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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 18th August 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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## **Has Culbokie Got Talent?**

Due to the residents of Culbokie being so shy, bashful, coy, modest and timid!? Culbokies Got Talent has been postponed to 29th of June to allow the bold, courageous, fearless participants time to polish their acts for you all.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for kids  
Suitable for kids 12+  
7.30 to 10 ish

B.Y.O.B. and nibbles and help us raise funds for the hall roof!

**Tickets are on sale now and can be bought from Church Café, Soup Lunch, Culbokie Shop and Culbokie Primary School. For more information Contact Sheila on 01349 800153 or 877879.**



## Spring Celebration

On the 27th April, Culbokie Community Trust held a 'Spring Celebration' Event in Findon Hall to raise funds for the Glascairn Community Project. The event included a full programme consisting of a display of entries from the Black Isle Photographic Competition, live music, a cream tea and a silent auction. Upon arrival, visitors were greeted with the sight of the winning photos from each category. They then made their way over to the Silent Auction table and were able to bid on a brilliant array of 30 prizes from tuition in basket weaving to an Ecoventures ticket to a special edition Prickly Thistle scarf.

Once visitors had eyed up the auction lots and placed their bids, they made their way over to beautifully decorated tables, covered in spring-coloured table cloths, colour-coordinated napkins and spring flowers. They were able to relax and enjoy a selection of cream teas with refreshments, served by two finely dressed waiters, whilst watching a slideshow of all the photo entries. The vast array of talent was exceptional across all categories, from the children's 12 and under, to the adult category. The winners had been chosen by three talented photographers: Matt Sillars, Matthias Kremer and Elizabeth Fraser. Huge thanks also has to go to Dave Walsh for coordinating the Photographic competition. The winners were presented with their prizes by Judge Elizabeth Fraser, Ferintosh Community Council Chair, Becky Richmond, and Community Council Secretary, Bruce Morrison. Congratulations to the winners and well done to everyone who entered.

The relaxing atmosphere was enhanced by two talented flautists, Mike and Babs Crocker. They played a selection of spring tunes throughout the event. The flutes gave the event that extra piece of magic, creating a lovely atmosphere in which people could relax and enjoy their cream tea. The silent auction was very well supported and winning bids were posted up throughout the afternoon. Those who were celebrating a winning bid or needed cheering up from being out-bid, were able to enjoy a chilled glass of Prosecco.

Overall the event was a great success. It was extremely well supported and over £1100 was raised for the Glascairn Project. A huge well done should go to everyone who helped organise the event and for giving everyone such an enjoyable afternoon. We all came away full of the joys of spring. The Culbokie Community Trust have two events planned for the autumn: an evening with John Lister-Kaye, naturalist, author and director of Aigas Field Centre, on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> and a Team Quiz on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Full details will be posted on the CCT website in the coming months.

## Culbokie Community Market

The next market is at Findon Hall, Culbokie on **Saturday 15th June** from 10am – 12.30pm and will include a Car Boot sale. A great opportunity to browse an ever widening range of quality local food products, produce and crafts, then enjoy a break with tea and cakes or brunch in the market café run by Girl Guiding Ross-shire. The summer markets are at Findon Hall, Culbokie on **Saturday 20th July** and **Saturday 17th August**. 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](mailto:market@culbokie.org) or telephone 07926 044 064**

**If you wish to take part in the Car Boot sale please contact Marilyn on: 07713485864**

SHOP LOCAL  
EAT LOCAL  
SPEND LOCAL  
ENJOY LOCAL

## Dingwall and District U3A

Dingwall & District U3A held their third open meeting on 18 April at the Dingwall Baptist Church. There was tremendous support from the local community with over 50 people attending this event. Our speaker was Philip Blake who spoke about "Four Generations of Sawmilling in Dingwall". 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](http://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, 19 September with Susan Kruse speaking about "10,000 years of Highland Heritage in Dingwall & East Ross". The meeting will be held at the Dingwall Baptist Church commencing at 2.00 pm.

**History Group****Findon Hotel**

Recently the Culbokie History pages attracted the attention of Clare Howard, Historic England who is researching the history of the State Management public houses which were run by the scheme in the Cromarty district between 1916 and 1971. She had come across references to the "Findon Hotel" in the State Management records which may have been closed upon their acquisition around 1916. She then went on to say that she would like to locate this building but hadn't been able to find it labelled on the historic maps and was it possible that we had any information on the hotel? Was it possible that it may have been known by another name.

On sending her Alison Petch's report on the "Culbokie Inn" which mentions that a former name had been "Findon Hotel"; <http://www.culbokie.org/index.asp?pageid=661665> and this drawing created by Elspeth Weir's pupils in the 1970's.



we were thanked for our helpfulness and an acknowledgement that the National Records refer to the "Findon Hotel" up to the year 1918 and in a second document, dated 1918 – 1949 there is only reference to "Culbokie Inn". It is nice to know that our researches have been of some benefit.

