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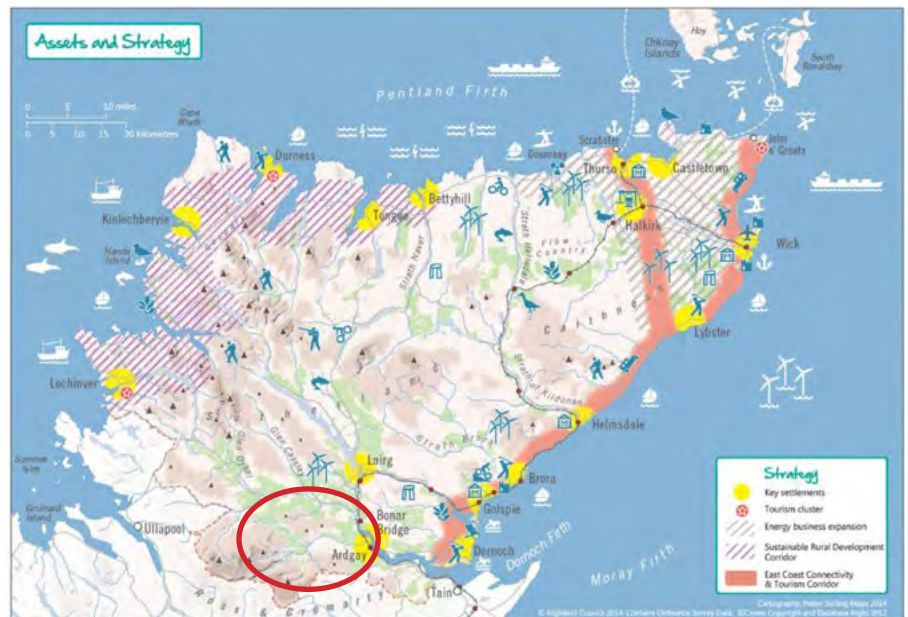
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CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAIN ISSUES REPORT

The assets of Ardgay & District that the CaS Plan should take into consideration

The Highland Council is preparing a new development plan which is now in its consultation stage. So far, Ardgay & District assets have been almost totally overlooked in the Main Issues Report. This plan could be in force for the next 20 years so your Community Council would like you to talk to the planners and tell them what you think needs to be in this plan.

CAS PLAN IS A LONG TERM development plan, which more likely will affect the development in your area until 2035. The Main Issues Report is divided in four themes: Employment, Growing Communities, Connectivity and Transport and Environment and Heritage. There are three strategies in the plan, but sadly none of them covers your area: Energy business expansion, Sustainable Rural Development Corridor and East Coast Connectivity & Tourism Corridor. What should our strategy be? A&DCC has created a **map** highlighting Ardgay & District's many assets (page 5). Please help your Community Council by submitting your views on the proposed plan. (*Continue on page 4*)



According to the first draft of the Main Issues Report, Ardgay & District area appears to have no assets at all. /© HIGHLAND COUNCIL 2014. CROWN COPYRIGHT AND DATABASE RIGHT 2012

Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, invited to submit a stage 2 application to Big Lottery to rebuild Shin Falls Visitor Centre (*page 13*)

Tai Chi, Whist, Cinema Club... discover seasonal activities of local groups

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1st Ardgay and District Community Council Children's Art Competition

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Ardgay & District photographs



Snowy 2010 winter by Donald H. Bain

Looking over towards Ardgay from Bonar Bridge on the 7/12/2010. This was a very cold winter with temperatures down to -18 degrees at night. Donald Bain is a skilled local photographer. Some of his works can be seen at *Kyle of Sutherland's Scenery* Facebook page.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Long cold nights

I would like to thank all our contributors, but particularly those who have ventured to send us a message for the first time. I hope you will like the Ardgay & District CC Assets Map. Please send your views to the Highland Council to ensure that our community is not ignored in the CaS Plan! There is also some very good news: an exciting update on the Falls of Shin Visitor Centre project, the Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust's new office, the 1st A&DCCN Children's Art Competition and many activities from the various groups and clubs in the area which surely will make the long cold nights ahead more enjoyable. ■

Silvia Muras *Editor*



Ardgay & District News

Ardgay & District Community Council Assets Map

Our Community Council area has a significant number of heritage sites, tourist attractions, indigenous wildlife, prime salmon catching rivers and deer stalking areas. Could we make our area even better? How should we plan for that?

