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THE PROPOSED HOTEL WOULD BRING 90 JOBS TO THE AREA

## A very positive outcome for Carbisdale Castle redevelopment is expected

*The developers have letters of support from Ardgay and Creich Community Councils, Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, Jamie Mc Grigor MSP, Mary Scanlon MSP and our new MP, Dr Paul Monaghan*

BONAR BRIDGE, 29TH APRIL. A crowd of people gathered at the Community Hall for a meeting chaired by Tim Griffin, Director of Michael Laird Architects and Lead Con-

sultant for the development. This was the first time that the attendees had first hand information regarding the exciting plans for Carbisdale Castle. *(Continue on page 4)*



*The castle is in a state of disrepair. / SM*



*One on the drawings of the beautiful building for the new Falls of Shin Visitor Centre. / CH ARCHITECTURE*

KOS DEVELOPMENT TRUST HAS RECEIVED EXCELENT FEEDBACK FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

## Success of Falls of Shin project public exhibitions

*More than 200 visitors admired the plans of the proposed building and gave their views on the project including a cafe, shop and children's play area (Page 6)*

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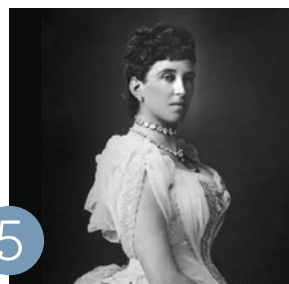
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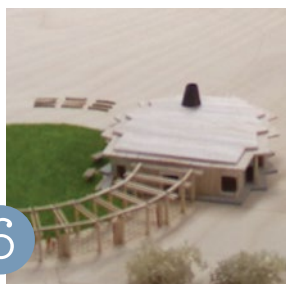
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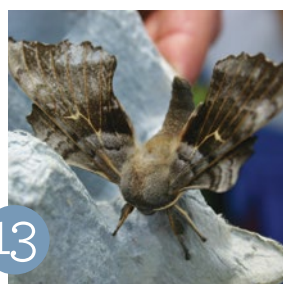
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## Summer sunset over the Kyle of Sutherland by Susan Ross

This photo was taken in July 2013. It was the first time Susan rode the horse up the Struie. His name is Ed and he is now 20. He was bred by Pat Macgettigan at Achnagart, Culrain. Some of Susan Ross' photos can be seen at *As Seen Through Horses' Ears* and *Kyle of Sutherland's Scenery* Facebook pages.

## EDITOR'S LETTER

## Exciting projects

In this summer issue we have positive news of three most welcome development projects in our area: Falls of Shin visitor centre's plans have been very well received by the public, Kyle of Sutherland Hub has secured £1.4 million from the Big Lottery Fund, and it is hoped that Carbisdale Castle will reopen as a state-of-the-art hotel. Thanks to all who support and contribute to the newsletter and the community, and of course to our volunteer distributors, who kindly donate their time to deliver copies to our homes. I hope you will enjoy this edition, as well as some of the great events planned for the summer. ■

**Silvia Muras** *Editor*

# Ardgay & District News



NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE TO ALLOW CARBISDALE CASTLE REDEVELOPMENT TO GO AHEAD

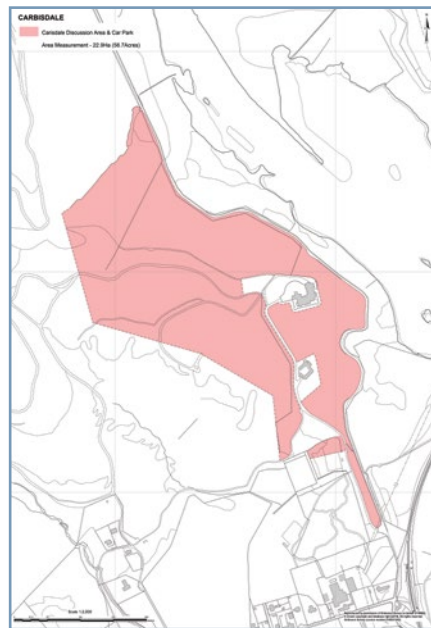
## A five-star hotel with an impressive garden

*Tim Griffin and his team gave details of the project at a public meeting held in April. Ardgay and Creich Community Councils and the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust have given the developers their support for the purchase of the 56 acres of forestry.*

*(Starts on front page)*

The plans presented by Tim Griffin and his team that evening made it clear that to make the project viable the developer would like to purchase about 56 acres of forestry land mostly to the north of the castle. The plan is to design a landscape garden similar to Dunrobin Castle, a new car park, and they also expressed their intention of planting native species of woodland. The creation of a five star hotel boasting the biggest royal suite in the UK has the potential to generate a huge amount of publicity for tourism in the area. The public warmly welcomed this and the estimated 90 direct jobs which it will bring.

Representatives of Culrain & District Hall Committee at the meeting raised concerns over the sale of Forestry Commission land to the developers. Their objections revolved around the public access to cycling and walking paths in the 2,000 acre Carbisdale forest, and their plans for a community forest. It was made clear that the cycling and walking paths were not included within the boundaries of the 56 acres. Tim Griffin also stressed the need for a deer fence to protect the gardens



*The 56 acres of land that the Carbisdale Castle Ltd. would like to buy, in pink.*

and was reminded of the statutory rights of access in Scotland.

### HIGHLAND COUNCIL MEDIATION

Since the beginning of May, Highland Council and HIE representatives have been acting as mediators to find a solution where both projects, Carbisdale Castle hotel and the community forest could coexist. Culrain & District Hall Committee are, "Hopeful that the communi-

ty's stand will result in all parties achieving a good outcome."

On the other hand, the protracted negotiations caused by the position taken by the Hall Committee could put the project in jeopardy or delay it by up to a year.

### SALE OF ARTWORK

When the local community knew that SYHA was offering at auction many of the castle's sculptures, a petition on the website change.org was created to try to stop the sale. More than 1,000 individuals showed their support. SYHA released an statement on the 13th May saying that, "On several occasions over the last 70 years, SYHA has sold artwork, farms and forestry land to subsidise the running of the castle." and "The proceeds of the sale will be used to sustain SYHA's diverse youth hostel network."

A total of 52 pieces of art -sculptures and paintings- were sold at Sotheby's "19th and 20th Century Sculpture" auction in London on the 20th of May. The lots achieved a combined price of more than £950,000, which after commission and tax gave a profit of around £600,000 to SYHA. ■



# Ardgay & District News



COMMENTS MADE BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF "CARBISDALE ACTION GROUP"

## *The local community says on Facebook...*

■ "Let's start looking to the future and not stay stuck in the past, the hostel is gone, it will never be a hostel again... let the Castle live once more"

■ "I for one only signed the petition against the sale of the artefacts from the castle. I am all for all the other exciting plans put forward"

■ "The reason the majority are in favour of the sale is that if it isn't sold it'll be left to crumble."

■ "The building needs serious cash spent on it, SYHA don't have it so it's up to the wealthy to do something with it otherwise it will fall down!"

■ "It's the sale of the artwork that's an issue for me. Pleased about the plans for the castle though!"

■ "I think we should be happy that something is happening (if it does) to the building and that jobs will be created"

■ "In favour of the sale as well, would be fantastic to see it restored to its formal state, but would be fantastic if they could keep the statues and paintings"

■ "No one as far as I'm aware is against the new proposal for the castle, it was the underhand way the forestry were going to sell the land without consultation"

■ "Nobody against the sale of the Castle, just some of the land, but if they stick to the plans they now have not a problem"

■ "The loch and the battlefield are not included or wanted by the developer? Why are people determined to think they are losing precious woodland when the FC could at anytime come in and clear fell the lot ruining it anyway?"

