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Culbokie Christmas Carol Singing & Social

*Deep and crisp
and even* 🎵



- well, that would be lovely for the village carol singing that is being planned again this year by the Culbokie Community Trust. If it's rather more dreich or wild than crisp and snowy you can be sure of lots of conviviality, a glass of something mellow and warming, a chance to sing the old favourite Christmas songs - and even a visit from Santa!

The carol singing will take place at 6.30pm on Saturday 17th December around the Christmas tree which will once more be erected on the community owned land at Glascairn (by the shop). So come along, bring family and friends, wrap up warm and get in the mood for Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

Culbokie Primary Christmas Market

Culbokie Primary School Parent Council is holding a Christmas Market on Friday 25th November in the school from 6pm - 9pm.

It will be jam-packed with lovely craft and food stalls, as well as traditional activities such as a visit to Santa. Entry is only £2.50 which includes tea/coffee and a mince pie. Children are free.

Evergreen Lunch Club

The first Monday of each month: soup and home baking, for those who are retired. All are very welcome. At Ferintosh Free Church, 12noon to 1.30pm. Contact Carol on 864993 or Helen 862546.

The next newsletter is due out mid February 2017 - The final **deadline for news is Friday 13 January 2017** but the sooner the better!

Please send **items for inclusion** in the newsletter or on the Facebook Page to Carol Elliot on elliottcarnmor@btinternet.com

For **distribution** queries or to **volunteer** to deliver in your area contact Roger Piercy on roger.piercy167@btinternet.com

To be added to the Community Council e-mail update contact Bruce Morrison on ferintoshcc@hotmail.com and keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters.

Culbokie Church Centre activities

Church service 10am on Sunday (including Sunday School and crèche).

Contact: Rev. Willis Jones (877452)

Church Café is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3.45pm. Thanks to all those who supported the Macmillan Coffee Day in September – a magnificent sum of £635 was raised.

The last **Soup Lunch** of the year will be on Saturday 26 November, 12-2pm in Findon Hall.

The **Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** meet on Monday 7 November, 2-4pm. On 5 December there will be a soup and pudding lunch, at the earlier time of 12.30pm, followed by entertainment. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435)

The **Women's Fellowship** meet on Thursday 17 November for a talk by Stephanie MacKean on "Writing a Healing Chapter in your Life" and on 8 December for Christmas reflections and festive supper, 7.30pm. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435)

Free Christmas Trees on the 3rd



Once again Culbokie Community Trust is organising a work party in Culbokie Woods in the run-up to Christmas – come along and help us keep the paths clear of vegetation, get some exercise and cut your own Christmas tree. The work isn't too onerous, so bring the whole family along. Look out for more details nearer the time, either on the shop noticeboard or on the CCT Facebook page, and keep 3rd December free!

The **Man Friday** group plans to meet at the end of November for indoor bowling – check the website or with Roger Piercy for details (877401). There is no meeting in December, but a Burns' Supper is planned again in January 2017.

The **Walking Group** will continue with their Thursday mornings strolls for as long as the weather is fine. Meet 10am from the church centre. Contact: May Stevenson (877213)

Voiceworks concerts will be held on Friday 11 November at 7.30pm, and a Christmas one on Sunday 11 December at 6.30pm. £5 donation on the door, which will go to charity.

Christmas services

Saturday 24 December 11.30pm – Watchnight service.

Sunday 25 December 10am – Christmas Day service with Holy Communion

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities.

See www.culbokiechurchcentre.org for more details.

Robbie McHood - men in kilts. Panto Time.

The Culbokie Panto Group will be performing "*Robbie McHood - men in kilts*" on the 9th and 10th December at 7.30pm with a matinee on 10th December at 2pm.

Tickets are on sale at the 19th November Ferintosh Market - only £6 per adult, £3 per child. If you can't make the market contact Sheila on 01349 800153*.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

This years party is being held at the Findon Hall on Saturday 3rd December, invitations will be out soon.

For anyone not already on the invitation list - if you would like an invitation and are over 65 and living in the Culbokie catchment area please call Heather Bannerman 877358 by 13 November.

Raffle (donations welcome).

Findon Hall 100 Club

Findon Hall 100 Club tickets will be on sale at the 19th November Ferintosh Community Market. Only £12 for the year. If you can't make the market contact Sheila on 01349 800153*.

Findon Hall Christmas Dance to Tweed.

