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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 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.



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 2020 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 lctrust2012@gmail.com or 07771715293.



Upcoming events

Community Café, LC Hall,

1st Friday of every month (except Jan),
9:45am to 12 noon

2019

LC Trust AGM, LC Hall

Monday 25th November, 7:30pm

Hogmanay Party, LC Hall

Thursday 31st December, from 7:30pm

2020

Quiz Night, LC Hall

Saturday 4th January, 7pm

Burns Supper, LC Hall

Saturday 25th January, 7:30pm

Duck Race, At the burn side

Sunday 3rd May, races start 2:30pm

Morven Walk, meet at LC Hall

Saturday 30th May, meet at 10:30am

Fun Games

Saturday 27th 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

Cheryl, Bookings Co-ordinator

at lctrust2012@gmail.com



2019 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 and bar volunteer, 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 year running, and at short notice, Barry and Elaine Cranna very kindly stepped in and toasted the lassies and laddies, with both speakers raising gleeful laughs and recounting amusing tales about the ups and downs of our quines and loons.

The evening continued with Burns songs, 'Ae Fond Kiss' and 'A Man's a Man for a That', from the Coldstone singing group, beautifully accompanied by Les Inness on piano. The Coldstone Sober musical collective played a selection of Scottish melodies including the Rowan Tree arranged for Scottish small pipes and other instruments. Rachel Mather and Cheryl Davies were in fine form playing a selection of fiddle tunes. Special thanks to Emily Marshall and Ken Booth who entertained us with some sublime solo singing. The evening continued with some lively karaoke and folk trying out the various bagpipes with the multi talented Barry and Katrina. We think Robert Burns would have fair enjoyed himself.



The Duck Race

On a cool but dry day in early May, a crowd gathered by the burn at Logie Coldstone for 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.

Many thanks to all the organisers of the event, the duck sellers and everyone who helped on the day.



Morven Walk

The last Saturday in May can be very hot, very cold, wet or windy, but this year it managed to be somewhere in between, which, of course, is ideal weather for the annual Morven Walk.

A lively crowd set off, making easy work of the first part of the walk, young and not so young chatting, admiring the scenery and anticipating the day ahead. We made it across the burn without mishap and before we knew it we were stopping for lunch and resting our legs before the climb.

The chatting was definitely more subdued on the next section as we saved our breath for the steep ascent, which doesn't get any easier however many times you do it! It was a great relief to see the cairn, and meet the others who had got there a little faster.

It was a bit chilly and foggy at the top so we didn't linger, heading downhill towards Logie Coldstone quite quickly. After a scramble and a few slips we were on the flat of the Groddie Road and the last stage of the walk.

A fabulous BBQ and a great spread of food was waiting for us at the hall where we took the weight off our feet and enjoyed a few medicinal drinks to celebrate another successful day out on our local mountain.

A few years ago Julie Mitchell Mehta's father, Hamish Mitchell, joined the community walk up Morven. He was so taken with the experience that he composed this poem:

Morven

*It dominates the sky line between the Don and Dee.
Broad shoulders clothed in empty heath and scree,
Hunched and powerful with flecks of late Spring snow,
It exerts a special fascination, a seed that seems to grow
Till with hypnotic force I'm caught within its spell.
My head resists its charms but its lure I cannot quell.
My eyes keep wandering upwards to its mighty frame
To stand upon its summit becomes my determined aim.
My fateful choice is made, my heart has won the fight
And steel resolve I buckle on to make my journey light.
The day arrives; I join the expedition on the mountain track
A broad and well trod highway and, easy on my back,
My rucksack well provisioned to sustain my day-long walk.
On gradients kind we climb and breathing free we talk
And share a joke. The youthful in the crowd soon bound
So far ahead; my slower pace accepts the middle ground
With time to see the curlew circling o'er the moor
And to reflect how busy city life, unnatural, is poor
Compared to gentle rural rhythms country people know
And capture in their souls in pale dawn light and sunset glow.
My pensive mood is broken by a sudden noisy clamour
That directs me to the track side ditch where glides an adder
Uncoiling from its Winter hibernation out-staring us till bored
By our unwanted intrusion it flicked its tongue and poured
Itself into its hole beneath some heather mantled rocks.
A rushing stream now bars my path; the first of many shocks;
A log seems but the way across; but fears allayed, well placed there
In tumbling flow are stepping stones that with the utmost care
And scarce uncertain wobble I bridge the gap with great aplomb.
Exhilarated and ignorant of the strenuous effort still to come
I stride purposefully onward, start slowing, feel early distress,
Relieved as the path eases itself downwards where in the sunless
Peat bog snow lingers still and deep in the shadow lost from the rest
I pause to recover then push myself forward and finally breast
A ridge and, lo, before me sprawl the vanguard eating lunch.
So flopping down upon the grass I delve into my pack and crunch
Into an apple, followed by some chocolate to sweet the pill of pain,
And hope within the short respite my strength I'll now regain.
The real ascent has now arrived: I rise and turning to the hill
I force myself with ever shortening steps yet steadfast will,
And gasping now for breath, I climb more slowly yard by yard
Towards the summit still unseen. The going is yet more hard
And then the cairn comes into view; the slope is less severe;
My "Everest" is won; my feat is greeted with a hearty cheer.
My faithful escort is delighted to see me safely there
A fitful progress, more of tortoise than of dashing hare,
But now the daunting prospect of the long trek down
Combined with aching limbs despoil the gilded crown
Of panoramic views of rugged hills and loch filled bowl
And distant fertile fields. I'm grateful for the walking pole
That helps me stay upon a narrow path that twists and turns
Round boulders, over squelching bogs that feed the burns
And lie in wait for careless feet. I stumble on, untidy heath
Ensnares my legs; I hesitate upon a spongy clump of grass
And lunge across a sea of oozing mud that I must pass
To find the path again. At last below a crumbling house
Shows signs of habitation. The raucous cries of nesting grouse
Are far behind; With quickening steps, and much raised hopes
The final steep descent is scrambled down and gentle slopes
Lead on through fields of bleating lambs and watchful ewe
And to the tarmac road that guides me to the promised barbeque.
I trudge the last two miles, exhausted, leg-worn but fulfilled
My goal achieved, my urge to climb is now forever stilled.*

*O, Morven, so benign you look from Ordie down below,
But now I've signed your summit book I feel I truly know
You wield upon your tracks the power to challenge and to thrill
And win such deep respect that proves you are no ordinary hill.
By Hamish Mitchell*



Logie Coldstone Fun Games

June 29th saw pucklies o' fowk arrive at the Diack's park for Logie Coldstone Fun Games 2019. The Games were officially opened by Hazel Moncur and Evelyn Smith who, year after year, tend to the flowers surrounding the Logie Coldstone War Memorial. Hazel gave a speech and thanked the organisers and those who give their time to the make the games happen. Thanks again to Linda & John Diack for the use of the park.



The games events were unfortunately curtailed by an extreme thunder and lightning storm however, the fantastic fly cup provided by the Logie Coldstone School PTA offered a dry alternative and later, so did the licenced bar. The Ian Smith Memorial Cup was won by Alice Murphy with her sister Pearl taking second place.



There were not so many stall holders this year; the First Responders kindly came along, the Trust ran a very successful Raffle and the money from the Bottle Stall was given to the Curling Club. Evelyn and Hazel ran the Treasure Hunt and Spin the Wheel stalls with their usual bonhomie. The Aboyne Ices van still managed to make sales before the arrival of the rain and from the hardy souls during the rain. Thankfully, the canopy over the serving hatch proved useful for the Fish & Chip van customers. Whilst most of the adults remained in the shelter of the tents, the children had their own wee game to see who could get the most drookit outside watching the amazing lightning show.



Thanks to all our fun games sponsors

Aberdeen Football Club
Aberdeen Performing Arts
Tick Tock Soft Play, Alford
Strachans, Aboyne

To the Point
Fife Arms Hotel, Braemar
Aboyne Golf Club
Duncan Chapman
Norvite, Dess
Ian Smith

Ailie Robertson, Lever Harp

As part of the Across the Grain and Sound Festivals, Logie Coldstone Hall hosted a visit from Ailie Robertson a multi award winning composer and performer.

We were treated to a lovely hour of relaxing music which showed the versatility of the lever harp and included both contemporary and traditional pieces.