**Scottish Women's Institute****SWI Ferintosh**

Following on from a successful year with excellent talks and results in the Ross-shire Federation Bulb, Baking and Craft competitions, the Committee is hoping to put together an exciting programme for **Season 2019/20**. Potential talks might be on topics such as : The Countryside Ranger –Life and breeding cycle of the Golden Eagle, Bulb planting for display, Highland Suffragettes, Hints and tips on Photography, Local Services of the Red Cross Organisation, Wind Farms and a likely craft talk/ demonstration-yet to be decided. There may, of course, be changes, but we'll keep our fingers crossed that all speakers will be available! Our programme will be finalised over the summer, so look out for details in future newsletters. **We meet at 7.30 pm in Ferintosh Hall, the first Wednesday of each month, commencing September 4th 2019. Further details/information, please contact Elaine Slinn 01349 863763, Christine Pokornieki 01349 866036 or Jill Mutton 01349 866076.**

**Culbokie Church Centre Activities**

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

**Bible study** at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings until end June.

**Prayer and Praise evenings** on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact: Rev. Terry Burns 01349 877 452

**3Cs Café** is held on Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.45pm

**Walking Group** meets at 10am on Thursdays for a sociable stroll. Contact: May Stevenson 01349 877 213

**Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** meet on 3rd June at 2-4pm for an activity, tea and blether. This is the last meeting of this session, resuming again in September. Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877 435

**Man Friday** is scheduled to meet on the last Friday of June. Contact: Roger Piercy 01349 877 401

**Soup Lunch** will be held on Saturday 29 June, 12-2pm in Findon Hall. There's no soup lunch in July, resuming again on the last Saturday in August.

**New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities. See [www.culbokiechurchcentre.org](http://www.culbokiechurchcentre.org) and Facebook for more details.**

# Tai Chi

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Tuesday 18:45 - 19:45 in Findon Hall

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Contact Iain on [07850 003424](tel:07850003424) or

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### Next Community Council Meetings

\*Monday 17th June in Ferintosh Hall at 7pm

\*Monday 15th July in Culbokie Primary School at 7pm

\* Monday 19th August in Mulbuie Hall at 7pm



### Ferintosh Community Council

My first year as Chair of Ferintosh Community Council (FCC) has been a thoroughly enjoyable and productive one.

We have continued to represent the views of residents and have engaged with them over the year on such matters as:

- consultation on planning applications
- public transport
- the role of Community Councils and local governance
- provision of care and GP services
- co-opting Community Councillors
- Provision of Meals on Wheels

The big success story of the year has to be the securing of funding for the improvements to the Crask junction.

Culbokie has also seen the return of the morning and evening bus service to Inverness, and following a request from Black Isle Cares, we were able to engage with residents and find willing volunteers to help provide the Meals on Wheels Service. On that note, we are calling for a few more volunteers to join the established team. For anyone who is interested, please contact Lesley Bowman on: 07702 557535

Our most efficient way of engaging with residents is through our ever-increasing email list, which currently represents 42% of FCC's total electorate. To further improve efficiency, we have worked with residents to divide the list into the 3 clear areas that we have within FCC. This enables us to target particular residents where appropriate without having to include everyone on the list. It is our hope that this will mean you should only receive emails that are relevant or of interest to you.

At our AGM Bruce, Colin and I stood down from our posts as Secretary, Treasurer and Chair and were then re-elected for the same posts. We will hold these positions until the November elections. We head towards those elections in a strong and healthy position and I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to represent you the resident.

Colin and the Mulbuie residents are continuing to make progress with the reduction in speed campaign, and our May meeting was well supported, when Mulbuie residents came along to hear about the progress to date and to continue the discussion on how FCC can continue to represent them. I was extremely grateful to those residents who stayed for the remainder of the meeting and contributed to our second main agenda item discussing the Community Council Review Consultation.

If anyone wishes to see two of your Community Councillors make fools of themselves, then come along to the 'Has Culbokie Got Talent?' on 29th June at Findon Hall. All proceeds will go towards funding the new roof. To find out, which two Councillors are involved, you'll just have to come along.

On a more serious note, we have again received reports of discarded condoms being left in public places and even in people's gardens in Culbokie. This matter is being taken further. FCC would also like to remind people to use the bins provided for dog poo or to take your bags home. Leaving them in the woods for other people to deal with is highly unacceptable. We have a diligent group of volunteers who empty the bins, so please, make use of the bins.

I will end by thanking my colleagues for all their support and keeping me on the straight and narrow during my first year as Chair.

Becky Richmond Chair