(Starts on front page)

This is how the Main Issues Report describes Ardgay:

"Ardgay sits within the Dornoch Firth National Scenic Area. It is situated on the A867 and the Far North railway line and benefits from a train service to Inverness. Piecemeal development between Ardgay and Lower Gledfield will be discouraged." (Page 56)

Ardgay, in fact, sits on the A836, Meikle Ferry to Tongue road and also benefits from being on National Cycle Route 1. There is also some confusion surrounding the Industrial Estate, which in the report is called "South Bonar" and included

in the Bonar Bridge description. However, this industrial estate is actually part of the Ardgay & District Community Council area.

Ardgay & District CC area is rich in both built and natural environment. It is part of the Dornoch Firth Scenic Area, and part of the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) of Dornoch Firth & Morrich More. It has remarkable woods: the Caldonian forest of Amat (SAC) and the ancient oaks of Gearrhoille Community Wood, which could benefit from becoming a Special Landscape Area (SLA), and rivers such as Carron and Oykel (SAC), rich in ecology. Among the places

within our Community Council boundaries that have archaeological or historical interest are: **Croick Church**, designed by Thomas Telford and closely related to the Highland Clearances, **Carbisdale Castle**, the last castle built in Scotland, an Edwardian massive stone building near the place of **the Battle of Carbisdale** (1650), a part of the Wars of the Three Kingdoms, whose battlefield has been inventoried and protected by Historic Scotland. Our neighbour CC, Creich, has been similarly overlooked in the Main Issues Report. Please consult our map and send us your feedback. ■

CONTACT YOUR CC THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.ARDGAYANDDISTRICTCOMMUNITYCOUNCIL.ORG.UK

Windfarms, Broadband, The Lady Ross, Community Benefit Funds and Parking in Ardgay

THESE ARE FIVE of the topics which have featured over the last year as special interest items. Some years ago the CC decided to extend the regular CC meeting by dedicating the first half hour of certain meetings to a topic of special interest to the community. The CC hoped that this would encourage members of the community to come along and hear about developments and give their views. The CC is always delighted to see local residents at its meetings and keen to hear their views.

The five special interest sessions above drew a total attendance of 33 members of the public. 19 of these attended the Lady Ross session. The CC would like to say a big thank you to all those who have attended these special interest sessions and to those who attend the meetings at other times to give their views.

The CC would like to hear from more of you because one of the main functions of the CC is to represent your views to other agencies including the Highland Council.

The CC would like to encourage you to become

involved in what is happening in Ardgay & District and to make your views known when our community is being consulted. This is especially true at the moment when we are being asked to have our say on the new Caithness and Sutherland Plan. This plan is intended to be in place for the next 20 years! ■

