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The Newsletter for all the communities in the Ferintosh Community Council area - www.ferintoshcc.co.uk



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The next newsletter

The next newsletter is due out the first Friday in June with the final deadline for any articles being **Sunday 19th May 2019**. However, the sooner the better would be much appreciated.

If you have any items you would like included in the newsletter please send them to Eilidh Richmond on

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Community council

If you would like to be added to the Community Council email update so you can keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters please contact Bruce Morrison on

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Put a spring in your step ... with the Black Isle Photographic Competition and Spring Celebration



The Culbokie Community Trust Spring Celebration event will take place at Findon Hall from 3.00 to 6.00pm on **Saturday April 27th**, offering four highlights: the display of entries to the Black Isle Photographic Competition, a Silent Auction and a Cream Tea. Entry is £2, payable at the door, and, if you want to indulge in a delicious Cream Tea, you can buy tickets at £4 from Culbokie Spar Shop or reserve places by emailing event@culbokiect.org. The atmosphere will be enhanced by Mike and Babs Crocker who will perform flute duets in different musical styles.



Whether a first-time photographer or a keen amateur, you are invited to enter three digital photos for our first Black Isle Photographic Competition 2019. The theme of the competition is the Black Isle: its landscapes and seashores, villages, agriculture, industry, people, events and its natural history in all seasons. Sponsored by Tulloch Homes, the competition offers three categories: Child 12 or under, Teenage 13 to 17 or Adult 18 and above. The CCT website has links to the entry form and the rules.

For our Silent Auction, several companies and individuals have been incredibly generous, offering an array of auction lots. There will be opportunity to bid on the day or online as the auction lots will be posted on the CCT website from April 1st.



Step into spring
with us on April
27th. All welcome.



Culbokie Community Market

Firstly, thanks to all those who donated and/or bought books at CCT's 2nd hand book stall in March. It was great to see folk browsing the wide range of books on offer. The next markets are at Findon Hall, Culbokie on **Easter Saturday 20th April**, when there will be an Easter theme, and **Saturday 18th May from 10am – 12.30pm**. Lots of local produce including fish, beef, venison, pork, vegetables, cheese, cakes and chocolate as well as local craft items, jewellery, bags, paintings, cards and much more. Local charities provide brunches and teas/cakes at all the markets so come along, enjoy a cuppa and a chat and support them. **Do you have spare plants?** If so, please think about helping with a few plants for the CCT plant stall in May. All proceeds go to CCT for use in the Community. Please get in touch if you can help. **Markets continue throughout the year on the 3rd Saturday of each month. 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.**

SHOP LOCAL
EAT LOCAL
SPEND LOCAL
ENJOY LOCAL

SPRING IS HERE

What would you like to grow?

- flowers to pick for the house?
- vegetables for winter soup?
- summer salads?
- vegetables and fruit for the family to cut food bills and extend choice?

If you fancy any, or all, of the above why not make this the year you try growing your own, either outside or under cover. There are plots available and shared use of the polytunnel at the old community garden at Netherton. **For more information phone Lesley on 01349 877224 or email lar.robb@btinternet.com.**



History Group

Within the CCT web site a major re-organisation has taken place on the "History of Culbokie" pages, making them easier to navigate. In the section "Social History" two new topics have been added. "Culbokie and Kinkell Playgroup" outlining the history of the setting up of this Group in 1974 and "Community Garden" showing its development from being set up as part of the "Utopia Experiment", then as part of the "Phoenix Project" to its current status as a Community Garden. It's really worth taking a look.



We have had a request for material for a school pupil's history project relating to the experiences of children who were evacuated to the Culbokie area during world war 2. If you are prepared to be in contact and help with this I can supply you with the email address. In theory this should be capable of producing useful information given that there were a significant number of families with this experience. My address is roger.piercy167@btinternet.com.

I am currently looking for a volunteer to take over the organisation of the Open Day at the Henge as part of the Highland Archaeology Fortnight in October. No experience of Archaeology is required as several of the volunteers willing to take part can supply the detailed knowledge. I shall be asking for volunteers to take part in a strimming session at the Henge later this month.

Visit the new Culbokie Community Trust Web Site- www.culbokiect.org

Our first web site was set up by Carol Elliot very soon after CCT was formed in 2014 and it has served us very well for around 5 years. However, one of our new members, Julie Shortreed, spotted an opportunity to make some improvements that would make it much easier to access information, navigate around the site and help highlight important news and events. Julie has now completed this work and while we were making the changes we also took the opportunity to give the site a fresh new look and add some classic Culbokie photographs to the home page taken by Martin Sherring. The website is a work in progress and we'd love to hear your feedback – please let us know what you think. Contact Penny Edwards at info@culbokiect.org.



Dingwall and District U3A

Dingwall & District U3A held their second open meeting on 21 February at the Dingwall Baptist Church.

There was tremendous support from the local community with over 70 people attending this event.

Our speaker was Don Fraser, MBE, whose subject was "Bridging the Years" which was a very informative and interesting talk based on his world-wide career in bridge building, which included involvement in all our local bridges across the firths and culminating in the Queensferry Crossing.

U3A is a nationwide organisation where members can join together to form interest groups. An interest group consists of members who wish to learn more about a particular subject or pursue a skill or activity they have a common interest in, in an informal way, on a self-help basis.

Dingwall & District U3A currently have a number of interest groups running, including Shakespeare, creative writing, craft, film, languages, history, lunch club and a walking group. Details of these interest groups and many others can be found on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/dingwall/home and we also have a Facebook page. If you would like to learn more about the group, including information on our monthly open meetings, you are invited to attend our next meeting which will be held on Thursday, 18 April with Philip Blake speaking about "Four Generations of Sawmilling in Dingwall", and Thursday 16th May with Jonathon McColl speaking about 'Science Fiction'. The meetings will be held at the Dingwall Baptist Church commencing at 2.00pm.



