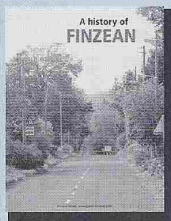


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Copies of "A History of Finzean" by Finzean SWRI, which was updated and reprinted by Finzean Community Association in 2002, are available to Members & Associate Members of BCT for a limited period at a special price of £4 including postage to UK. This A4 sized soft-cover book includes the original text of the 1967 publication and is illustrated in black & white with old and new photographs depicting life and events in Finzean. Good background material for family historians and anyone with an interest in the area.

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1. Forest of Birse Commony. c.3750 ha. ancient rights.
2. Bucket Mill. c.1 ha. ownership.
3. Finzean Sawmill. c.1 ha. ownership.
4. Finzean Community Wood. c.15 ha. long-term lease.
5. Finzean School Wood. c.0.3 ha. long-term lease
6. Finzean Old School. c.0.3 ha. ownership.
7. Corsedarder. c.0.3 ha. long term lease.
8. Slewdrum Forest. c.155 ha. long term agreement.
9. Ballogie Soutar's Shop. Building only, ownership.
10. Balfour Wood. c.240 ha. long term agreement.
11. Birse Community Hall. ownership.
12. Historic Birse Kirk. ownership.

Remembrance Day 2006

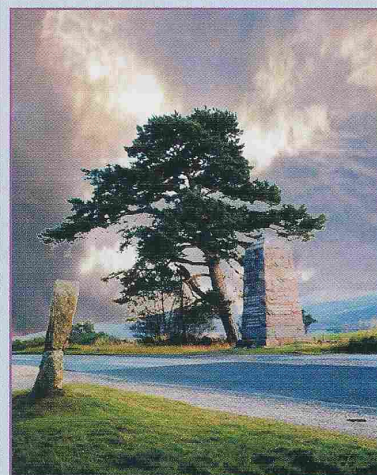


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On Sunday 12th November, the Remembrance Day Service at Corsedarder War Memorial will be the 60th anniversary of the service to dedicate the addition to the memorial of the names of the men of Birse who gave their lives for their country in World War II. Car parking is limited at Corsedarder so please arrive early and park tidily. Those who would enjoy the walk up the hill may prefer to park at Finzean Old School. This would leave parking at the memorial for those who are not so mobile.

For information contact BCT Office on 01330 850200.

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