Have your say on the new CaSPlan at

www.highland.gov.uk/casplan

and the core path plan review at

www.highland.gov.uk/corepathplans

Approved minutes of Ardgay & District Community Council meetings

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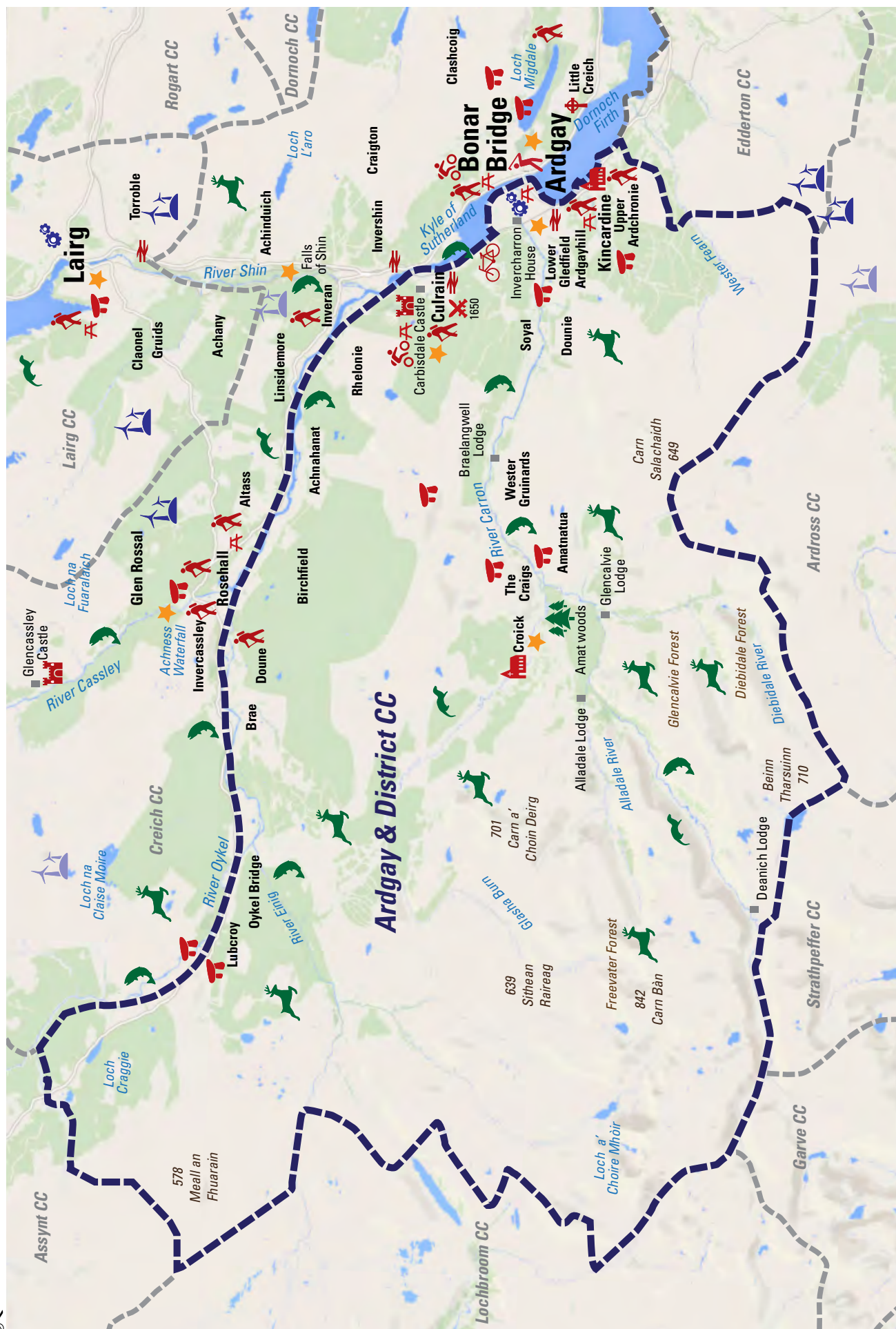
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and in your local library.

NEXT MEETINGS:




9TH FEBRUARY 2015 & 9 MARCH 2015

ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL 7 PM










Legend






INDUSTRY & RENEWABLES:

-  Wind Farm (active)
-  Wind Farm (proposed/planned)
-  Industrial Estate

TOURISM:

-  Point of special interest
-  Railway Station
-  Walking Trail
-  National Cycle Route 1
-  Mountain Bike Trail
-  Park
-  Golf Course Bonar Bridge-Ardgay

HERITAGE:

-  Church of historical interest
-  Castle
-  Battlefield
-  Archaeological remains (Cairn or Broch)
-  Pictish Cross

WILDLIFE:

-  Deer Hunting Area
-  Caledonian Forest
-  Atlantic Salmon
-  Otters

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Croick Church was built in 1827 on land donated by Balnagown Estate. It was designed by Thomas Telford and it acquired notoriety due to the Glencalvie Clearance in 1845, when dozens of people took shelter in the churchyard and scratched messages on the church east window prior to their departure.