■ "It's superb business idea. I stand by the buyer 100%. If it's turned into a hotel good stuff"

*Would you like to give your opinion? Please visit Ardgay & DCC website or send a letter to the editor.*



*Venus Italica, one of the statues sold in auction.*

CARBISDALE CASTLE WAS BUILT FOR HER AFTER THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND CONTESTED HIS FATHER'S WILL

## The exciting life of Mary Caroline, 'Duchess Blair'

SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER of Rev. Richard Michell of Oxford. Miss Mary Caroline Michell married Captain Arthur Blair, her cousin. The union was as happy as that of most couples until George, third Duke of Sutherland, appeared on the scene. The duke was himself the husband of a charming wife and the father of a grown-up family, but he permitted himself to fall in love with Mrs. Blair, and she warmly reciprocated his affection.

As a consequence of rumors which came to the ears of Captain Blair, he is said to have shot himself in a fit of despondency. His widow, Mrs. Blair, at once accompanied her ducal lover on a long yacht-voyage to the Far East.

In 1883 the Duchess died, and the pair went to Florida, where they were married within three months of the Duke's first wife's death. On their re-appearance in England some of the old retainers left the ducal service, and the wives of the farmers on the estate also refused to acknowledge the new Duchess. The Duke died in 1892, leaving his wife £150,000, in addition to £9,000 a year, a life interest in the collieries of the Sutherland family, the use of the family diamonds for life, and absolute gifts of country residences, and a sum of over £10,000 to Irene Blair, her daughter by her first husband.

The new Duke intimated that he would contest the will. Litigation dragged



*The Duchess, circa 1890.  
/ © FRANÇOIS GORDON MICHELL*

on for months. The judge eventually made an order for the handing over of certain documents to the administrator of the estate, the solicitors of both parties to be in attendance. The Duchess picked up one of the bundles, took out a document, and after reading it threw the paper into the fire.

This act led to proceedings against the Duchess for contempt of court. A fine of £250 and a prison sentence of six weeks was imposed on her. She underwent the imprisonment in a luxuriously furnished "cell". Ultimately, the litigation with regard to the estate was settled through the intervention of the late King Edward.

The dowager Duchess became the wife of Sir Albert Rollitt in 1896. Her Grace's last bid for notoriety was in the singular loss of £20,000 worth of jewels in Paris, and their yet more singular recovery in London. ■

*From: 1912 'ROMANCE IN HIGH LIFE.', The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), 1 July, p. 10, viewed 3 June, 2015, <<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5305675>>*

## Ardgay & District News



Rory Scott, from Migdale, admiring the architectural model.



Catriona Hill (CH Architecture) explaining the design.

228 ADULTS AND 12 JUNIORS CAME ALONG TO VIEW THE PLANS AND GAVE THEIR INPUT

## Great success of the Falls of Shin Visitor Centre Public Exhibition days

*Visitors to the exhibition learned that the proposal was based on the provision of a cafe, shop and children's play area on the site of the former restaurant and visitor centre.*

FALLS OF SHIN COMMUNITY Project would like to thank the 240 visitors, particularly the 12 juniors, who visited the Public Exhibition days held across Ardgay, Bonar Bridge, Lairg and Rosehall recently.

Valerie Houston, Project Officer, said, "We were extremely pleased with the response and support shown across each exhibition day. The days allowed the team to gain valuable feedback on the development plans and hear some great stories from people's memories of visits to the Falls of Shin. We welcome readers to view the plans and input to the questionnaire. It would also be great to receive some more stories and view more images on our Facebook page @FallsofShin".

The brief for the new facility was developed by the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust in conjunction with stakehold-

ers, building users, local tour operators and experienced operators. It was established that the optimum size for the cafe would be 60 covers so that it could accommodate one coach and several independent tourists at the same time. This is smaller than the previous facility but will help to ensure that the facility is economically sustainable during the shoulder months.

A small retail area was considered to be important to enable local produce to be showcased.

### LEADING ROLE OF THE SALMON

Interpretation boards explaining the life cycle of the salmon and the importance of catch and release salmon fishing to the local economy are considered important to demonstrate the credibility of the venue.

Provision of live digital coverage of the salmon leap is also seen as essential so that the experience of visiting the facility is not diminished for those who are unable to walk to the Falls themselves. A strong connection between the indoor and outdoor experience is essential.

### Falls of Shin Community Project

If you would like further information on the project and/or would like copies of the information shared at the public exhibition days please contact Valerie direct by email [fosofficer@kyleofsutherland.co.uk](mailto:fosofficer@kyleofsutherland.co.uk) or telephone **01863 766554** or alternatively check the details via the QR Codes.



Falls of Shin Facebook page



Downloads from KoSDT website



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### A FISH-SHAPED BUILDING

The design concept of the building, created by CH Architecture, is loosely based on the image of a fish and is made up of a head, body and tail. Each part forms a distinctive function.

The head forms the main element of the facility and contains the cafe, shop, kitchen and toilets. The body is formed out of a timber trellis walkway and contains the interpretation and outside exhibition area. The tail is formed of a decorative metal canopy which creates a distinctive entrance portal. The three components are grouped around an external plaza which will be used for gala events and external exhibitions and will be provided with services suitable for a marquee.

Whilst the overall image of the fish may not be legible from the ground level it will be seen in the aerial view and through time, will be included in Google earth's satellite survey of the world.

### CATERING FOR THE SUMMER

The project submitted a planning application further to the public exhibition and are on schedule to submit their Stage 2 BIG Lottery application in September.

Falls of Shin have continued to be a popular venue for walkers and tourists alike. If all goes to plan KoSDT should have managed to arrange a catering offering to be onsite for the summer months.

■ **Valerie Houston**, FOS Officer

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KOS HUB HAS SECURED £1.4 MILLION FROM THE BIG LOTTERY FUND

## The works for the new Youth and Family Hub could start in October

THE KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Hub Ltd (formerly Kyle of Sutherland Youth Development Group) is delighted, relieved and super excited to announce the securing of £1.4 million from the Big Lottery Fund towards the build costs and first 3 years running costs for its planned new Youth and Family Hub. Together with funding from EON and Achany windfarms and Peoples and Communities fund we are now well on our way to securing the full amount needed of £1.8 million to see this fantastic project through to fruition.

The Group together with the design team are now working towards a building warrant application and further fundraising with the aim of building work commencing in October 2015.

Director and Chair Hayley Bangs describes the moment the Lottery called to give them the news and how the community were informed: "On Friday morning the phone rang and our project officer from the lottery told me, 'You've been awarded the full amount.' It was an incredible moment, tears were shed and off I went to jump up and down, and cheer (a lot) with the group's secretary Kathy Smith who with me has spent months and months of time on the application. The full committee who have worked so hard on this project were all told that day, but unfortunately we were under strict instructions that we were not able to announce it for a further week! On the following Friday two children from each of the local schools were giv-

en a sealed envelope to open and read out to all pupils at the start of school, inside it read, 'We are going to get our new building at Bus Club.' There were loud cheers and it was lovely that the children were the first ones to hear the news."

This is an exciting time for the Kyle of Sutherland communities and we hope the Hub will improve quality of life, attract visitors to the area and provide some much needed employment opportunities.

### The children were the first ones to hear the news about the Big Lottery funding application

The group wish to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers who dedicate their time to the project, all who have supported our events, the children and young people who have been our inspiration and motivation and all those who filled in the endless stream of surveys to help us decide which facilities the Hub should provide and support our funding applications.

For more information please visit our Facebook page 'Kyle of Sutherland Hub' (it would be great if you could 'like' it too) or our website using the details below. ■



**Hayley Bangs,**  
Chair

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Thanks to grants from SSE Achany, our local Highland Councillors and the skill of local tradesmen; John Ross & Calum Mackinnon, W M Munro Plumbing and Durrand Electrical Service, the new kitchen, designed by Catriona Hill, has been completed - on time and on budget.