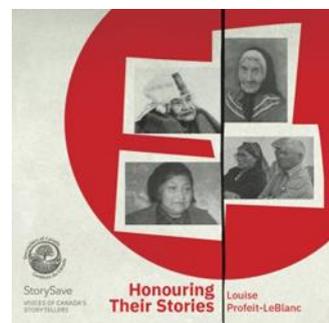
At the end of the Programme the audience were invited to try their hand at playing mini harps Ailie had brought along.



Louise Profeit LeBlanc, Storyteller



We were delighted and intrigued, in equal measure, to welcome Louise for an evening of storytelling as part of the Scottish International Storytelling Festival. Louise is from the Nacho Nyak Dan First Nation of the northwest Canadian territory and was nurtured by the traditional stories of her people. Some of Louise's ancestors hailed from Scotland, including the Profeit family who established the Profeits Hotel, now known as the Loch Kinord Hotel at Dinnet. We heard tales of love, friendship and courage, featuring a gift of new shoes, a Frenchman, an eagle carved box and the wisdom and power of the blue jay bird.



January Quiz

A hearty thanks to Gillean Morrison for organising a fund raising quiz in early January for the past few years. It is just the thing to blow the Hogmanay cobwebs away. Funds raised have been donated to causes close to the hearts of Coldstone families including Meningitis Research; the Lauren Currie Twilight Foundation (Vasculitis research); Forget Me Not Club (Dementia Support); and Logie Coldstone Trust. The next quiz will be held on Saturday January 4th at the hall. Look out for posters/emails with booking details.



Connected Coldstone



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



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Links with the Local Community

At Logie Coldstone School, we value our local community and are committed to building strong links with it. These links bring a wide range of benefits for both pupils and staff and, in particular, have a positive impact on the personal growth, motivation and educational achievement of all pupils. Pupils from the P5-7 have decided to report in this Newsletter on some of our links with the local community over the past year.

Autumn and Winter Terms

All of the P5–P7 pupils researched World War One and the soldiers who fought bravely for our country. With help from the Cromar History Group we researched the soldiers whose names are on the war memorial in Logie Coldstone. The whole school took part in an assembly and we walked down to the war memorial to commemorate everyone on it. We put down a wreath. The wreath had the same message on it as the very first wreath that was ever put down in 1920. In our assembly we sang the same hymn that was sung at the memorial in 1920, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'.

Pupils from both classes made Fairtrade gingerbread men and learnt about spices and Fairtrade products. We gave the gingerbread out at the community café.

The whole school visited Migvie Church to look at the Migvie Stone in the churchyard and to view the artwork inside the church. We liked it so much that we decided to hold our Christmas concert at the church. We sang 'Christmas in the Trenches' and the P1- P4 pupils sang 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' in French and played it on the bells. The P5- 7 class sang 'Silent Night' in German.

By Caitlin and Harrison



Spring Term



At the start of term 3 school had a Robert Burns afternoon tea where pupils from P1-7 recited poems, played music and sang songs like 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'A Red, Red Rose'. There was also shortbread and teas and coffees. In term 3 we also celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight with the help of Mrs Ross. (You may have seen Mrs Ross with her Fairtrade stall at the community café.) We made presentations about cocoa farmers and how they deserve a fair price for their cocoa and did them in the community café. We also put up posters and helped run a Fairtrade stall selling Fairtrade chocolate. Everyone was very pleased when the school achieved a second Fairtrade school award, the FairActive Award.

P1-7 pupils learned about the rainforest and got a visit from the Critter Keeper. The Critter Keeper brought animals that come from the rainforest such as a sugar glider and a red iguana. The critter keeper was very interesting and it was very exciting. The whole school went on a visit to Duthie Park Winter Gardens. When we were there we went into the Tropical House and the Arid House to learn about the different climates and plants that grow in them. Pupils learnt about tribes in the rainforest. P1-4 made tribal jewellery and P5-7 pupils got tribal face paint.



In term 3 it was British Science week. Les Ellis and Bob from the Cromar Future Group came to school to do problem solving with electrical circuits with pupils. Jude (Millie's mum) also came to both classes to tell us about her science work at Aberdeen University and to help us investigate how germs spread and how we can help to stop them spreading.