Carbisdale Castle was built in 1907 for Mary Caroline, Duchess of Sutherland, the second wife of George Sutherland-Leveson-Gower, 3rd Duke of Sutherland. It has 356 windows and the castle's tower only has clocks on three of its four faces.



Amat Woods is a remnant of the old Caledonian Pine forest. This is the name given to the former (ancient old-growth) boreal forest of Scotland. The Scots pines of the Caledonian Forest are directly descended from the first pines to arrive in Scotland following the ice-age, arriving about 7,000 BC.



Oykel and Carron rivers have a remarkable **biodiversity**. Their clean waters are vital for sustaining important populations of wild Atlantic salmon, sea trout, brown trout, freshwater pearl mussel, and of course the elusive, highly adapted otters.



The **Gearrhoille Wood** is a 30 acre semi-natural ancient broadleaved woodland, predominately oak and birch. Since being in the care of the local community, access has been improved and the former curling pond has been restored as a wildlife pond.



The Battle of Carbisdale was fought on 27 April 1650 by the Royalist leader James Graham, 1st Marquess of Montrose, against the Scottish Government of the time, dominated by Archibald Campbell, 1st Marquess of Argyll and a grouping of radical Covenanters, known as the Kirk Party.



The Old Church of Kincardine, home of the Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society, contains **The Kincardine Stone**, which is the most northerly example of a type of monument unique to the Picts and carved from the mid-8th century.

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The new offices in Ardgay, a focal point for all wild fisheries interests in the Kyle.

THE TRUST HAS PURCHASED A BUILDING IN ARDGAY

Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust new office headquarters

THE FORMER ALLADALE Country Store and Café, (Fraser's Shop for those with longer memories) will provide much needed space and facilities for the staff of both the Trust and the Kyle of Sutherland District Salmon Fishery Board.

Dr Keith Williams, Director of Kyle Fisheries anticipates the new office will become a focal point for all wild fisheries interests in the Kyle catchment, which extends from the outer end of the Dornoch Firth in the east to Ben More Assynt in the west and includes the rivers Evelix, Carron, Shin, Cassley and Oykel. Together these main rivers, with their many tributaries, burns and fresh water lochs drain 163,647 hectares of land and amount to some 46 miles of tidal zone, 70 miles of principal rivers, 400 miles of

tributaries and 61 named lochs and lochans.

A comprehensive study of angling in the Kyle region, carried out by Glasgow Caledonian University for the Trust in 2007, concluded that wild fishery activities were worth almost £4m annually

to the local economy, supporting 86 fte jobs representing 13.7% of all employment in the area. Kyle Fisheries itself employs Dr Wil-

liams, Director; Audrey Campbell, Administrator; Hugh Mackenzie, Head Bailiff, and Bailiffs Philip Blowers, Iain Gollan and John Audsley. ■

Audrey Campbell *Admin*



Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust

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Another line of Pylons

SSE POWER Distribution recently held a public consultation event in the Bonar Hall to explain their plans for a new pylon line from Beauly to Loch Buidhe. The line will go through our area. If you didn't manage to attend the information session then you can still see the plans and comment online at :

www.ssep.co.uk/beaulylochbuidhe



Remembrance Sunday

WREATHS LAID at Ardgay War Memorial on Sunday 09 November: Legion Scotland Wreath laid by Jack Fraser, Ardgay Community Wreath laid by David Hannah, and Gledfield Nursery Memorial Message laid by the Whittock Family. There was a small attendance at Ardgay due to the Legion Scotland Parade and Church Service of Remembrance being held in Bonar Bridge, (they alternate each year between Ardgay & Bonar Bridge).

CAB Outreach Clinic

CITIZEN'S ADVICE Bureau has launched in November a monthly Outreach Clinic in Rosehall Village Hall.

