

# NOTICEBOARD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THE COMMUNITIES IN THE FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA - [WWW.FERINTOSHCC.CO.UK](http://WWW.FERINTOSHCC.CO.UK)



## The next newsletter

The **next newsletter is due out the first Friday in February** with the final **deadline for any articles being Sunday 19th January 2020.**

However, the sooner the better would be much appreciated.

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

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## Community Council

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## FCC MEETINGS

- ✦ Monday 18th November in Mulbuie Hall, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 20th January in Ferintosh Hall, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 17th February in Culbokie School, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 16th March in Mulbuie Hall, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 20th April in Ferintosh Hall, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 18th May in Culbokie School, 7pm

## Community Spirit At Its Finest

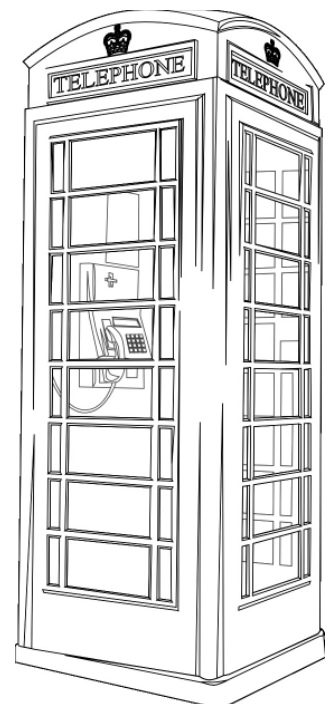
19 people from Alcaig and surrounding area turned out at a Public Meeting to support the retention of the telephone box in Alcaig. The telephone box has been a landmark in the village for as long as people can remember and the overwhelming response from the meeting was “we do not want to see it go”.

The public meeting agreed that a group should be established to investigate the purchase of the telephone box on behalf of the community under the banner ‘Friends of Alcaig Telephone Box’. The first task of the group would be to contact other community Groups who have successfully taken on the task of looking after their own telephone boxes. A number of these boxes have already been identified.

The message from the community is we mean to do everything we can to retain this important landmark and develop it as a community resource for the community and our many visitors.

Since the public meeting it has been decided that due to the poor mobile signal in the area the telephone box is to be retained as a working public service.

A big well done and congratulations to all those who got involved with and supported this project. It’s Brilliant to see a community coming together to keep something that is important to them and succeeding in this task!



## **THANK YOU!!!**

Findon Hall has received an anonymous local donation of £1100 towards the cost of the roof. As we are now registered with HMRC for Gift Aid this has meant that we have received a further £275 from the government. We would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to the benefactors, you know who you are!

Should anyone like to contribute please contact Barbara on [07748 932 231](tel:07748932231) or online at <https://www.goldengiving.com/wall/findon-hall-culbokie>. Using Golden Giving allows us to reclaim the Gift Aid easily.

We are applying for grants at the moment and are hopeful we will be successful which will allow us to start the process of getting the roof sorted. So far we have raised £5250! Anyone with time and energy to help us please contact Sheila on [01349 800153](tel:01349800153).

### **Community Consultation Drop-in at Findon Hall, Thursday November 21st** **3.30pm – 8pm**

Some big changes are coming to the village with the development of the Glascairn Site and a funding award to CCT to design an active travel route through the village.

CCT has organised a drop-in consultation from 3:30pm – 8pm on Thursday 21st November at Findon Hall to give everyone in the village a chance to meet our three design consultants, examine the proposals and have their say. We will be consulting on:

- Provisional designs for the new Culbokie village green
- Designs for the new Community Hub buildings
- Proposals for a new Active Travel route through the village and out to the A9

Consultants represented at the meeting will be: Katherine Woolf of Horner and MacLennan who are working on the landscape design; Alex Pearson of LDN Architecture who are working on the building design; and Scott McGarva of Pell Frischmann who, with funding from Sustrans, are working on the active travel route.

