



August 2008

# *Ballogie Bugle*

Welcome to the news bulletin from the Ballogie Community Association and Hall Committee.

The Annual Quiz Night was a great evening with a good turn out. We were especially pleased to see Victor who came all the way from Aberfeldy to see and support us, and who incidentally was on the winning team “The Flapjacks”. It was a close contest with team Halls Bells taking the lead only to be beaten by two points in the final round. John Belchamber and Ian Wilson, the excellent Quiz Masters, proved to be entertaining, but firm and fair. Questions ranged from general knowledge, whacky ancient laws to local specialised knowledge. £261.00 was raised for Hall funds. The stovies were particularly good too – thank you Neil Rae.

The Hall is looking decidedly tired. Short term and long term plans are being prepared and already there are new curtains up and a new carpet soon to be fitted in the clubroom. The main hall room itself is still in good condition, but the ancillary rooms (kitchen, bathrooms and adjoining spaces) are in need of some care and attention. The Hall is 100 years old after all! A daily newspaper in 1910 described the hall as “a commodious building specially erected for social and other functions in the district”.

As mentioned, this year marks the centenary of the Hall and a Family Social and Ceilidh (as favoured in last year’s questionnaire) is being organised for September 20th. It will be a FREE informal gathering for everyone with an early start time of 5.00 pm to suit both young and old! A buffet will be available to which everyone is asked to bring something to share. Please contact Janie Belchamber either by e-mail at [janibelchamber@aol.com](mailto:janibelchamber@aol.com) or on 013398 85675 and tell her what you intend to bring, or get advice from her on what is required. There will also be Ballogie Hall’s best ever BBQ bangers and burgers on sale. Around 7.00 pm we will dance to the Aboyne Academy Ceilidh Band. Please just come along and bring all your friends and family to make this a really great memorable evening.

22<sup>nd</sup> October “Dr Doric”, the only expert with a PHD in Doric will give a talk on the Doric Dialect entitled “Meet Yir Ancestors”. The AGM will follow and we do hope all/many of you will attend. We endeavour to make our meetings fun and enjoyable so please do stay.

21<sup>st</sup> November Lawrence Clark will give a talk on Bush Craft. Lawrence was apprenticed for 5 years to Ray Mears (world-renowned Bush Craft and Survival Skills expert and BBC TV presenter), and is one of only 3 people in the world to be trained by Ray to instructor level. He now runs his own courses locally. There will be demonstrations with audience participation.

December brings the Christmas Fayre. Last year’s was hailed as a “warming start to the festive season”. It would be good to have a Ballogie stall with lots of home-made crafts, vegetables and home baking etc. We would also welcome any new ideas or games for the children. It is a long way off but gives us time to contemplate and prepare.

Please see overleaf for details of future events.

**Ballogie Community Association & Hall Committee**

# **Events for 2008**

All events will take place at Ballogie Hall

## *Family Social and Ceilidh*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 5pm to 10pm ish

5.30 Buffet & BBQ

7pm Ceilidh. Music by Aboyne Academy Ceilidh Band  
Entry FREE

## *“Meet Yir Ancestors”*

with Dr. Doric

22<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30pm

Adults £3.00 Children Free

AGM will follow

## **Bush Craft & Survival Skills**

with Lawrence Clark

21<sup>st</sup> November 7.30 to 9.30pm

Adults £3 Children Free

## *Christmas Fayre*

13<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 to 1.00pm

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