The Findon Hall Christmas Dance is being held on 26th December from 8pm to 1pm dancing to Tweed - *a modern ceilidh band*. Tickets will be on sale on 3rd December at the Findon Hall from 10am - 12noon. ***Alternatively call Sheila on 01349 800153 or pick up from www.gaelholidayhomes.co.uk, Athole Court, Dingwall.**

BYOB and snacks, Raffle (donations welcome)

Ferintosh Community Market

The next market in the Findon Hall, Culbokie is on Saturday 19th November from 10am - 12.30pm.

The Culbokie Pantomime Group will be raising funds in the market café serving teas and a soup lunch.

The market now has its own Facebook Page so please follow "Culbokie Community Market" to get up-to-date news.

The Christmas market will be on Saturday 17th December.

If you wish to take part in a market, contact Sylvie on: market@culbokiect.org or telephone 07926 044 064.

CARE STAFF WANTED



Black Isle Cares (BIC) is now providing care to 30 people across The Black Isle. Demand for the service continues to grow and BIC especially needs carers who are available to work at weekends, mornings and evenings.

To apply, complete the application form on the BIC website: www.blackislecares.com and send to BIC's partners Highland Home Carers (HHC). Note that HHC looks after all employment issues including training. BIC aims to provide local carers for local clients. Good pay rates offered.

Caring is a really worthwhile career so why not apply and make a difference to people in our community!

Ferintosh Community Council News

‘Support for those who need Support’

We have been running two projects under our main theme of ‘Support’ for some months now and there’s been good progress in both of them.

I am delighted to say that our trial period of the **Ferintosh Bus Link** service has demonstrated sufficient interest and demand to allow our partners (Black Isle Community Car Scheme and Stagecoach) to agree to keep the service running for all FCC residents and to review again in January. The contact for you is Jamie McJimpsey on 01349 862431 and 07443 111008.

Some while ago we assisted Black Isle Cares to recruit some **local paid carers** into its local care scheme. The service has proved very successful and with the demand so high, we are going to help again with recruitment posters.

Following on with the ‘support’ theme, the Ward 10 Councillors agreed some time ago to make some **snow and ice grip overshoes** available for the winter for those people who feel unable to venture out on slippery surfaces. Please contact me if you know of anyone who would particularly welcome the use of these (there’s no cost but a limited supply).

And more on a ‘care’ theme, the Culbokie Speedwatch team noticed last winter in the gloomy evenings how **invisible to drivers** the darkly clad Fortrose students were coming off the bus and crossing the road. If you are a parent of these teenagers you may want to encourage them to carry a torch or wear something reflective.

Broadband and your BT Experience

One of our residents has been in touch with one of our new list MSPs for the Highlands, Edward Mountain. Edward is now Convener of the Committee for the Rural Economy and Connectivity and is very keen to hear personal stories of the difficulties residents in our sort of area are having with broadband provision from BT. He can be emailed at: edward.mountain.msp@parliament.scot and we would certainly be very keen for him to hear as many of your stories as possible. FCC will follow up with a meeting with him.

Education – Review of Governance

There is a national consultation by the Scottish Government about to start looking at governance under the theme of “Empowering teachers, parent and communities to achieve excellence and equity in education”. More details can be found at: <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/empowering-schools/a-governance-review>

There is to be an Inverness event as part of this consultation at which FCC will be represented so do please send in your views either directly and/or to FCC.

The Scottish Government background says:

“The review seeks your views on really important questions such as who should take decisions on things that impact the education of our children and young people, and how can funding for schools be made fairer? It also asks about the support that teachers and practitioners need to do their jobs well and how this can be improved. We want to hear views from every part of Scotland – from children and young people, from parents, teachers, practitioners and the wider community. We want to hear from those with a formal role in our education system and those who share a stake in its success, such as your community council. The review will run until the 6th January 2017.”

Minutes of FCC Meetings.

If you don’t have email, copies of the monthly minutes are available in the Culbokie Shop, and are displayed on noticeboards at Mulbuie Hall and School, Ferintosh Hall and School, Findon Hall, Culbokie Church Centre and the Culbokie Inn.

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Next Community Council meetings:

- Monday 21 Nov - 7pm Mulbuie Hall
- Monday 16 Jan - 7pm Ferintosh Hall
- Monday 20 Feb - 7pm Culbokie Primary School