

NOTICEBOARD



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*Wishing all readers of the
Noticeboard Newsletter
a very Merry Christmas
and a Good New Year*



50th edition milestone

The Noticeboard newsletter has reached its 50th edition milestone and we couldn't have done it without you and the 50 volunteers who give up their time four times a year to print,

*Thank
You*

collate and distribute every issue in their patch. We'd also like to thank those organisations that have sponsored the printing costs over the years so we can continue to be a free source of local news.

Culbokie Christmas Carol Singing

"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 Sat 23rd 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 welcome.

The next newsletter is due out mid Feb 2018 - The final **deadline for news is Friday 19 Jan 2018** but the sooner the better!

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

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To be added to the Community Council e-mail update contact Bruce Morrison on ferintoshcc30@gmail.com and keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters.

Culbokie Community Trust - news



Community Market

The next market is at Findon Hall, Culbokie on Saturday 18th November from 10am – 12.30pm and includes a 2nd hand book and DVD sale/swap.

It's a great opportunity to buy local food products or find an unusual craft item for a Christmas present. The Culbokie Pantomime Group will be raising funds in the market café serving tea and cakes or a soup lunch.

The Christmas market will be on Saturday 16th December.

You can keep up-to-date with news and events on the Facebook Page – Culbokie Community Market.

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

Findon Hall news

The 100 club tickets for next year will be on sale in November - Only £12 for the whole year with the chance of winning £25, £15, £10 every month, tickets are on sale at the November community market or from Alastair at the Church Café. Draw results can be found on the new Findon Hall Facebook page.

The Hall will be decorated for Christmas on Thursday 30 Nov at 8pm if you'd like to come along and lend a hand to decorate our tree and hang decorations.



CCT History Group

The Open Day at the Teanagairn henge as part of the Highland Archaeology Festival, went very well. We had 19 visitors who were very generous in their praise for our efforts on this spectacular site. We knew it was special, but hadn't fully appreciated how highly rated it is in the archaeological world. We learnt a lot about what needs to be done in the future to secure the accessibility of the site and it has given us enthusiasm for the work that will have to be done in the Spring to reduce the workload, otherwise we might never be able to call up the number of volunteers that made themselves available this year. On Thurs 30th Nov we will be hosting a talk by Ken MacKinnon on "Our language in the landscape" or "Cnoc, Knock, who's there – Somebody digging up place-names." 7.30pm, Culbokie P/School.

Panto tickets

The panto tickets will also be on sale **exclusively from the November Community market.**

The Panto group is doing Aladdin this year. Showings: Friday 8th Dec 7.30pm & Sat 9th Dec Afternoon Matinee & 7.30pm.

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.

Culbokie Church Centre - update

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

Contact: Rev. Terrance Burns Contact: 877452

Remembrance Day service at 10am on Sunday 12 November, when we'll be joined by the Culbokie Scout Group. There will also be short service at 11am at Resolis war memorial.

Mid-week course on Tuesday evenings from 17 October to 14 November titled "A Changing Earth: Has Christianity Any Relevance". We will be looking at different theologies and teachings concerning the environment.

Church Café is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3.45pm. Thanks to all those who supported the Macmillan Coffee Day in September – we raised £432.

Soup Lunch will be held on Saturday 25 November, 12-2pm in Findon Hall.

The Senior Citizen's Friendship Group meets on Monday 4 December for a soup and pudding lunch, starting at the earlier time of 12.30pm. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435).

The Women's Fellowship Group meets 7.30pm on 16 November for a talk by Donnie Macleod on The Faith Mission (the tent-based

Ferintosh Dancing and Stovies night

Ferintosh Community Hall is holding a Stovies Night on 24th November in the hall from 7:30pm.

Food is being provided by...  CHANTERELLE KINKELL

followed by dancing to the Inver Ross Ceilidh Band. Tickets are £15 per person. BYOB. E-mail Rod at orlumkinkell@yahoo.co.uk.

Come and join us.

mission that visited Culbokie in the summer). On 21 December we'll hear Cindy Burns' "Christmas reflections" and enjoy some festive eats. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435).

The Man Friday group meets for its last meeting of the year on 24 November. Contact: Roger Piercy (877401).

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).

A Voiceworks concert is planned in the coming weeks – look out for Facebook and/or posters for the date and time.

Christmas services

Sunday 24 December 11.30pm – Watchnight service

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

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities.

Dead Slow? Good Choice

It's not just the horse that will suffer when involved in a road accident. The average horse weighs half a ton and on impact can cause significant damage to a vehicle and the people inside.

Protect yourself. Protect your car.
Protect horses and riders.

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When passing horses

- 1 Slow down to 15mph
- 2 Be patient, don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- 3 Pass horse wide (at least a car's width)
- 4 Drive slowly away

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Thank you for driving
safely around horses.

#thinkhorsethink15

Ferintosh Community Council News

Previously, we had reviewed the way in which Ferintosh Community Council (FCC) could spread the workload more evenly amongst community councillors to make it easier to handle changes in the future. Most of our areas of activity are now covered by at least two councillors and we have a geographic spread that reasonably represents the population distribution in our area. Our current membership of five elected and three co-opted councillors makes FCC the strongest that it has been for some time.

The FCC's primary objective is to represent the views of residents and our main means of doing this is through our email consultation list. At present, the list contains the contact details of approximately 40 per cent of the local electorate, but we would like to increase this to 50 per cent to add even more weight to the opinions that FCC submits on your behalf. If you are not currently on our list, please provide us with your contact details. You can do this by emailing us at ferintoshcc30@gmail.com or by phoning us on 01349 877127.

There is a new way for people to have their say about the improvements they would like to see made to the services they use. Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, community groups can submit "participation requests" to public service authorities (e.g. The Highland Council (THC), NHS Highland) with the objective of being involved in the improvement of public services. The Scottish Community Development Centre has recently published guidance on how this process works, and this can be found on their website at www.scdc.org.uk.

FCC continues to take a robust and independent stance in representing residents views about planning applications, and I think that we have developed a reputation for the high level of expertise and conscientiousness that we apply to our responses to THC.

In recent months FCC has supported the enormous effort that has been made by some local residents towards the reinstatement of the through commuter bus services between

Culbokie and Inverness that were lost as a result of the April timetable changes. It was very disappointing that these changes were made without any consultation with the local community by THC. Although residents have the support of FCC, our MSP, our Highland Councillors and others, this issue has not been resolved at the time of writing and, as winter arrives, residents are still having to change buses in dangerous conditions on the A9 as well as the service being inaccessible to wheelchair users.

There may be slightly better news on the subject of broadband provision. We have been lobbying our MP and MSPs during the past two years and a recent meeting with Edward Mountain MSP (Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee) and senior representatives of BT and Open Reach has opened up the possibility of developing community fibre partnerships within the FCC area. It's very early days yet, but Easter Kinkell has been identified as having optimal conditions for such a partnership.

FCC has also continued working with key local organisations to identify the needs of residents who require support and to develop a "signposting" service that will direct them to the services and facilities that are available to address their needs.

Finally, again working in support of residents, significant progress has been made towards achieving improvements to the Crask junction, the most dangerous road junction in the FCC area. Detailed plans have been drawn up by THC and we now wait to see if funding can be found to include the project in the 2018-19 capital programme.

As always, residents are welcome at our meetings at either Culbokie Primary School, Ferintosh Hall or Mulbuie Hall.

Colin Lawrence

Chair, Ferintosh Community Council

Next Community Council meetings:

- Monday 20 November - 7pm, Culbokie
- Monday 16 January - 7pm, Mulbuie
- Monday 19 February - 7pm, Ferintosh