Scottish Women's Institute SWI Ferintosh

The SWI Ross-shire Federation Bulb and Baking Show was held in Dingwall Academy on Saturday 9th March 2019. The hall was filled with the fragrance of flowering bulbs, a rainbow of colours from Floral art decorations, and a vision of gastronomic delight across the baking section. The talent within Ross shire is wonderful. However, it is the talent, creativity and expertise within Ferintosh SWI members that saw the local institute retain its supremacy in the baking section by winning the 'Mrs Redhead Perpetual Challenge Cup' for the second year running. This is awarded to the institute with the most points in the baking section. Prizes and cups were presented by Ally Morrison, husband of Betsy, a long time, passionate, committed and founding member of the local institute who passed away last year. Congratulations to Marjory Fraser, Christine Pokornieki, Anne MacKay, Anne Green, Karen Kilpatrick and Jean Hogben for all their entries, winning double gold, gold and silver across a range of sections. Ferintosh members now need to demonstrate their skills in the 2019 Handicraft Show to be held in Dingwall Academy on 12/13th April. Knitting, sewing, embroidery, crochet, art and photography. There is even a section for a Male Relative.....article in any craft. Any of you up for a challenge? Next Meeting: Wed 3rd April 7:30pm Ferintosh Hall. Butterflies and Moths. Talk by Margaret Currie and Andy Scott of the Butterfly Conservation Trust. Future Events: Handicraft Show 12/13th April Dingwall Academy. Annual General Meeting 1st May. Outing (TBA).

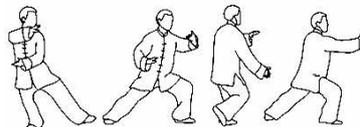


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 Contact Iain on [07850 003424](tel:07850003424) or
 email iain@brachla.co.uk

Findon Hall News

We are looking for local businesses who would be interested in having an advertising board within the hall. These would be seen by a large number of locals and visitors attending the community markets, soup lunches and clubs, please phone Sheila for further details on 01349 800153. We have also received the first Plastic Fantastic donation towards the cost of our new roof. Thank you very much, our fundraising has officially started!

Culbokie Church Centre Activities

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

Prayer and Praise evenings on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
 Contact: Rev. Terrance Burns Contact: 877452

Easter services

- Lent course on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm
- Thursday 18 April at 7:30pm Re-enactment of the Last Supper
- Friday 19 April at 7:30pm Good Friday service
- Sunday 21 April at 9:30am breakfast, 11am Easter Day service



Holy Week

Church Café is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:45pm.

Soup Lunches are on the last Saturday of the month: 30 March, 27 April and 25 May, 12-2pm in Findon Hall.

Senior Citizen's Friendship Group meet 2-4pm on the first Monday of the month - 1 April and 6 May - for an activity, tea and blether. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435)

Women's Fellowship Group meets at 7:30pm on 25 April for a talk and tea afterwards, and on 16 May for a meal. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435)

Man Friday is scheduled to meet on the last Friday of the month: 26 April and 31 May. Contact: Roger Piercy (877401)

Walking Group meets at 10am on Thursdays for a sociable stroll. Contact: May Stevenson (877213)

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities. See www.culbokiechurchcentre.org website and facebook for more details.



Next Community Council Meetings

*Monday 15th April at 7pm in Culbokie Primary School

*Monday 20th May at 7pm in Mulbuie Hall

*Monday 17th June in Ferintosh Hall



Ferintosh Community Council

It has been a productive first quarter of the year for Ferintosh Community Council. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we were busy meeting with residents who had expressed an interest in becoming a Community Councillor and we are pleased to welcome Adam Fletcher and Eilidh Richmond. They will be a real asset, and with their co-option, have changed the demographic of FCC significantly. Not only do we have a good regional spread of Councillors, we now better represent the various age groups amongst our residents. I'd also like to thank the two other residents who came forward, and actually gave us some choice.

Our February meeting saw an excellent turnout in Mulbuie for a discussion on the reduction of the current 60mph speed limit along the section of the B9169 past the Mulbuie Crossroads. Our local Highland Councillors from the Black Isle and Dingwall and Seaforth wards attended the meeting and have given their backing to the campaign. A working party, led by Colin (Lawrence) has been set up to put together a plan that will be presented to Highland Council, once it has been approved by the community.

March saw a disappointing attendance of two, for our presentation given by Shona Street the Senior Development Officer of Ross-shire Voluntary Action, who run the Black Isle Community Car Scheme. Shona gave an informative presentation, and I would like to highlight the fact that there are no restrictions on age or ability for membership of the Black Isle Community Car Scheme and you may join the scheme even if you own a car. The scheme is not just in place to take you to medical appointments; attending football matches, the theatre, shopping trips and a visit to the hairdressers, are just some of the things the Car Scheme is currently used for. Any residents interested in becoming a member or volunteer driver can contact BICCS on 07776 765683/01349 862431 or email: biccs@rossvolact.org.uk

Following reports of motor bikes being ridden in Culbokie Woods, the Forestry Commission have asked us to remind residents that this activity is illegal. Residents are asked to report any such incidents to the Forestry Commission.

As always, a thank you to those of you who regularly turn up to our meetings. Your attendance is always appreciated, and perhaps we will manage to entice a few more of you along in the coming months. Any suggestions on what would encourage you to attend are always welcome.

In the meantime I'm off to take a photo or two to enter in the Culbokie Community Trust Black Isle Photographic Competition and to take a look and see if there's anything I can bid on in their Silent Auction. We wish you all an enjoyable Easter Holidays.

Becky Richmond Ferintosh Community Council (Chair)