By Alice and Erin

Summer Term



In term 4 all the pupils visited Tarland burn to learn about invasive species and water voles with Estree, the invasive species coordinator from the River Dee Trust, and Jamie from the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board. We learnt how water voles are being threatened by American minks and we got to see some water voles. The water voles were really cute!

Also in term 4 P5- pupils did Bikeability cycle training with Mrs Currie and Matt Donaldson from the Bike Shack in Huntly who tested us on the road. The great news is we all passed our test!



In June Jeanne who is French but lives in Cameroon came to visit the school and be in the P5-7 class for a week. She helped us with our French fashion show. At the end of the summer term we had a big summer talent show for parents/carers and the local community. Pupils did dancing, singing, gymnastics, origami, instrumental acts. We even had Clem and Harrison do trombone on wheels!



By Grace and Robert

Logie Coldstone School (ctd.)

This Term

This term we visited Techfest at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. Techfest is to learn about STEM. STEM Stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. P 2 to 4 pupils learnt about different types of rocks, night and day and even went in a giant dome to see stars. P 5 -7 pupils learnt about different types of rocks, STEM through the ages and Dippy the Dinosaur.



Also this term, pupils from both classes have visited Poldhu Wells and been running in the local environment. The whole school has started to work towards getting a green flag eco award. Anyone in the local community who thinks they can help us in our eco journey, please get in touch with the school.

The school also had a visit from Sam from the Aberdeen Cyrenians. The Aberdeen Cyrenians do lots to help homeless people. All the school is glad to be taking part in their Christmas shoebox appeal.

By Luke and Pearl

Next Term



Next term we will be very busy in school. We will be doing K'NEX workshops and Kodaly music every week. The whole school will be celebrating St Andrew's Day with refreshments, Scottish music and dancing. All are welcome and watch out for our posters telling you about it. Pupils in the P5-7 class will be doing a Christmas enterprise and making lots of things to sell at the Logie Coldstone Christmas fair.

By Ajay and Bruno

If anyone knows of, or can provide, an experience that will enhance the pupils' learning, please get in contact. Likewise, if anyone knows of a way in which pupils can

Logie Coldstone Activities Update

Community Café



The community cafe is now an established part of community life. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a cuppa and homebake. It's a lovely way to meet old friends or make new ones. Please join us in Logie Coldstone hall on the first Friday of every month between 09:45am and 12:00noon.

Help would be most welcome, either donations of baking, help setting up, (Thursday evening 19.30 ish), or on the Friday morning. Please contact Joyce on 013398 81427 or mail jjlovie2@gmail.com



Logie Coldstone Baby & Toddlers

Logie Coldstone Baby & Toddler group meets on a Friday from 10.15-12 noon in the hall. We are a small friendly group that love to welcome new members. On the first Friday of the month we run sensory play within the community café. At other times we enjoy Makaton signing rhymes, nursery rhymes, loose parts, simple instruments, immersive story telling, story sacks and general play. We had a fantastic Bear Hunt in the summer that was well attended. Sylvia has also been invited to other groups to tell stories. If you would like to come along please give Sylvia a phone on 07941401010 or just pop in. No parental rota, all attendees just help.



Logie Coldstone SWI



We've just turned 99 years young, making our "Rural" one of the longest standing institutes in the region. Our monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month (with a break during summer) in the LC hall, upstairs meeting room. Non-members are very welcome to meetings - a friendly small gathering to connect and share ideas, learn something new and enjoy a delicious fly-cup, for £2. We are on Facebook, so please follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/logiecoldstoneswi>

With a look back to the past year we've navigated the basics of orienteering, led by our own President Rachel Mather; made fabric Christmas angels with Isla from Krafty Neuk, Tarland and hosted Jenny Gow, the founder of Buttomy Bear charity – supporting children with stomas. In the new year Les Ellis gave a virtual tour of the Cromar History Group Archive and Katrina Lovie spoke about her excellent work for Scottish Huntingdon's Association. Our Institute members (and their wee ones) had several successes at the Deeside Bulb show in Aboyne, March, and a high-scoring, if not podium finish for their Combined Effort table. Before the summer break we enjoyed a meal and bingo at the Commercial Hotel, Tarland. We resumed in autumn with Sam from Aberdeen Cyrenians talking about projects helping homeless people in the city and shire. Our ladies are collecting, knitting and crocheting items for Cyrenians to hand out this Christmas, with the school also contributing shoe box gifts and cards. Our recent guest Craig Charles talked about clock making and mending with some fine examples to demonstrate the mechanistic workings of movements. Next meetings are Nov 13th – storyteller Jackie Ross; Dec 11th – Rachel Mather's paper decorations; Jan 8th – artist Quintin Davies; Feb 12th – Alan Melrose's travel stories and Mar 11th – World Book Day. We hope to see you soon.