We hope you will come along and let us have your views.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET**



The Christmas market will be on **Saturday 21st December 10am-12:30pm** with special Christmas Fayre and a raffle. 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**

### **Meals On Wheels**

Meals on wheels put out a call for the need for more volunteers in the Ferintosh area. Since that call went out they have had a brilliant number of responses and have gone from having no volunteers to eight, along with eight clients in the Ferintosh area. Two of these volunteers also take their clients over to Fortrose Academy for their games afternoon.

This is an extremely important part of community providing an invaluable service. If you wish to be involved with Meals On Wheels please contact Lesley Bowman on 07702 557 535 / email [admin@blackislecares.com](mailto:admin@blackislecares.com). Or simply visit the website [www.blackislecares.com](http://www.blackislecares.com).

## **\*\*\*CULBOKIE RESIDENTS CHANGE OF POLLING STATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION 12th DECEMBER\*\*\***

**Please note that the polling station in Culbokie will be in Culbokie Church Centre not Findon Hall.**

**“RATS TO RICHES” THE STORY OF DICK MCWHITAVADUN AND HIS CAT**  
**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!!!**

Culbokie Panto Group are back again this year with another pun packed performance, this time  
“Rats to Riches” The Story Of Dick McWhitavadun and his clever cat, Luke Warm.

In response to popular demand the pantomime will play over 3 nights this year.

You can come and see the Panto in Findon Hall on:

**Thursday 12th December at 7:30pm**

**Friday 13th December at 7:30pm**

**Saturday 14th December at 7:30pm**

Tickets will be on sale at the community market on the 16th November from some of the cast who will be  
serving teas and a cake or two



**PRICES**

ADULTS-£7

CHILDREN-£3

Make sure you get there early for the hottest tickets in town! Oh yes they are!

**History Group**

A few changes have been incorporated into the History of Culbokie pages of the Culbokie Community Trust web site at [www.culbokiect.org](http://www.culbokiect.org). When we carried out the recent revamp of the pages a few of the 'old' pages didn't seem to belong to the new layout and were left out. Having recently attended the funeral of Jean Stewart, nee Dingwall, Woodside, Culbokie it seemed relevant to re-introduce into the “People of Culbokie” page the narrow slice of history of Tom and Jean that had been 'lost'. This got me thinking about a previous section that had been 'abandoned' and that was to do with the War Memorials commemorating the fallen from families associated with our Community and this information has now been added to the “People of Culbokie” page.

In the original layout there was a page of aerial photographs of Culbokie and this page has been re-instated into the “Landscape” page.

The History Group can be contacted through [history@culbokiect.org](mailto:history@culbokiect.org) and we would appreciate receiving information regarding local families that you are willing for us to publish.



**Dingwall and District U3A**

**Our next presentations are on Thursday 21st November at 2.00pm in the Dingwall Baptist Church** when Bob Pegg will be doing a presentation on “ ‘Roots and flutes’, The sounds and stories of the worlds oldest musical instruments”, **Thursday 19th December at 2:00pm in the Dingwall Baptist Church** when Adrian Clark will give a presentation on “Evanton Community Wood, past, present and future” and

**Thursday 16th January at 2:00pm in the Dingwall Baptist Church** when Richard Brown will give a presentation on “Managing Scotland’s Water Resources”. The presentations are an opportunity to listen to an interesting speaker, along with the chance to meet new friends and contacts, over the always welcome tea, coffee and biscuits. It is also an opportunity to learn about the U3A and the Interest Groups that we currently have running.



**Images of the Black Isle' 2020 Desk Calendar**

Images of the Black Isle, skilfully captured by entrants to this year’s Black Isle Photographic Competition, have been published in an attractive desk calendar. Copies will be available for sale at the Culbokie Community Markets on, November 16th and December 21st, as well as from the Spar Shop in the village. Or you can order through the Culbokie Community Trust website:

<http://www.culbokiect.org/news.asp?intent=viewstory&newsid=102116>

At a cost of £8.50(plus £1.50 postage and packing within UK if required), the 2020 desk calendar is a great choice of gift for friends and family, past residents, fans of the Black Isle, or simply for your own desk.