## Ardgay Public Hall's new kitchen is finished

THE GOOD NEWS continues with the announcement that a £9,910 grant has been received from Awards for All Scotland towards the provision of a new heating system throughout the whole building.

Unfortunately, the application for the balance of funds needed was unsuccessful. Nonetheless, the committee with the help of Helen Houston,



the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust Officer, will continue this financial quest with every intention of seeing the

project completed before next winter.

Meanwhile, two other applications have already been submitted with the aim of replacing all the windows with double glazed units and installing insulation in the two loft areas. Again, if these applications prove successful, it is hoped to have the work completed by the winter. It was unfortunate that the application to the Climate Challenge Fund failed as this would have encompassed all of the work. But, as you can see, the committee are continuing their endeavours undaunted.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

However, it is not possible to find all the money needed from 'outside' funding sources without the local community demonstrates its own support for the hall. So the committee are planning a self-generated Fund Raising Appeal. This includes a '£1 Lucky Squares Board' - the prize is a Daewoo Microwave which is now circulating around some of the local shops etc, so please keep an eye out for it or check the hall's Facebook page for its current location.

The 27th of June will see the Ardgay Hall Auction take place at 7pm.

There will also be a Grand Raffle drawn on the night, with a first prize of £200 generously donated by Ardgay Plant & Quarry Services. It would be fantastic if anyone who is able to help, either beforehand or on the night itself, could get in touch with the committee ASAP.

Plans are also taking shape for the 4th of July, with an American themed dinner to celebrate the opening of the new kitchen pictured. Info on posters, Facebook, etc in due course.

It is hoped that July 10th will see a Family Beetle Drive taking place in the hall. This will be well advertised nearer the time, but again, if you would like to help please get in touch.

The committee would be delighted to hear from anyone with any other fund-raising ideas, at any time of year. Why not come along to the next meeting? As usual, the date will be displayed on the notice boards and posted on the Facebook page. Everyone with the future of the hall at heart is very welcome to attend. ■ **Rhonwen Copley, Secretary**

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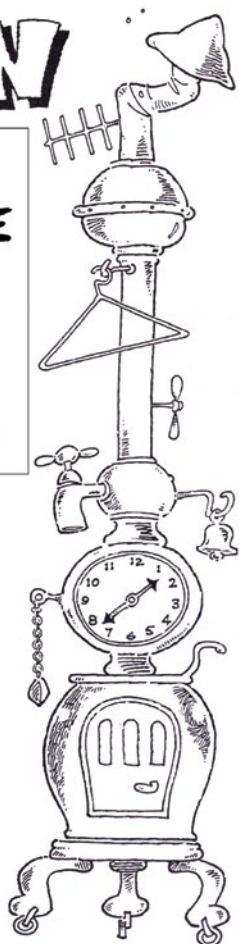
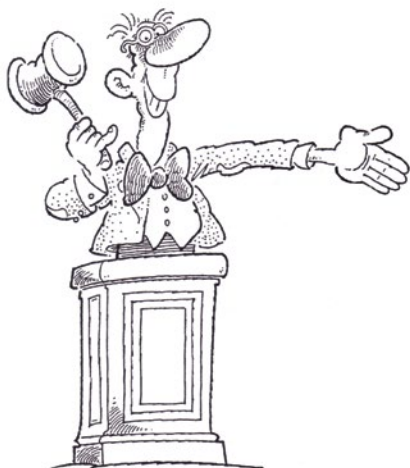
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### 1st Children's Art Competition prize giving event at Ardgay

THANKS TO ALL who turned up to the exhibition and prize giving event on the 28th of March. A huge thanks to David Hannah and Mrs Legg from Bonar Bridge Primary School for their invaluable help. The competition was kindly funded by Beinn nan Oihgrean Windfarm Community Benefit Fund. Look out for our next competition! ■



Elizabeth Lunardini receiving the 1st prize. Layla Dalton poses with her winning artwork.



## Photo album

### Fourth Mad Hatter's Tea Party at The Manse



Mad Hatter's competition. Left to right: Tilly Munro (Second Prize) Harvey Whittock, Morgan Bannerman, Carys Jones (Third Prize), Rhianna Lall, Ythan Menzies and Lily Howard (First Prize)

Photos below: Children enjoying the bouncy castle (left) and bric a brac stall (right).



The event hosted by Rev Anthony Jones and his wife Beverley at the Manse in Ardgay helped raise vital funds for both Gledfield Primary School and, the Rotary Club of Tain & District's charities including the Himajyolti School in Nepal which was flattened by the recent earthquake. There were fun and activities for young and old alike including bouncy castle, face painting, hook a duck, home baking, bric a brac, children's fairy garden, in house teas. This year's hatters competition included stunning creations made by the children at school. The competition was judged by Mrs Lorna Ross of Edderton.

## Problem party in the woods

LEDMORE AND MIGDALE woods is a beautiful place that many local residents enjoy. The woods are there for everyone, but it's sad when the carelessness of one group affects the fun and safety of others.

In early May this year a group of young people held a party in a clearing by the loch Migdale track, a spot which is used regularly for children's events. So far so good! But the rest of the story isn't so happy. The partygoers left litter marring the beauty of the woods, and a campfire full of broken glass and sharp metal. Fortunately two young overseas visitors spotted the issue and helped Woodland Trust staff clear up the mess. They were just in time, as a group of younger children from the Dornoch-based Allsorts Club arrived at the clearing the very next day for some Easter holiday activities!

The kids came to no harm this time, but it's sad to think that a group of teenagers so nearly spoiled their fun. The message from Ledmore & Migdale is: please come and enjoy the woods in whatever way you choose, but please respect them – they are a special habitat for wildlife and for people too! ■

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### Latest Beinn Tharsuinn Community Benefit Awards:

- **Gearrhoille Wood** - £900 for running costs.
- **Scottish Air Ambulance** - £220 - towards general costs.
- **Ardgay & District CC** - £2000 - towards Amenity/Community projects.
- **CAB Golspie** - £225 - towards outreach work.
- **Sutherland Provincial Mod** - £200 - towards advertising and hall costs.
- **KoSDT** - £2000 - towards purchase of land for Falls of Shin Visitor centre.

## How to apply for Community Benefit money

The Beinn na Oighrean Windfarm Awards  
**Small projects under £250**

1. Go to Ardgay & District CC website:  
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2. Or send a letter to **Teresa Langley** (see column left)

The Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm  
Community Benefit Fund  
**Projects under £2,000**

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SSE Achany Community Fund

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**Between £2,000 and £25,000 +**

1. **Foundation Scotland** administers E.ON Rosehall Community Fund. Visit **[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/eon-rosehall.aspx](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/eon-rosehall.aspx)** for full details
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3. Next deadline: **31 October 2015**.



# Ardgay & District News



SERVICES FOR PRIVATE JOHN MCPHERSON (CROICK) AND PRIVATE DUNCAN MACKENZIE (CREICH)

## Royal British Legion Scotland last WW1 services

THE CREICH AND KINCARDINE Branch of Royal British Legion Scotland has now completed their WW1 graveside commemoration services for 2015. There will be more in the next few years on the 100th anniversary of the deaths of those buried in local cemeteries. Since the last issue of the newsletter there have been 2 more services, one in each of Croick and Creich cemeteries.

The Croick service was held on 30 March for Private John McPherson. John was born in 1873 at the family croft, Lubconich, Croick. He became a schoolmaster but later joined the Lovat Scouts and fought with distinction in the Boer War. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. On 2 Sept 1914 John re-enlisted at Dingwall, joining the 8th (Service) Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders. Sadly he was discharged on 21 January 1915 as he was suffering from tuberculosis and died at home in Dingwall on 30 March 1915. He was 42 years old, a school teacher and married to a South African nurse with an 18 month old son called Donald. He is buried alongside his parents and four of his brothers and sisters.