This new service is available on the first Thursday of the month, 2 pm- 4 pm. More info:

East Sutherland CAB

Station Road, Golspie KW10 6SN

✉ advice@casonline.org.uk

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How to apply for Community Benefit money

The Beinn na Oighrean Windfarm Awards
Small projects under £250

1. Go to Ardgay & District CC website: **www.ardgayanddistrictcommunitycouncil.org.uk/funding** where you can find full details.
2. Or send a letter to **Teresa Langley** (see right column)

The Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm
Community Benefit Fund
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3. Or send a letter to **Teresa Langley** (see right column)

SSE Achany Community Fund
Between £250 and £10,000 +

1. Visit **sse.com/beingresponsible/responsiblecommunitymember/localcommunityfunds/achany** for more info and to download the application form.
2. Complete and return to **fiona.morrison@sse.com** or by Royal Mail to: **Fiona Morrison**, Corporate Affairs, SSE, 10 Henderson Road, Inverness, IV1 1SN
3. Next deadline: **30 April 2015**.

E.ON Rosehall Community Fund

Between £2,000 and £25,000 +

1. **Foundation Scotland** administers E.ON Rosehall Community Fund. Visit **www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/eon-rosehall.aspx** for full details
2. Alternatively, you can contact **Carol Elliot** by email **carol@foundationscotland.org.uk** or call **07500 779 227** if you require any further information or advice.
3. Next deadline: **30 April 2015**.

THANKS FROM KOS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

“ Haley Bangs, Chair of the **Kyle of Sutherland Youth Development Group**, would like to thank the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Ltd community benefit fund and Ardgay & District Community Council for funds to purchase screen printing equipment. This is an exciting kit that provides dynamic, challenging art projects for all ages. ”



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Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland Open Day

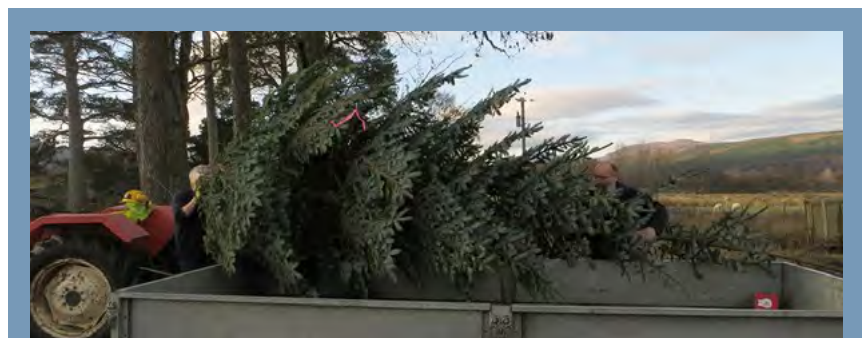
THE TELFORD IN THE KYLE of Sutherland project is finishing its investigation of the influential 19th century engineer and road builder Thomas Telford. A lot has been discovered in a very short time! Participants documented an unrecorded bridge, and created a display, trail and geocache. An Open Day on 31st January, Bonar Bridge Hall, 1-4 pm will present all of these and more. All welcome! ■

Core Paths Plan Review Caithness & Sutherland

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL is reviewing its core paths plan for the Caithness and Sutherland area. Core paths are the key routes that provide the public with a reasonable, recreational access network in their area. As part of this review the Council has produced consultative reports for the Caithness and Sutherland areas, in order to seek public feedback. They are available on www.highland.gov.uk/corepathplans. Comments are invited until the 27 March 2015, and they can be sent via email to matt.dent@highland.gov.uk. ■

Great success of the Pantomime in aid of Gledfield Primary School Parent Council

PINOCCHIO, the live pantomime brought to our community by M&M Theatrical Productions on the 12th November at Ardgay Hall was a great success. Participants also enjoyed refreshments, snacks, face painting and small games. The event was funded by Beinn na Oighrean Windfarm Awards. ■



Ardgay Christmas tree

This year our Christmas tree was kindly donated by Dounie Estate. Special thanks to Andrew Mackenzie and Snowy for getting such a nice tree.