## **FERINTOSH AND RESOLIS FREE CHURCH - SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Christianity Explored - One Life - What's it all about?** If you are interested in thinking about the big questions of life, and exploring the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith, Jesus Christ, please do join us for any or all of our informal Christianity Explored sessions. Tuesdays, 7:30pm-8:45pm from 29th October until 10th December (7 sessions) at Ferintosh Free Church.

You are also very welcome to join us at any of our services or other activities.

**Sunday Services:** Resolis Free Church at 10.30am and Ferintosh Free Church at 12 noon & 6.00pm (Creche and Sunday School at the morning services and Youth Fellowship fortnightly after the evening service)

Minister: Rev Calum Iain Macleod, 01349 866 067

**Evergreen Soup Lunch**, first Monday of each month, 12:00pm to 1:30pm, (October to May), at Ferintosh Free Church. Next dates: 4th November and 2nd December. Come along for friendly conversation, a bowl of soup and a generous selection of cakes! Open to all! (Contact: Helen Macdonald, 01349 862 546)

**Women for Mission** - All ladies are warmly invited. Monday 4th November, 7:30pm, Ferintosh Free Church: Helen & Aimee from Inverness on their recent SU Mission trip to Rwanda. Monday 2nd December, 7:30pm, Resolis Church: Allan Dunbar on the work of Christians Against Poverty. (At this meeting there will also be craft and CLC book stalls.)

**Christmas Fun Day - Jesus, the Light of the World** - Saturday, 30th November, 10:15am - 12:45pm, Culbokie School. All children aged 4 to P7 welcome. Games, Bible stories, crafts, songs, snack. (Contact: Helen Brown, 01349 864645, email [ianandhelenbrown@gmail.com](mailto:ianandhelenbrown@gmail.com) )

**Festive Services:** Details of these will be available later on the church website -

[www.ferintosh.org.uk](http://www.ferintosh.org.uk) - and Facebook page.



## **FINDON HALL NEWS**

- It's that time of year again when the 100 club is up for renewal. Alastair Rose will have his usual tickets at the Café and Sheila will be at the community market in November. If you don't have a ticket and are interested, it costs only £12 for the year. There is a draw every month at the hall meeting where there is a 1st prize of £25, 2nd prize of £15 & 3rd prize of £10, your winnings will be delivered to you. **Please contact Sheila if you would like to join the club and help your village hall.**
- The hall will be having a raffle at the Panto again this year to raise funds towards the new roof, any donations, large or small would be very gratefully received.
- You can hand in your 'Plastic Fantastic' any time now, the winners of the most quirky plastic collection pot and the highest amount collected will be announced at the senior citizens meal on the 7th of December. **These can be handed in to Barbara or Sheila. Thank you to all those who have contributed so far.**
- We are planning the Hogmanay Hooley again this year. Further information will be found on the Noticeboard at the Shop and on the Facebook page nearer the time.

**We would encourage all of our local Facebook users to follow Findon Hall on Facebook as another way of staying in touch with local clubs and events. We are happy to share updates for groups on our Facebook page.**

## **Culbokie Community Market**

The next market is at Findon Hall, Culbokie on **Saturday 16th November from 10am - 12.30pm.** It's a great opportunity to buy local produce 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 /brunch.

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

SHOP LOCAL  
EAT LOCAL  
SPEND LOCAL  
ENJOY LOCAL



## Culbokie Church Centre activities

**Mid-week meetings** at 7:30pm on Wednesday the 13th, 20th and 27th November and Wednesday 4th December, learning about some of the most influential characters in the history of the Church. **Contact: Mike Rattenbury 01349 877 323**

**3Cs Café** is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:45pm. The Macmillan Fundraiser held on 24th September raised £500 – many thanks to those who helped bake, serve and eat the soup and home baking.

**Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** meets on Monday 4th November at 2pm-4pm for an activity, tea and blether. The meeting on Monday 2nd December is at the earlier time of 12:30pm for a soup and pudding lunch. **Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877 435**

**Women's Fellowship** will be showing slides of New Zealand on Thursday 21st November at 7:30pm, and having a Christmas meditation and party on Thursday 19th December. **Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877 435**



**Man Friday-** An excellent turnout was treated to a fascinating and interesting talk on the military career of Sir Hector Macdonald, "Fighting Mac". His rapid promotion and demonstration of his organisational skills on the battlefield plus his developing relationship with his nemesis, Kitchener, held us spell-bound. So extensive was the coverage of the subject that we had to curtail the talk and will invite Johnny Black back to continue, hopefully, soon in the New Year. **Man Friday meets again on Friday 29th November at 7:30pm** to hear Alastair Rose sharing "Merchant Navy adventures in photos and memories", then resumes again in the new year. **Contact: Roger Piercy 01349 877 401**

**Walking Group** meets, weather permitting, at 10am on Thursdays for a sociable stroll. The walks are expected to stop at the end of November, and resume again after the winter. **Contact: May Stevenson 01349 877 213**

**Soup Lunch** will be held on Saturday 30th November, 12-2pm in Findon Hall, then resumes again the last Saturday in January.

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities.

See [www.culbokiechurchcentre.org](http://www.culbokiechurchcentre.org) website and facebook for more details.

## Culbokie Church services

### SUNDAY SERVICE

10am on Sunday including Sunday School and crèche.  
Prayer and Praise evenings on the 3rd Sunday of the month.  
**Contact: Rev. Terry Burns 01349 877 452**

### Remembrance Day service

Community Service, Sunday 10 November in the church at 10am. All Welcome  
There will also be a short service at 10:45am at Resolis War Memorial

### Christmas services

**Watchnight service** on Tuesday 24th December at 11.30pm  
**Christmas Day service** on Wednesday 25th December at 10am



## Our Invaluable Culbokie - Inverness Commuter Bus

**BUT FOR HOW MUCH LONGER?**

**JUST THREE MORE REGULAR USERS WOULD SECURE THIS SERVICE**

A reliable commuter service returned to Culbokie six months ago after much local campaigning. Currently, there is an average usage of four return journeys every weekday and we believe that raising this to just seven would secure the long term existence of this lifeline service.

Leaving Culbokie Schoolcroft at 07.50 (07.52 at the shop), the 22 arrives in Inverness at 08.14 in good time for onward journeys to the UHI and the Hospital. The 22 returns from Inverness at 17.35 and arrives in Culbokie at 18.15 (18.17, Schoolcroft). An adult return is £4.85 compared with a car journey cost, with parking (£4), of £15.40 (@ 45ppm). That's potential savings of over £2000 per year. **ARE YOU ABLE TO CONSIDER THIS CHANGE?** Feel free to contact Alison Lowe, Culbokie Action Group on 07766 101852 or Bruce Morrison, Ferintosh Community Council on 01349 877127 for more information and background.

# RAISE THE ROOF

Come and Join Us For  
CAROLS IN THE CAR PARK

MAKE A  
JOYFUL NOISE



*Celebrate the Winter Solstice and  
Carol Your Way into Christmas with the  
Culbokie Panto Group and a very special  
visitor.*

*Saturday 21st December at 6.30pm, Findon  
Hall Car Park*

*Mince Pies, Hot Mulled Drinks, Juice  
Donations in aid of Findon Hall Roof Repairs*



## Eighties Rewind

Dance the night away to your favourite 80's tunes in the village, Findon Hall Culbokie, on 30th November and help us raise funds for four wonderful charities at the same time. Highland Hearts of Gold represents a combined fundraising effort for Marie Curie, Macmillan, Highland Hospice and Maggie's.



- ◆ **A night out in the village**
- ◆ **Most of us can walk home**
- ◆ **BYOB**
- ◆ **Only £10 per person**
- ◆ **Great music!**
- ◆ **Great company!**
- ◆ **Dressing up optional!**

THE 80s

If you would like tickets, please contact Barbara on [07748 932 231](tel:07748932231) or Karen on [07780 724 252](tel:07780724252).