The Branch was very pleased that four members of his family were present for the service; great nephew James Mackenzie and his wife Wilma and great nephew Willie Ross and his son Steven.

The other service held at Creich cemetery on 11 May was for Private Duncan MacKenzie. Duncan was born at Kildonan in 1878 but later moved with the family to their croft Achuan at Airdens, Bonar Bridge. At age 23 he moved to Falkirk, working as a grocer's assis-



James and Wilma Mackenzie, Willie and Steven Ross, Eric Porter (RBL Standard Bearer), David Hannah (RBL Area Rep), Sara Shaw (Amat Estate), Colin Gilmour (RBL President) and Aldie Calder (RBL Treasurer). / FIONA PORTER



Alastair Ross, David Livingston (RBL Chairman), Colin Gilmour (RBL President), Ronald Lang (RBL Member), William and Brian Ross. / ALDIE CALDER

tant. He married in 1903 but sadly Kate died 6 years later. Two years later he was a grocery salesman for the Co-op in Dumbartonshire. Duncan then joined the 17th (Service) Battalion (3rd Glasgow) of the Highland Light Infantry. Sadly Duncan accidentally drowned during a training exercise at Troon on 11 May 1915. He was 37 years old and buried in the family plot along with his parents and some of his brothers and sisters. His younger brother, George Thomas, was also a casualty. He saw heavy fighting

at Gallipoli and the Western Front. He was killed in action at Givenchy, France on 18 April 1918. He is buried in France but is also named on the family stone.

His great nephews William and Alastair Ross attended the service, along with William's son Brian who served with the Queen's Own Highlanders. ■



**Fiona Porter**  
Secretary

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# Ardgay & District News



## Approved minutes of Ardgay & District Community Council meetings

Available online from [www.ardgayanddistrictcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.ardgayanddistrictcommunitycouncil.org.uk) and in your local library.

**NEXT MEETINGS: 10TH AUGUST 2015 & 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015 ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL 7 PM**

HOW TO MAKE USING THE ROADS SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL

## Sharing our roads: Cycling

THE KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Cycling Club meets on a Thursday at 7 pm at Heaven Bikes and it is good to see folks getting out on their bicycles now that the good weather is here. We also have large numbers of visitors who cycle through our area on National Cycle Route 1 or doing LEJOG (Land's End-John O' Groats) so as drivers we need to be extra aware. ■



### **Cyclists:** **Tips to Keep You Safe**

**1** Ride positively, decisively and well clear of the edge of the road where there may be potholes, grid covers and debris. Normally, this is about a 1/3 of the way into the lane.

**2** If the road is narrow or if visibility is limited ride in a position where you can see and be seen. This may be in the middle of the lane.



**3** If cycling in "bunches" make sure that you leave room so that vehicles can overtake safely.

**4** Try not to hold up drivers unnecessarily.

**5** Use lights and wear bright/ reflective clothing.

**6** Wear a helmet.



**7** Make eye contact with other road users, especially at junctions, then you know they've seen you.

**8** Never cycle along the inside of large vehicles such as lorries or buses especially at junctions. This is where many accidents occur especially when vehicles are turning left.

**9** Signal clearly at all times and use a bell to alert pedestrians.



**10** Keep your bike well maintained.



### **Motorists:** **Think Bike!**

**1** Give cyclists a wide berth when overtaking. If you can't do this because the road is narrow or you can't see far enough ahead or there is oncoming traffic then hang back some distance behind the cyclist until it is safe to overtake. Cyclists sometimes ride two abreast or ride in the middle of the lane to ensure drivers overtake safely.

**2** Watch out for cyclists who may be hidden on the inside of a left hand bend. A cyclist may be travelling at 10 MPH – a driver may be doing 40 or 50.



**3** In our area we sometimes get big groups

of cyclists. They may get spread out in their ones and twos. Keep this in mind and be alert.

**4** Many of our visiting cyclists are carrying luggage. You need to give them more space.

**5** When turning left watch for cyclists coming up on your near side and don't cut them up.

**6** At night, dip your headlights when approaching cyclists.



**7** In wet weather, allow cyclists extra room as surfaces may be slippery. When visibility is poor, in mist or fog cyclists can be difficult to see. Think bike!





## Gearrchoille Community Wood

### Summer activities in your community wood

*Join our group of volunteers on first Thursday of each month at 2 pm or, if you enjoy the wood and would like to support it, why not become a member?*

THE GEARRCHOILLE members would like to thank Beinn Tharsuinn fund for supporting our running costs through 2015/16. As we are a company and registered charity there are financial obligations which have to be met each year. The membership fees contribute to this, so I would encourage all of those who use the wood to join! Forms available on our website, or why not come along to our AGM on Thursday 18th June, 7 pm in Ardgay Public Hall.

Most of the maintenance work in the wood continues to be done by volunteers, who meet first Thursday of each month at 2 pm. Thanks to Peter and Sean from Muirhall Energy who joined us in April when we continued to tidy up after the storm. ■ **Betty Wright**

[gearrchoillecommunitywoodardgay.org.uk](http://gearrchoillecommunitywoodardgay.org.uk)

✉ [gearrchoille@gmail.com](mailto:gearrchoille@gmail.com)

☎ 01863755316



*Volunteering in the Gearrchoille.*

**Saturday 13th JUNE** Moth identification with Margaret Currie & Andy Scott, County Moth Recorders for East Ross.

Gearrchoille car Park at 10 am

**Thursday 18th JUNE** AGM & talk on Forest Schools by Lucy Williams. 7 pm Ardgay Hall

**Date tbc JULY** Willow weaving for children

**Tuesday 4th AUGUST** Gala week event: Den Building with Andy Murray. From 10 am to 12 pm. Meet at Gearrchoille car Park at 10 am.



*Peach Blossom & Brown rustic, moths seen in June in the Gearrchoille*



### Ardgay Bonar Boys Brigade enjoys outdoor activities

THE 1ST ARDGAY BONAR BOYS BRIGADE Company have been enjoying some outdoor activities including a climb up Stac Pollaidh and a trip to Fairburn Activity Centre near Marybank where they took part in mountain biking, zorbing, archery and canoeing.

The prize giving service will be in Ardgay church at 12:15 pm on Sunday 21st June when the boys will receive the badges and awards which they have been working hard towards throughout the year.

■ **Donald Brown** ☎ 01863 766166



## Greening Kyle

FIRST GREENING KYLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER AT BONAR BRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

# Start growing your pumpkins this summer

*Join Kyle of Sutherland Growing Group for advice on successfully growing your own*

THE FIRST EVER GREENING Kyle Pumpkin Festival is due to take place on Saturday 24th October 2015 in the Bonar Bridge Community Hall. This fun event promises to be a great day out for all of the community. The Pumpkin Festival is open to anyone to enter and/or attend, you do not have to live in the Kyle of Sutherland Area.

The exhibition entries will be available for viewing from 11am until 2pm with prizes for first and second place. The exhibition categories have something for everyone in them. For the serious growers amongst you there is the heaviest pumpkin grown, the ugliest pumpkin or squash grown and most unusually shaped pumpkin or squash. Get your carving knives out for the best carved pumpkin (both home grown and shop bought), the smallest carved pumpkin and the largest carved pumpkin. Get creative for the best knitted pumpkin, pumpkin with the best personality and the best dressed pumpkin. For the

children there's the best pumpkin vegetable monster, best pumpkin related drawing and painting and best decorated pumpkin. All exhibition categories are open to your own interpretation.

From 12 pm until 1:30 pm a free pumpkin-themed lunch, provided by Greening Kyle and cooked by Lowcroft Catering, will be served up. A Greening Kyle Pumpkin & Squash Recipes booklet will be printed and made available on the day for anyone who might want to try and make their own pumpkin themed lunch.