A USEFUL TOOL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CAREWORKERS

The ALISS database for local well-being

VOLUNTARY GROUPS EAST Sutherland (VG-ES); Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) North; and East Sutherland Community Care Forum have asked Irene MacLeod, Skerry to input services used regularly by older or vulnerable people in Sutherland to a new database called ALISS (A local information system for Scotland). ALISS is a search and collaboration tool for health and well-being resources. It helps signpost people to useful community support. Organisations can also create an ALISS account for themselves and add in their own in-

formation –visit www.aliss.org to find out more. Alongside finding out what services folk in Sutherland use Irene also asked people throughout the county what gaps in provision there are and what needs people have. This has then been incorporated in a report which will inform a potential good neighbour/befriending/friend at home service in Sutherland provided by local volunteers. There is also a trial befriending service starting soon which will take place in S&E Sutherland. Irene finished her work at the end of November. ■ **Irene MacLeod**
www.aliss.org

WINTER CHECKLIST

CAR: ☒ top up anti freeze
☒ change to winter tyres
☒ warm clothes, blanket, food
ice scraper & shovel
☒ check lights

HOUSE: ☒ fuel, food, torch & batteries
for a few days
☒ clear gutters
☒ grit salt by the door
☒ check on neighbours



Ardgay & District News

Ardgay Public Hall faces the future with optimism

THE HALL COMMITTEE hope you all enjoyed the Ardgay Christmas Fair. The fair is an essential fundraising event for the hall, so, a big 'Thank-You' to everyone for your support.

The committee would also like to thank Community Energy Scotland, who, with help from the SSE Highland Sustainability Fund, installed the PV panels on the main hall roof last October. The annual feed-in tariff payments from these new panels will also make a welcome contribution to hall funds.

As the New Year approaches it is pleasing to report that there is a new, optimistic outlook for the hall. This is due to the fact that both Helen Houston, Kyle of Sutherland

Development Trust officer, and Catriona Hill, CH Architects, Bonar Bridge, are now actively engaged in taking the hall's kitchen, insulation and heating projects forward; all projects the committee have previously attempted to tackle alone, but which, ultimately, proved too onerous a task for them. The committee are grateful to both Helen and Catriona for their positive encouragement, and for the ongoing support of Ardgay & District CC.

A NEW LEGAL STRUCTURE

Another issue the committee are continuing to pursue is that of transferring the hall's legal structure from the present Unincorporated Trust

to a new SCIO. It had been thought this was on course to be completed by the turn of the year, but the original solicitor withdrew as he had suddenly decided the work requires a more specialised firm than his own. Such a firm is proving elusive, but, with the help of SCVO, the committee will endeavour to conclude this matter as soon as possible.

The date of the hall's next management meeting will be displayed on the notice boards and everyone will be made most welcome.

In the meantime, the committee would like to wish each and everyone one of you a Merry Christmas & a very Happy New Year. ■ **Rhonwen Copley**, *Secretary*

Photo album



Invercarron Highland Games 2014

A photo of the Two Chieftains at this year's Invercarron Games, Dierdre Mackay (Chieftain) and, Miles Jones (Junior Chieftain).

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS OUR COMMUNITY

Christmas message from Ardgay CC

WE WISH **everyone** a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and thank you all for helping to keep Ardgay & District a clean and happy place to live. This year we have so much to be thankful for, our new shops are up and running.

The station, quietly celebrated its 150th anniversary. Gledfield School litterpicked the village and it has stayed mostly litter free. The Gearrhoille Community Wood - is looking great, have a walk round and check it out. Our War Memorial - again won a Legion Scotland award for being pristine.

We also wish to thank the **special** people who go that little bit farther to help our community. Silvia Muras - who keeps us informed through our excellent newsletter. Phil Olson - for the very high quality website <ardgayanddistrictcommunitycouncil.

org.uk> Jeannie Sparling - whose efforts ensure that we get nice feedback about the village toilets. Carol Laver & Doreen Bruce - who make sure passengers notice how nice our railway station looks. Jackie Hewit - for his hard work with the 12 flower tubs. Paul Whittock and his team for the bright & cheery Christmas lights & tree.

