the ever-popular karaoke as well as actual curling.

You can find information about up-coming events by joining our Facebook group or call Hitesh on 07801432093.

Poem by **Logie Coldstone School** pupils

Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Fit div ye see by the river Dee? Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Freenly fine community

Every year there's Friday bingo Once a month the café tae Every week day aff tae school Unless we've got a holiday

Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Fit div ye see by the river Dee? Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Freenly fine community

See the squirrels up the tree Reid and reid and reid's can be Foxes, rubbit, deer and hare But nae wolves are runnin free

Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Fit div ye see by the river Dee? Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Freenly fine community

Ptarmigan in the sparklin sna Reid broon grouse on the sunny muir Soarin seagull at plooin time Huntin a moose or a worm in the stoor

Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Fit div ye see by the river Dee? Fit div ye see in Logie Coldstone? Freenly fine community

In Place



The Sound Festival brought the multi-media song cycle, 'In Place', to Logie Coldstone in 2017 and featured recordings of our very own

local talent, Kathleen Farguhar and Katrina Lovie, reading prose by Nan Shepherd, alongside new musical compositions. Poetry by the school pupils was also incorporated much to the entertainment of all.



LisaBailey Mondays - Cardio Kick - 6.30pm , Logie Coldstone Hall Tuesdays - Kettlebell Core - 6.30pm , Logie Coldstone Hall Thursdays - Metasculpt - 6.30pm , Logie Coldstone Hall

All classes are suitable for complete beginners (there are always modifications available for exercises that may be more challenging for some people), all equipment is provided and all fitness levels welcome. The classes are suitable for men and women. Classes are fun and welcoming and it would be great to see some new faces coming along.

See further details at lisabaileyhealth.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 Ictrust2012@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.