We are looking for your best pumpkin themed recipes to include in our free recipe booklet. Please send them in to [gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk](mailto:gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk) along with your full name and the area that you live in and your recipe could be included in our booklet.

Entry forms and the exhibition

categories leaflets (with a full list of the exhibition categories) is available in local shops. Alternatively you can pick them up from our office at the Trust Office, Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge, IV24 3EB or electronic copies are available by emailing [gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk](mailto:gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk).

There are generally no rules for each exhibition category, however if you are found to have cheated in any of your entries then you will be disqualified and made to do the washing up after the free lunch!

If you would like advice on successfully growing your own pumpkins then why not come along to the next Kyle of Sutherland Growing Group meeting? The next meeting is on Monday 29th June at 7 pm in Rosehall Village Hall. ■

**Rhionna Mackay** Project Officer

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## Promoting activity and wellbeing in the local community

THE KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Development Trust are delighted to welcome two new members to our Team. Beverley and Emma will be working on the Keep Active Together (KAT) Project. KAT is an exciting new project whose aim is to increase activity along with health and well being for residents in the Ardgay and Creich Community Council areas. This will be achieved by running fitness and activity sessions for people of all ages and abilities. We will be



KoSDT KAT team: Beverley and Emma.

organising group exercise classes, nutrition and exercise clubs, one to one exercise and also family and outdoor activities.

Class timetables will be advertised on the Kyle of Sutherland Trust website, Facebook and local community noticeboards.

We are currently recruiting staff to work on a sessional basis to deliver exercise and activity classes and also four Walk Leaders for which training and expenses will be provided. Please find contact details below. ■

**Beverley Hill** Project Officer (KAT)

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# Pumpkin Festival

*A fun event for all of the family. Come along to view the exhibition entries and enjoy a free pumpkin themed lunch cooked by Lowecroft Catering*



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## Saturday 24th October

11am—2pm

Bonar Bridge Community Hall

FREE Lunch 12pm—1.30pm

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### Competition Categories

- \* Heaviest pumpkin grown
- \* Best carved pumpkin
- \* Best pumpkin monster (under 12's)

***Plus many more!***

*Pick up an entry form and exhibition categories leaflet at local shops or contact us for one*



Contact [gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk](mailto:gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk) for an entry form or further information

[www.facebook.com/greeningkyle](https://www.facebook.com/greeningkyle) T: 01863 766554 E: [gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk](mailto:gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk)

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Registered office: The Trust Offices, Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge, Sutherland, IV24 3EB



## What's on in the area

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JUNE

ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL

### **Auction & Grand Raffle**

All profits to go to Ardgay Public Hall Funds. Donations welcome. Viewing from 6 pm - Selling at 7 pm sharp. There will also be a Grand Raffle drawn on the night, with a first prize of £200 generously donated by Ardgay Plant & Quarry Services.



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JUNE

ROSEHALL HALL

### **KoS Growing group**

Get advice on growing your own fruit and vegetables. Organised by Greening Kyle, the group meets on the 29th June at 7 pm. All welcome!

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JULY

BB/ARDGAY GOLF CLUB

### **Whist Drives**

Bonar Bridge  
Ardgay Golf Club.

At 7:30 pm.

£2 entry. Raffle. Help

to raise funds for Invercharron

Highland Games. Other dates: 17th

June (Youth Club), 24th June (Gala

Week) 22th July (Youth Club), 29th

July (Gala Week).



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GLENMORANGIE GROUND, A9 NORTH OF TAIN

### **Tain Highland Gathering**

A traditional Highland Gathering with all the usual events: Highland Dancing, Piping, Track & Field Events, Cycling, and the Heavies. Local events at 11 am. Open Events from 2 pm. Adults: £5, Under 16: £2, Car Park: £2. Toddlers free. Sponsored by Glenmorangie Plc.



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### **Car Treasure Hunt**

Meet at 4 pm at Invershin Hall car park. Around two hours of treasure hunting fun! There will be prizes for the winners and refreshments (soup & sandwiches) at Invershin Hall to reward the hunters.

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JUNE

LEDMORE &amp; MIGDALE WOODS - FROM 2 TO 5 PM - FREE AND ALL WELCOME!

### **The Carnegie Story Trail**

The Carnegie Story Trail follows a 1.5 mile route (one way) through beautiful native woodlands, with stops at seven secret locations, where chapters of a special story are hidden. The trail is suitable for nimble adults and children. Pushchairs will be able to follow much of the route, but some of the hiding spots are off-the path.

#### **How do I find the hidden story?**

Each chapter of the story has been placed in a different 'geocache'.

A geocache is a hidden container which can be found using an ordnance survey map and compass, or a smart phone with a geocaching app, or any other GPS enabled device. Geocaching is a popular,

outdoor, treasure-hunting game played by millions of people around the world. Map coordinates for the Carnegie Story Trail can be downloaded from the official geocaching website [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

#### **Is there treasure?**

As well as the Story Caches, there are three bonus caches, where lucky treasure seekers may find one of our specially-minted Carnegie Geo-coins, and details of their amazing worldwide mission. There are lots of fun activities to keep you entertained along the story trail, with a family-friendly activity sheet in each



cache. The story chapters and the activity sheets are available from the Woodland Trust website.

The story is written by award winning writer Theresa Breslin who will be attending the event. Also, we might be

lucky enough to have a brief appearance of Mr Carnegie himself!

There is **no need to book**, just come along for a 2pm start to the car park at Torroy Croft. There will be expert geocachers on hand to help and some tea/coffee and cakes to reward you after you find some geocaches! Contact **Juliet** at [ledmoremigdale@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:ledmoremigdale@woodlandtrust.org.uk)





Lots of Fun & Family Events for Everyone



KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Gala week

1st - 9th August

COVERING BONAR BRIDGE, ARDGAY, INVERSHIN & ROSEHALL AREA

**SATURDAY 1ST** – Gala Fete, Raft Race, Queen Crowning & Float parade, Dance to The Ceilidh Cowboys.

**SUNDAY 2ND** – Dry Stone Dyking Demo, Artie's Tartan Tales, Car Treasure Hunt & Mountain Biking Session.

**MONDAY 3RD** – Kite Making, Football Session, Family Bingo & Jogging Session.

**TUESDAY 4TH** – Book Bug, Flower Festival & Pancake Day, Den Building and Family Cycle.

**WEDNESDAY 5TH** - Flower Festival, Street Dance, Craft session, Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition, Radio Controlled Car Club & Whist Drive.

**THURSDAY 6TH** - Flower Festival, Kids Baking Session & Coffee Morning, Pet Show, Bingo & Fancy Dress Disco.

**FRIDAY 7TH** - Sports Day & Bouncy Castle, Woodland Session, Football Competition & Darts Competition.

**SATURDAY 8TH** – Canoeing, Duck Race & Pub Quiz.

**SUNDAY 9TH** - Mountain Biking Session & Big Lunch.

*(Events subject to change)*

Jordan Wemyss,  
2015 Gala Queen



 Kyle of Sutherland Gala Week

See Programme at [www.spanglefish.com/kyleofsutherlandgalaweek](http://www.spanglefish.com/kyleofsutherlandgalaweek)  
or email Elissa (Secretary) on [elizasteven@hotmail.com](mailto:elizasteven@hotmail.com) for a copy.



## What's on in the area

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GEARRCHOILLE COMMUNITY WOOD

### *Den Building*

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Try your hand at building a shelter and learn about staying warm and dry outdoors. With Andy Murray. From 10 am to 12 pm. Meet at Gearrchoille Community Wood car park at 10 am for this exciting Gala Week event.



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ROSEHALL

JULY

### *Flower Festival*

Rosehall Church of Scotland Flower Festival. From 24 July to 26 July. Come along between 11 am to 6 pm. Sunday from 2 pm to 6 pm. All welcome!

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BONAR BRIDGE

JULY.