There are too many others to mention all the names but they keep all our community groups running smoothly, and work very hard to ensure we will have two Public Halls, Church presence, Primary school & Nursery, Golf Club, Boys Brigade, Badminton Club, Scottish Country Dancing, Tai Chi and all the rest. **Well done** and please keep going. If I missed you it was not deliberate - but **thank you** too. ■ **David Hannah**, *Chair*

Crannag Bistro

December 2014

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Haggis Pakora, raita, Kilt Lifter Chilli Sauce
Leek, Pear and Stilton Soup, garlic croutons
Duck Spring Roll, rhubarb & ginger relish
Pork, Apricot and Pistachio Terrine, spiced mango, oatcakes

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Sutherland Venison Medallions, poached pear, port jus
seasonal vegetables

Turkey Thali

Indian platter of festive treats

Slow Cooked Belly Pork, Aultbea white pudding mash,
redcurrant & apple

Highland Beef Paleron, horseradish mash, red wine gravy
seasonal vegetables

Blue Cheese & Butternut Squash Wellington

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Baked Rum Cheesecake

Mincemeat Soufflé

Baileys Chocolate Pot

Panettone Bread & Butter Pudding

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Three courses - £25.00 per person

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Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust

KOSDT HAD ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN INVERSHIN HALL

KoSDT AGM: report of a year marked by successes

The Trust is becoming recognised within the network of community development as an organisation which will have a significant impact on the economic and social wellbeing of the Kyle of Sutherland.

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS Enterprise (HIE) has recognised our ambition and indeed our activities during the year by giving the Trust Community Account Management status. At a meeting with representatives of HIE one senior official said that the Trust was "an exemplar in its field".

A GREAT TEAM LEADER

The success this year has been due to the commitment from our Development Manager, Helen Houston. Helen has brought knowledge and vigour to the Trust and the Directors have been open to the new ideas and pathways which she has suggested.

As activity at the Trust increased during the first part of the year HIE very kindly offered to part fund a Scotgrad Associate and with further funding support from our two Community Council Beinn Tharsuinn funds Kirstin Pickett was recruited. Kirstin's role was to support ongoing work and to build her knowledge and skills to allow the Trust to offer a business administration services to small business, organisations and to local people.

PURCHASE OF THE POST OFFICE

KoSDT major achievement this year is undoubtedly the purchase of the Post Office. The Trust would like to thank everyone in the community for their support. Without this support we would not have been able to secure funding from the Scottish



The purchase of Bonar Bridge Post Office, a successful project thanks to the support of the community.

Land Fund. That the Trust now owns the building does not mean that the community has won the battle to retain the post office as a standalone business – it may just be round one! Subsequent funding from the SSE Regional fund has meant that Catriona Hill our in-house architect has been able to crack on with the upgrading of the post office house. Catriona is currently considering the potential for houses to be built on the land behind the post office.

GREENING KYLE

Being an area which derives much from the natural environment it seemed that a project to reduce carbon emissions would fit well with the overall aims of the Trust. The Trust secured funding from the Climate Challenge Fund to employ two full time and one part time member of staff to work with the community to reduce its energy use, reduce food waste and increase local food growing. Throughout the next two years I believe we will all be hearing a lot about this subject from the Greening Kyle Team: Valerie, Rhionna and Irene.

SUPPORT FROM FUNDERS

The Trust could not have had any significant success without the support of funders both local and national: Scottish Land Fund with, Big Lottery Scotland, SSE, Foundation Scotland, Highland Council, the local distributing panel at both Ardgay and Creich Community Councils and the local EON Achany Windfarm Panel members.

Due to successful project funding bids the Trust now has three full time and three part time staff who now offer a wide range of services to householders, community groups and individuals.

Why not become a member of the Trust - it is free to join. ■

67 is the number of KoSDT members (November 2014)

23 local organisations are supported by the Trust, giving them access to

£81,000 for projects and events.

