

The BRANie



Welcome to another edition of the BRANie starting with a trip down memory lane.

Funny how life brings folk together. We've shared many joyful times as the years have skipped by.

We tend the town's core paths but we also very much care about each other.

Kind regards,
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Sweet Memories!



When I'm a mannie, me 'n' ma freens are gonna build a braw shedie. It'll be nae bither!



Trouble!!!



He's still a wee smasher!





With many thanks to:

Stewart & Helen Caswell – catering, cake & graphics

Brian & Edna Campbell – welcome beverages

David Stanghon - photography

Blairgowrie Golf Club - venue

Blair Ukes & Mike Mooney - entertainment





Ode To The New Bran Shed Penned by Brian Campbell

It all started on the back of a fag packet
 Ally's brain started making a lot of racket
 Getting the go ahead from t.s.c was a major factor
 So the planning started for a shedie for the wee blue tractor
 Inside the compound the site had to be level and clear
 Ally was now in top gear.



Costings done for the committee to approve
 Materials purchased construction started to move
 Volunteer manpower to dig the holes
 Already for postcreting in the poles
 Next came the framing for the roof and the sides
 In preparation for the sheets of profiles



However, the soil base within the frame was a wee bit squishy and we would be complaining
 Problem solved with a jcb and five tons of road tar planing
 All levelled and compacted with a plate whacker
 The finished article would soon be a cracker
 Now the profile sheets have been delivered
 The construction team were all a quivered
 Soon the profile sheets were to be quickly assembled
 It became clear of what the shedie would resemble



With drilling, cutting and screwing first the sides and then the roof
 Finishing it off with flashings to make the shedie waterproof



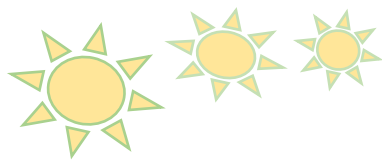
While all this was going on we had to dig two trenches so we called in the navies
 One was for power and one was for water, rain water that is, no it wisnae for the lavies
 Just when we thought everything was to the fore
 Someone said Ally we will need a door

Not to be outdone Ally already had that in hand
 With new wood, new hinges and locks nothing second hand
 Now we've got doors the shedie will be safe and secure
 Not only for the wee blue tractor, quad bike, strimmers ride on mower and a flailer
 We just hope there will be room for the new bran trailer.
 Lads our next task Ally started muttering
 We will be fixing on the guttering
 A trench was dug with the help of a Bobcat mini digger
 Draining rainwater into the gully
 Oor Ally's not that sully
 Now that the power has been connected, we will continue to fit out the inside with sockets and even
 a light or two
 Just a pity we didnae have a loo.
 We've now got cupboards a work top and a kettle all thanks to Ally
 It looks more like a kitchen galley
 With tool hooks and new shelving
 There's no excuse for keeping it tidy and our tools clean and shinning
 We're not finished yet or so we thought
 There's going to be a photoshoot
 To send to our sponsors with ribbon cutting and champagne
 Or is that me just fantasizing again?



This was all achieved with 150 volunteer manhours plus numerous hours done by Ally & Roger behind the scenes.
 Thanks not only to Ally however i must mention our volunteers who turned out at odd hours in all weather namely, Keith, Ian, Derek, Roger, Alasdair, Brian r, Rab, Phil, Doug, Mick and myself!





Forthcoming Fundraising Events

Blueberries – Pick Your Own (14 Aug to 2 Oct 24)

We are grateful to Peter, Melanie & Maddie Thomson for including BRAN in their community group fundraising initiative. We will be looking for volunteers to man our sessions and a request will be put out for this once we know what sessions BRAN are allocated. **Contact:** catherinerobertson81@gmail.com

Highland Games - Tombola (8 Sept 24)

We have secured a stand at the games and hope to repeat the success of last year. Brian Campbell is organizing this event & welcomes any donations of prizes. **Contact:** brianccampbell3@aol.com

Re-Use Shop, Coupar Angus (Sat 19 Oct)

BRAN have rented the shop for the week of 19 Oct. All donations of pre-loved goods gratefully received – to be collected nearer the launch date. **Contact:** derekballoch@hotmail.co.uk



Cheers to David for his determination in getting our treasured John Deere mower back in action! And saving BRAN lots of dosh!!!



TESCO

Thank you to Tesco & all who dropped their blue tokens in our slot. Ardblair Trail! Your muddy days are nearly over! 😊

We express our gratitude to Lansdowne Trust for the gift of a sturdy new trailer so we no longer need to borrow Brian's wee one. It's greatly eased transportation of our equipment.



And who's this wee one?



Thomas Thomson



HIGHLAND GAMES



Our Mowing Marvels



A small selection of what Ally, Grahame & the team do throughout the growing season.



White Loch



East Gormack



Craighall



Cargill's Way



St Fink



Kirklands



West Grange to East Mill

Heading to Darroch Wood



The Knockie





Work Parties



The Gallowbank 3 May 24

Tam Stewart's Brae 27 April 24

Stormont Loch 8 May 24



Hill Kirk Grave Yard 24 May 24

Sir William Macpherson Park 1 June 24

Loon Braes 12 June 24