### *Knit and Natter*

Caley Cafe at 10 am. Catch up with friends and join us for a cuppa. Bring your knitting and crochet projects and get help from fellow crafters. Contact: Jo Smith 01863 766554



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DORNOCH

JULY.

### *Book Fair*

5 pm to 9 pm. Week-end of Friday 17th - Sunday 19th July in Dornoch Social Club. Browse and buy from a wide selection of second hand and antiquarian books. Meet local authors. Take part in a creative writing workshop.

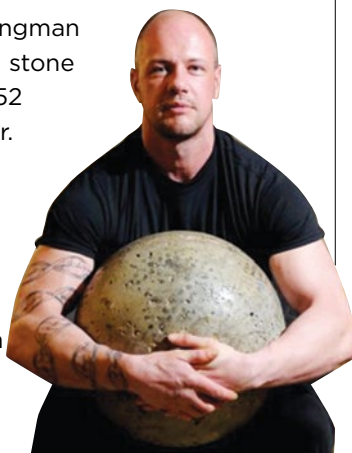
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NORTHERN MEETING PARK, INVERNESS

JULY

### *Highland Strongman Show*

The Highland Strongman Show will feature our original stone lifting challenge of lifting a 252 pound stone over a 5 foot bar. Other great events you can enjoy: Yoke walk, Log press, Deadlift, Medley, Tyre flip and Inverness Stones. More details: [invernesshighlandgames.com](http://invernesshighlandgames.com)



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THE LINKS, DORNOCH

JULY

### *The Sutherland County Agricultural Show*

Livestock, native horses, light horses, poultry, food & craft and flower & vegetable competitions. This year, the Strathorn Clydesdales will take centre stage by performing their musical drill ride to demonstrate their power, skill and versatility. The heart of the show of course is the animals and the busy livestock section will show off the quality sheep and cattle from the north. There will be a Poultry Section for the first time in response to a growing interest in the breeding and keeping of a wide variety of birds. Take a walk through the trade stands, past the dog show to see the horses compete in ridden and in-hand classes, rounding off a busy day on the field with the excitement of a new Puissance competition. Finally, starting at 9pm, 'Rant' will provide the music at the marquee dance. More info at [www.sutherlandshow.com](http://www.sutherlandshow.com) or email [info@sutherlandshow.com](mailto:info@sutherlandshow.com)

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### *Highland Fields Sport Fair*

7th and 8th of August, from 10 am to 6 pm. The fair offers a diversity of entertainments and activities for all of the family, from crèche facilities to archery! The emphasis is on field sports activities with competitions in fly casting, gun dog handling and clay pigeon shooting. Adults: £10. Under 16: free. Free car park.





## Adult Clubs & Societies



### Bonar Bridge Local History Society

Organising events and history walks.

Contact: **Marion Fraser**

☎ 01863 766 235

### Ardgay Badminton Club

Starts again in October.

Contact: **George Ross**

☎ 01863 755 329

### Kyle of Sutherland Cycling Club

Website: [www.koscc.co.uk](http://www.koscc.co.uk)

Facebook: **Kyle of Sutherland**

CC Contact: **Chris**

☎ 07543 466 699

### Kyle of Sutherland Joggers

Leaders trained by Jog Scotland. All levels of fitness are welcome. Facebook:

**Kyle of Sutherland Joggers**

Contact:

**Eliza / Caroline / Gemma**

☎ 07743 228 661

☎ 07799 391 281

☎ 07545 929 768

### Ardgay Scottish Country Dancing Club

Starts again in October.

Contact: **Doreen Bruce**

☎ 01863 766 852

### Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society

Website [www.kyle-of-sutherland-heritage.org.uk](http://www.kyle-of-sutherland-heritage.org.uk)

Contact: **Steve Copley**

☎ 01863 766 174



### Sutherland Walkers Club

We meet the 4th Sunday of the month, all year round.

**SUNDAY 28 JUNE**

Quinag, by bouldery east ridge over Spidean Coinich 6 miles, circular. Leader: Stan Holroyd. 01408 621370

**SUNDAY 5 JULY**

Summer Special. Morven, Caithness. 9 miles, track and rough hill, linear.

Leader: David Hannah.

01863 766061

**SUNDAY 26 JULY**

Glencalvie Forest. 10 miles, track and rough hill, circular. Leader: David Hannah.

01863 766061

**SUNDAY 23 AUGUST**

Grummore and Grumbeg clearance villages.

7 miles, linear. Leader: Bruce Field. 01408 633118

Car sharing available.

We are pleased to welcome occasional walkers or new members to any of these walks, but please contact us in advance.

Contact: **David Hannah**

☎ 01863 766 601

### Scottish Women's Rural Institute

All ages welcome. Ardgay Public Hall 7:30 pm 3rd Tuesday each month / Culrain Hall 7:30 pm 4th Thursday of the month.

Contact: **Mrs. Jean Jack**

☎ 01863 766 646

### Kyle of Sutherland Whist Club

Will be back in September

Contact: **Rosemary Logan**

☎ 01549 421 282

### Bonar Bridge Ardgay Golf Club

Market Stance, Migdale Road, Bonar Bridge. Sutherland IV24 3EJ

☎ 01863 766 199

### Creich & Kincardine Art Group

Meets in Bonar Bridge Hall tearoom on Wednesdays

from 10 am to 3 pm. All welcome. Contact: **Joan Mulligan**

☎ 01549 421 321

### Kyle of Sutherland Cinema Club

Starts again in October.

Second and fourth Friday of each month. Bonar Bridge Hall. Contact: **Silvia Muras**

☎ 01863 766 690

### Edderton & District Gardening Club

From September to May in Edderton Community Hall.

Contact:

☎ 01863 766 061

☎ 01862 811 381

### Pilates

Bonar Bridge Hall, Mondays from 10 to 11 am. Please call in advance. Contact: **Moir Chisholm**

☎ 01863 810 786

### Tai Chi

Ardgay Public Hall - Wednesdays 7 pm £2.

Contact: **Margaret**

☎ 01863 775 329

### Sutherland Radio Control Club

By Ardgay Garage.

Facebook: **Sutherland Radio Control Club**

☎ 07703 196 005

### WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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## From the Manse...



### 'Priceless' refreshment of the soul

**W**E are always glad to see the seasonal visitors in and around our beautiful area whether fishing the rivers, walking the beaches or thronging the streets of our seaside places. How fortunate we are, who live and work here, to live in a holiday area; boats moored alongside the lochs, other stranger craft out at sea, the busy ferries toing and froing, the castles, pavementside restaurants and pubs, and so much more. Nor should we forget to visit our historic local churches. Little Croick church with its transatlantic connections, its visitors book filling up with signatures of those coming to seek peace or connect with its sad past of the Highland Clearances. But, whether we live in a holiday area like ours or not, we all need a holiday - a slackening of the pace with preferably a change of scenery! Even Jesus and his disciples took a holiday to escape the constant pressure of the immense crowds which followed them (cp. Matthew 15.30). Always there were their incessant demands for the healing of the lame, the blind, the dumb, the crippled and many others, "And they cast them down at Jesus' feet; and

he healed them." What a welcome break those few days abroad, beside the sea, must have been. They needed peace, relaxation and a renewing of body, mind and spirit in the sea air of Tyre and Sidon. Nor were they too self-centred to the needs of the Syro-Phoenician woman who came pleading with Jesus to cure her poor demented daughter. Nor did He turn her away disappointed (cp. Matthew 15.21).

When we go on holiday, let us go on holiday with Jesus i.e. seek that refreshment he offers all who are worn out with their daily labours, frustrations and worries. (cp. Matthew 11.28). Whether we travel from hundreds of miles inland to spend our holiday here in Edderton, Ardgay, Bonar Bridge or Rosehall or abandon our homes for a few days in favour of distant moor or mountain, let us not forget to seek above all that spiritual refreshment that only Jesus can give - the priceless refreshment of the soul, the inner self.