3 full time & **3** part time staff

£274,549 is the income of the KoSDT for the year ending June 2014.



Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust

THE NEW BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN SPRING 2016

The Trust is going ahead with the purchase and construction of the Falls of Shin Visitor Centre

Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust has been recently invited to submit a Stage 2 application to the Big Lottery Fund to finance the erection of the new tourist attraction.

THE KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Development Trust are pleased to announce that after having explored various funding and ownership options, they are now in a position to make a formal offer to Balnagown Estate to purchase the site of the former Falls of Shin visitor centre. Thereafter, the Trust has been invited to proceed with a Stage 2 application to the Big Lottery Fund to finance the construction of a new attraction.

The Trust will continue to work with the stakeholders associated with the Falls of Shin site in order to develop and build a new centre, which will include a café, shop and exhibition.

It is hoped that the new visitor attraction will be opened in Spring 2016.

PROJECT SUMMARY

- The Falls of Shin visitor centre was destroyed by fire in May 2013.
- Immediately thereafter a working group was set up including Balnagown Estate, Highland Council, Forestry Commission, Highlands & Islands Enterprise and Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust.
- In May 2014, KoSDT were invited to present a vision plan to Balnagown Estate to explore the possibility of a community led



Falls of Shin Visitor Centre site. The building was destroyed by fire in May 2013. /SM

venture supported by Capital Investment provided by the Estate.

- The vision plan was met with enthusiasm from all stakeholders and the KoSDT were encouraged to explore funding options
- In June 2014, KoSDT were invited to apply to a fund administered by First Port
- In August 2014 KoSDT presented a detailed application to First Port but were unfortunately not deemed to be suitable for the funding stream and were, instead, redirected to the Big Lottery Fund
- A submission was made to the Big Lottery in September using the material prepared for First Port.
- In November 2014 Big Lottery confirmed that the Falls of

Shin application had successfully passed the Stage 1 review and the project has been invited to submit a Stage 2 application.

- Over the next three months the KoSDT, together with their Design Team, will prepare a detailed planning application and business plan. Both of these are essential components of the Stage 2 Big Lottery Application and it is hoped that this will be ready for submission in Spring 2015.

The success of the project will depend very much on the support of the local community and the KoSDT are particularly grateful for the encouragement and backing that have been given so far. ■ **Helen Houston**, Development Manager



Gearrchoille Community Wood



Conference delegates chatting in the Community Centre (left) and John Muir's birthplace (right).

COMMEMORATING JOHN MUIR'S LIFE, FATHER OF NATIONAL PARKS

News from the Gearrchoille

One of our members took part in the annual conference held by the Community Woodlands Association in Dunbar

AS MANY OF OUR MEMBERS will know, our community woodland has benefited for years from support and advice by the Community Woodlands Association (CWA), formed just over 10 years ago, roughly at the same time as our woodland was gifted to the community by Mohamed Al-Fayed of Balnagown Estate. Ever since, one or two of us have enjoyed taking part in the annual conferences held by CWA to keep all its nearly 200 member groups up-to-date. It's a perfect event for woodlanders from all over Scotland to share expertise and grumbles.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

This year the conference theme was about "Making the Connection", and it took place in Bonnie Dunbar, East Lothian, where the community have worked wonders since setting up their own woodland group in 2001 although they didn't own the wood until 2007. If you're interested, have a look at their Facebook page. The conference offered field trips and a great range of talks on everything from finance and funding to woodland weddings and green burials.

2014 happens to be the centenary year of the death of John Muir (1838-1914) - father of National Parks - who was born and spent his early years in Dunbar, before Daniel Muir took young John and the rest of the family to Wisconsin in 1849. The white house in the photograph is John Muir's birthplace (now a fascinating museum dedicated to his work) and next to it you see the much larger building his thrifty father was able to acquire later. A self-taught naturalist, John Muir walked thousands of miles all over North America, recording countless botanical species in his travels. Realising that illegal exploitation

was threatening great swathes of unique ecosystems, