

Galvelbeg House B & B

Newsletter

Welcome to the second update from Galvelbeg House. You are receiving this newsletter because you gave us your e-mail address when booking/checking in, or we thought you might be interested in what is going on! If you no longer want to be on our mailing list then please e-mail info@galvelbeghouse.co.uk and we will remove your details from the list.

Since the last Newsletter in November we have been fairly quiet on the guest front. We had some people staying at Christmas, some more for Twixmas and more still for Hogmanay. However now is the time to catch up on all those admin jobs ready for the mad rush in summer...

We are already getting some bookings coming through for April and July & August and it is great to see that some of these are guests who have stayed with us before who are returning. It's a wonderful feeling that people have enjoyed both Crieff and Galvelbeg enough to want to return.

We are now advertising on lots of different sites including LateRooms.com but the best way to book is either online at www.galvelbeghouse.co.uk or give us a call...



- *Late Rooms.com*
- *TripAdvisor*
- *Decorating*
- *Photography*
- *Dundee University*
- *Birds*
- *Bailey – The Golden Retriever*
- *Diary*
- *Ben Choinze*
- *A Perthshire Breakfast*
- *Facebook*



Dining room with Bill Clark's photographs



Heated towel rails

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Things are going from strength to strength with TripAdvisor, we are still in the No 1 position but we have had some more great reviews. This is having a positive effect as we are now getting bookings from people who have searched TripAdvisor for their place to stay. It is a powerful tool and it makes sure that we keep on our toes with the high standards that we set ourselves.

An update on the decorating mentioned in the last newsletter... We have finished the guest dining room and it is looking really bright and clean, we are very pleased with the end result. It was a blank canvas when we had finished papering and painting so we contacted Crieff Camera Club and were very lucky when Bill Clark lent us some of his photographs to hang on the walls. These photographs are all of local scenery and as well as being beautiful items to talk about are also for sale to our guests as a memento of their stay in Perthshire.

We have freshened all the rooms up with a lick of paint and some new artwork. Most importantly we have now installed heated towel rails in all the ensuite rooms, a great boost in these cold winter days & nights.

One of the local community groups recently had some students from Dundee University to visit Crieff and some of them stayed with us. It wasn't just a holiday, they were tasked with looking at problems that Crieff might have with its infrastructure, car parking and attracting tourists. They have now reported back with their ideas; just have to find some money to make it all happen!!

<http://sustainablecrieff.wordpress.com/>



We have planted hundreds of bulbs in the autumn so should be getting a great display soon...

On the animal front we have a couple of new additions...!!! Firstly in our bird nestbox we have had a night time resident Blue Tit keeping out of the cold. Hopefully when spring arrives he will transfer this roosting into some serious nest building to attract a mate! It will make for some great "Springwatch" style viewing...



Bailey the Golden Retriever

Also Murphy now has a new playmate with Bailey the Golden Retriever joining in the fun & games at Galvelbeg. He was 9 weeks old when we got him and is a right little mischievous character. Just think there will be two sets of doleful eyes watching you as you go into the dining room to eat your breakfast... If that doesn't make you feel guilty then what will??

We have had quite a few doggie guests and hope to be able to welcome many more; Murphy and Bailey always enjoy having new playmates.

On the outside of the house we have installed a new sign to make sure that all our guests can see us and have added a sign for the car parking area. The decorators are returning, hopefully in May, to re-paint all the woodwork and the gutters and downpipes.

Some dates for your diary for the future:-

- Strathearn Marathon 10th Jun
- Crieff 10km 8th Jul
- Crieff Highland Gathering 19th Aug
- Drovers Tryst Walking Festival 6th-13th Oct

Also plenty of dates for races at Perth Racecourse
<http://www.perth-races.co.uk/home.asp>



Our new sign...

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We have had some really great winter weather with some crisp, cold and sunny days. As we haven't been too busy with guests I have made the most of the time and have been getting out and about exploring. One of my best walks has been from Loch Turret up to our local Munro, Ben Choinze... Didn't get to see a soul all day apart from buzzards, mountain hare, snipe, grouse, whooper swans and roe deer to name a few...

To say thanks to the local contractors who have assisted in the refurbishment and as a way to say hello to our neighbours, we had a little drinks soiree... We held this between Christmas and New Year and it gave Stella a chance to expand from her normal home-baking into hors d'oeuvres and stovies!!

We are getting quite a display of certificates now and I am very proud of my Perthshire Breakfast one, really looking at promoting all our county has to offer. We are hoping to make our own jam in the summer... watch this space!!



Finally don't forget if you want to keep up to date with all that's going on at Galvelbeg House then visit our Facebook page...

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Galvelbeg-House-Bed-Breakfast/216958055002452>



Nigel & Stella Franklin.....

.....and Murphy.....and Bailey!

PS. Previous Newsletters can be found at

<http://www.galvelbeghouse.co.uk/newsletters.aspx>



Loch Turret and Ben Choinze...



We have been certified...!!!

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