"Come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden and, I will give you rest."

May you know peace, rest and refreshment this holiday season. ■

**Rev. Anthony M. Jones**

### CHURCH DIARY OF EVENTS & EASTER SERVICES

- **Saturday 20th June:** Ardgay Parish Church Coffee Morning and sales table, home baking, etc. 10 am to 12 pm. Everyone Welcome.
- **Sunday 21st June:** Boys Brigade Prize Giving Service at Ardgay Parish Church at 12:15 pm.
- **Sunday 12th July:** Croick Church Service.
- **Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July:** Rosehall Parish Church Flower Festival (church open daily)
- **Sunday 26th July:** Rosehall Parish Church 'Summer Songs of Praise' at 7 pm
- **Sunday 2nd August:** Joint Family Service with Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Ardgay Parish Church
- **Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th August:** Creich Parish Church Pancake Day (Tues.) & Flower Festival (church open daily 10 am to 4 pm)
- **Sunday 9th August:** Croick Church Pilgrimage Service with Holy Communion at 3 pm. Walkers meet at Amat at 2 pm.

**The Kyle of Sutherland Churches**  
Kincardine, Croick and Edderton  
linked with Creich and Rosehall Parishes

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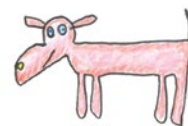
Accompanying organist Sandy Macpherson with Rev Anthony Jones.

### Three-Way Cross Cultural Concert Helps Raise Funds For The Dornoch Firth Group

A RECITAL HELD at both Tain Parish Church and Dornoch Cathedral helped raise charitable funds for the Dornoch Firth Group. Entitled, "From Dreaming Spires and Ivory Towers to Distant Shores" the evening included the published poetic works and hymns of local writer and parish minister, Rev Anthony Jones, themes drawn from Scotland and Wales were included. Crossing cultural boundaries, there were also songs from Holland shared by Dutch singing duo, 'Friends and Neighbours', Margriet van Overbeeke and Irene Bom who sang extracts from their latest recording. Sandy Macpherson from the High Kirk, Dunoon, Argyll also took the audience on an imaginative autobiographical musical journey surrounding Reverend Jones' life. ■



## Children & Young people



### GLEDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



■ **Kirsten Macneil** Cluster Headteacher Rosehall & Gledfield Primary Schools



#### DANCING IN BRORA

Gledfield pupils took part in the East Sutherland Schools Sports Association Scottish Dancing event at Brora Primary School. A huge thanks must go to Jean Jack and the Lairg Sewing Group for volunteering to make our pupils amazing new waist-coats for the boys.

#### SPONSORED WALK

Gledfield Nursery did a sponsored walk to raise money for the nursery. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped make the walk a huge success with over £200 being raised.



#### NEW SPORTS STRIPS

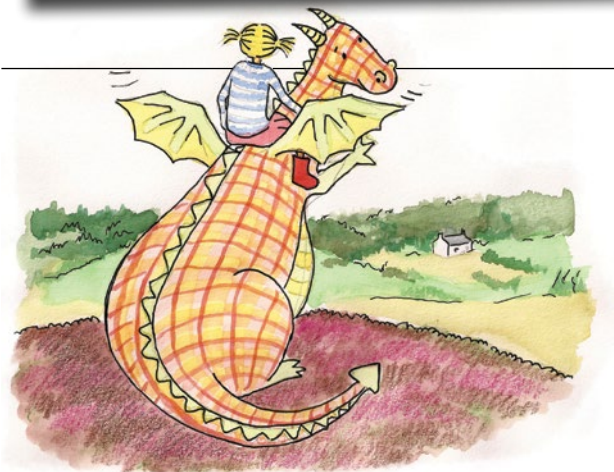
Gledfield pupils proudly show off their new sports strips kindly sponsored by Ardgay Game.



#### BADMINTON

Katie Smith, Adam Maclean and Shaun MacInnes entered the Primary Schools badminton competition. All did a brilliant job representing Gledfield Primary with Adam coming 1st and Katie joint 3rd. Shaun made it all the way to the quarter finals too. Congratulations to them all.

by Andymack & Sil



It was a hot summer day. Morag asked, "What would you like to do today, Hamish?" He replied, "I could do with stretching my wings. Would you like to go for a fly?" Morag climbed onto Hamish's back and they flew.



#### MEET HAMISH THE TARTAN DRAGON

A shy veggie dragon who lives on Carn Bren

They soared higher than the tops of the mountains, as high as the clouds. Morag exclaimed, "Oh, look! That's where my mum and dad work for the king of Norway. He lives there just now."



## Guide to local services A-Z

### BRADBURY CENTRE

**Bradbury Centre Bonar Bridge**  
01863 766 772

### BUSES

**MacLeod's Coaches**  
01408 641 354  
**Bradbury Centre Bus**  
01863 766 772

### CAB

**Citizens Advice Bureau Golspie**  
01408 633 000

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Kincardine Parish Church**  
**Rev. Anthony M. Jones**  
01863 766 285

### DVLA

**DVLA Inverness**  
0300 790 6801

### ELECTRICITY

**24Hr Emergency**  
0800 300 999  
**Customer Help**  
0800 300 111

### FIRE BRIGADE

**Fire Station Dornoch**  
01862 810 297

### FORESTRY COMMISSION

**Forestry Commission Scotland**  
01309 674 004

### GOLF CLUB

**Bonar Bridge-Ardgay GC**  
01863 766 199

### HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Drummuie Golspie**  
01408 635 370  
**Service Point Bonar Bridge**  
01863 766 083  
**Service Point Dornoch**  
01862 810 491

### HIGH SCHOOLS

**Tain Royal Academy**  
01862 892 121  
**Dornoch Academy**  
01862 810 246

### KYLE OF SUTHERLAND

**KoS Development Trust**  
01863 766 536  
**KoS Fisheries Trust**  
01863 766 702  
**KoS Youth Development Group**  
01863 766 310

**Royal Bank of Scotland**  
**Mobile Timetable TUESDAY**  
Bonar Bridge War Memorial  
Arrive 11:50 Depart 12:05

### MacLeod's Coaches Timetable

#### ARDGAY → TAIN

Ardgay	Ardgay
06:46 / 09:08	07:42 / 10:35
11:28 / 14:23	13:35 / 16:25
17:20 / 17:48	19:20
↓	↑
Edderton	Edderton
06:58 / 09:20	07:28 / 10:20
11:40 / 14:35	13:20 / 16:10
17:35 / 18:00	19:05
↓	↑
Tain Lamington St	Tain Lamington St
07:08 <sup>1</sup> / 09:30 <sup>1</sup>	07:18 / 10:11
11:50 / 14:45 <sup>1</sup>	13:11 <sup>1</sup> / 16:00 <sup>1</sup>
17:45 / 18:10 <sup>1</sup>	18:55 <sup>1</sup>
↓	↑
Tain ASDA	Tain ASDA
07:11 / 09:33	07:13 / 10:03
11:53 / 14:48	13:03 / 15:52
17:48 / 18:13	18:47

06:46 Monday to Friday  
09:08 Monday to Saturday  
14:23 Saturday only

<sup>1</sup> Connects with Stagecoach bus to/from Inverness

### Mobile Library Ardgay

**EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY**  
08/07/15 - 29/07/15 - 19/08/15 - 09/09/15  
Oakwood Place, Ardgay  
Arrive 13:45 Depart 14:00  
The Lady Ross, Ardgay  
Arrive 14:00 Depart 15:15

### LIBRARIES

**Bonar Bridge Library**  
01863 760 083  
**Mobile Libraries Ardgay & Strathoykel, Strathcarron**  
0773 330 0761

### NHS

**Migdale Hospital**  
01863 766 211  
**Doctors Creich Surgery**  
01863 766 379  
**Nurses Creich Surgery**  
01863 766 237