### 'Taking the Next Steps' Black Isle Tourism Team Autumn Gathering at Munros Nurseries, Tuesday 12th November, 6 - 8.30pm

Our annual get-together to catch up on the latest developments for promoting tourism in the Black Isle

\* If you were to walk or cycle the entire Black Isle peninsula –

What route would you take? How long would you allow to do it? What are the must-see sights to take in? Where would you like to explore that you're less familiar with? When would be a good time to do it? What infrastructure is currently in place that makes this route possible? What needs to be built or put in place to make it work?

The idea of a Black Isle circular route was raised at last year's autumn gathering and forms one of the key objectives of the Black Isle strategy. Using it as a focus this workshop aims to begin to make the circular route a reality. It will be used to develop some of the other ideas contained in the strategy too - encouraging people to come for longer, stay close and feel connected; extending the season through events which highlight seasonal variations; improving physical access and providing better information.

There will also be free food. A choice of dishes from Munros superb cafe will be on offer. Email [tourism@black-isle.info](mailto:tourism@black-isle.info) for further details. This event is free and open to all.

### TAI CHI FINISHED FOR 2019

It's that time of year when Tai Chi gives way to Panto. Thank you to all who have attended this session. Classes will resume again on Tuesday 7th January 2020 in Findon Hall. Classes are Tuesday evenings 6:30pm-7:30pm. First class is free and then £7/class after that or £25 for block of 5 classes. To book on to the classes please contact Iain Richmond on 07850 003 424 or email [iain@brachla.co.uk](mailto:iain@brachla.co.uk)

## **FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

It is safe to say that the one subject that has dominated the conversations of your current Community Council has been the Community Council elections. The extension to the election period and the poor response to our quest for nominees for FCC led to us issuing a statement highlighting our inability to work effectively with only 6 community councillors, and if we did not come out of the elections with more than 6 councillors, then we would stand down. We minuted this and sent out an email to all of you on our email list. Given the picture that was emerging from other areas of the Highlands, we weren't holding our breath and we all felt quite despondent for the future of local democracy.

At close of play on Friday 1st November, unbelievably, we find ourselves in a position that a few weeks ago we could only have dreamt of. We have a total of ten nominees, which means there will be a postal ballot and you, the Ferintosh Community Council residents will get to democratically elect the nine councillors that you would like to represent you. We extend a huge thank you to the four residents who took up the gauntlet and nominated themselves. Having worked so hard to get to this position, I would appeal to all of you to complete and return the postal ballot when it lands on your doorstep later this month.

The residents of Crask officially opened the new Crask Junction on Saturday. This project has been a great example of what can be achieved when residents and community council work together.

Our front-page story highlighting the success of the 'Friends of Alcaig Telephone Box' is another example of how residents can come together for the good of their community. FCC brought the initial consultation on the closure of telephone boxes to their attention and the community got on and did the rest. Well done to all involved.

You may have noticed an increase in the number of pages for the Noticeboard. FCC took a decision to revamp the Noticeboard and increase the content and it is our intention to launch a new look newsletter in the New Year, once the new council has formed. Eilidh and I have been working on this project and we would love your support. We would be interested in your ideas for future content and we would also like to receive more content. We are really keen to hear about what is going on in the Mulbuie and Ferintosh areas, so it becomes a truly representative Noticeboard.

The project for the 40mph speed limit on the B9169 at Mulbuie is progressing well. The public consultation has now closed with no objections. All that remains is for The Highland Council to schedule the work to be carried out. This is yet another great example of community council and residents working together. I would particularly like to thank Colin for putting the time and effort into leading on this project and to Councillor Angela MacLean for all the effort she has put in to supporting this project.

Our meeting on 18th November at Mulbuie will be our last meeting of the current community council. Colin Lawrence and Ros MacNaughton are both standing down and I would like to thank them for their continued hard work and support of their fellow councillors during their time with FCC. As we won't know the results of the postal ballot until after 4th December, I would also like to thank all of my FCC colleagues for their continued support, wit and wisdom during my time as Chair.

Ferintosh Community Council is in the strongest position it's been in for many years, and where there are residents willing to work with us, FCC will continue to support the needs of the residents.

Becky Richmond  
Chair