Logie Coldstone Activities Update (ctd.)

Craft Group

The Craft Group meet every second Wednesday morning in the Hall from 10 am - noon. (To remember which Wednesday - it is the same week that the black lid bin is collected!). We are a small sociable group who enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee and a biscuit - for which we pay £2 each. At the moment we only have ladies but men are very welcome too, and children are also most welcome to accompany parents/carers. We each take our own project, which are varied, or it is sometimes a good opportunity to catch up with those boring mending tasks. Just come along on the day or if you need further information phone Joyce on 07771715293.



Library Van

The Library van calls at the school fortnightly on a Tuesday from 12.55-1.25pm the same week as the black lid bin collection. See <https://www.livelifewaterdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/local-libraries/mobile-library-south/>

Badminton



Badminton at Logie Coldstone Hall. Every Wednesday 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)

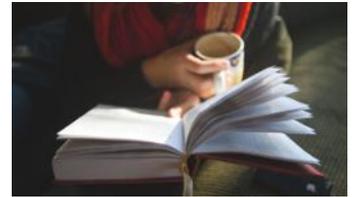


Logie Coldstone Curling Local club is run by local volunteers. New members are always welcome. We organise a number of events throughout the year to raise funds to maintain our bothy and the pond. Donation of time and/or money are always welcome.

You can find information about up-coming events by joining our Facebook group or call Hitesh on 07801432093. As soon as there is enough ice for curling, we will post here.

The Reading Group

The Logie Coldstone Reading Group continues to gather every six weeks in the meeting room of the Hall. We now have two book choices for each meeting - one chosen from Aberdeenshire Book Group collection and one suggested by group members. This gives us the flexibility to read books outside the library list while still supporting the library. Members can choose to read either or both books - all very informal. We have read a very varied selection of books this year ranging from Sally Magnusson's *The Sealwoman's Gift* - set in Iceland in 1600s to *The Panopticon* by Jenni Fagan - a hard hitting contemporary story about a young girl in care and how the system fails her. Our first meeting of 2020 will be on 10th January at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome.



Doric Call My Bluff

Coldstone pit in a gweed showin at the 'Doric Call My Bluff' at Abyn Library far teams hid ti figure oot fit word wis fit. Twa teams, 'Cauld Steens' an 'Knypin On', made up o Gillean Morrison, Jude Bain, Lewis Beedie, Katrina Lovie, Sandy Rodger an Joyce Lovie hid a shottie. The 'Horny Gollachs' won on the nicht efter a puckle tie breakers. Some o the words in play were: My-aakin (a hare); Linner (a wooly vest) and Bowel Crappit (hair cut).



Cromar Health Walking Group



Why do we walk?
Because it makes us feel better both physically and mentally. The beautiful surroundings, fresh air and companionship

invariably raises our spirits, even on a rainy day! We meet every Thursday afternoon outside the Logie Coldstone village hall at 1.30 pm, take a gentle walk for approximately one hour and then return to the hall for tea or coffee and a chat. We are a small, very friendly group of all ages who 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 (Anne Heath) a call on 013398 81558.

A poem/song written last year on the autumn equinox - quarter day by Stuart Bull:

Quarter Day

*Breathe the first whisper-kiss,
The mill turns,
The seasons grind on,
Winter's thought stills the air,
And the beasts are crying*

*This darkening year exhales,
Brown, brown, brown heather,
To the lowering skies to come,
Cold, cold ancient air*

*Breathe the first whisper-kiss,
The mill turns,
The seasons grind on,
Red and yellow the ground,
And the crows ride the wind,*

*This darkening year exhales.
Brown, brown, brown heather,
To the lowering skies to come
Cold, cold ancient air*

*To the lowering skies to come,
To the roaring skies to come,
To the ancient skies to come,
Cold, cold ancient air*



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.