### POLICE

**Local Police (Inverness)**  
0845 600 5703  
**National Emergency 101**  
**Confidential Line:**  
01463 723 321  
**Textphone:**  
01463 723 325

### POST OFFICE

**Bonar Bridge**  
01863 766 219

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**Gledfield**  
01863 766 580  
**Bonar Bridge**  
01863 766 221  
**Rosehall**  
01549 441 348

### RECYCLING CENTRE

**Bonar Bridge**  
01349 868 439

### SCOTTISH WATER

**24Hr Emergency**  
0845 600 8855  
**Customer Help**  
0845 601 8855

### TAXIS

**Ronnie's Taxis Ardgay**  
01863 766 422  
**A&B Taxis Ardgay-Bonar**  
07549 999 760

### TRAINS

**National Rail Enquiries**  
0845 748 4950

### VETS

**Rogart Vets (Farm Animals, Pets & Horses)**  
01408 641 352  
**Easter Ross Vets Tain**  
01862 893 142  
**Johnston & Farrell Tain**  
01862 894 223  
**Kessoks Equine Vets**  
01463 731 107

### Bradbury Centre Bus

**BONAR BRIDGE CIRCULAR**  
(Via Spinningdale, Tain and Edderton)

#### 920 - Wednesday

Bonar Bridge	Bonar Bridge
Cherry Grove	Cherry Grove
10:30	14:40
↓	↑
Spinningdale	Spinningdale
10:39	14:31
↓	↑
Clashmore	Clashmore
10:53	14:19
↓	↑
Tain old CO-OP	Tain old CO-OP
11:02	14:08
↓	↑
Tain Lamington St	Tain Lamington St
11:04	14:06
↓	↑
Edderton	Edderton
11:17	13:53
↓	↑
Ardgay	Ardgay
11:39	13:33
↓	↑
Bonar Bridge	Bonar Bridge
Cherry Grove	Cherry Grove
11:42	13:30

#### BONAR BRIDGE - ALNESS

##### 919 - Tuesday

Bonar Bridge	Bonar Bridge
Cherry Grove	Cherry Grove
10:30	13:45
↓	↑
Ardgay	Ardgay
10:34	13:40
↓	↑
Easter Fearn	Easter Fearn
10:42	13:33
↓	↑
Ardross	Ardross
10:58	13:17
↓	↑
Alness	Alness
11:15	13:00

The minibus has a wheelchair lift which will be available as part of the service. The service will divert on request to pick up prebooked passengers up to a mile from the route. These journeys must be booked by 14:00 on the previous working day **01863 766 772**





## Classified ads

**VOLUNTEER ADVISERS WANTED** No special skills are needed and full training is provided. Citizens Advice Bureau 01408 633 000

**GAZEBO / Small Marquee** The CC have a small gazebo / marquee available for hire for community activities. Contact Marion Turner or Phil Olson 01863 766 100.

**BOOKING** Ardgay Public Hall. Contact: Fiona Venters 01863 766 602

**BOOKING** Kincardine Heritage Centre, Old Church of Kincardine, Ardgay. Mrs. Mary Stobo 01863 766 868

**BOOKING** Ardgay Church Hall. The Reverend Anthony Jones – 01863 766 285

### Train times

From 14/12/2014

#### INVERNESS → ARDGAY

##### Monday to Saturday:

**07:02** (08:33) Catering Saturdays only  
**10:38** (12:05) Catering serv. available  
**14:00** (15:29) Catering serv. available  
**17:12** (18:39)  
**18:28** (20:01)

##### Sunday:

**17:54** (19:23) Catering serv. available

#### ARDGAY → INVERNESS

##### Monday to Saturday:

**06:16** (07:44)  
**06:45** (08:13)  
**09:07** (10:34) Catering Saturdays only  
**10:54** (12:23) Catering serv. available  
**15:30** (17:01) Catering serv. available  
**18:52** (20:10) Catering serv. available  
**19:28** (20:57)

##### Sunday:

**14:49** (16:16) Catering serv. available



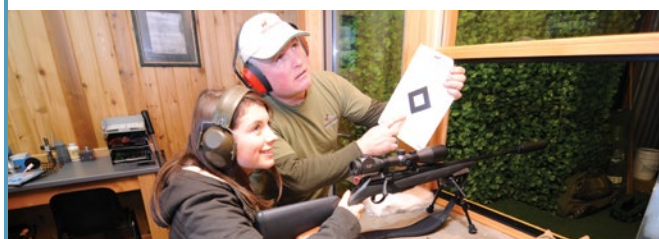
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## Crosswords

### Across

**5.** Impure earthy ore of iron or a ferruginous clay, usually red (hematite) or yellow (limonite), used as a pigment. **6.** A strong ale formerly brewed in Norfolk, England. **9.** The craggy peak which accommodates Carbisdale Castle, a place name related to the battle of Carbisdale (two words).

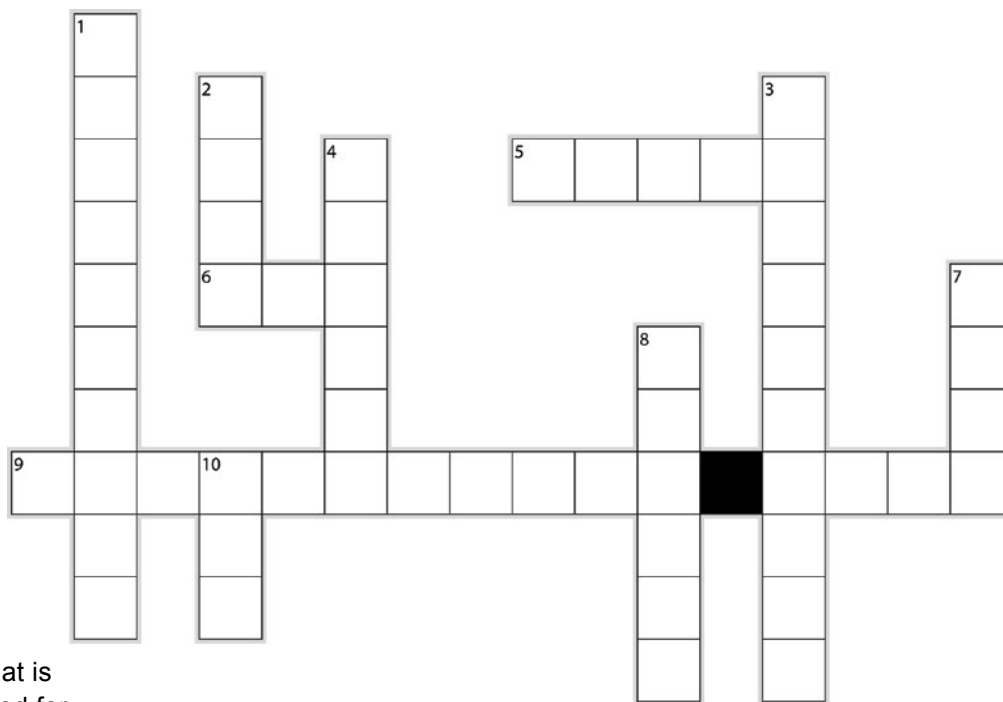
### Down

**1.** Breed of draught horse named after a region of Scotland. **2.** A long, thin piece of cotton, wool, etc., that is thicker than thread and is used for knitting and weaving. **3.** A game in which players are given the geographical coordinates of a cache of items which they search for with a GPS device. **4.** An insect that looks like a small worm and is the young

form of a fly. **7.** The main part of a ship or boat. / The deck, sides, and bottom of a ship or boat. / The outer covering of a fruit, grain, or seed. **8.** An ornamental rooflike structure. / A protective covering like the up-

permost spreading branchy layer of a forest. **10.** Female sheep.

Around the end of June, the solution will be published at:  
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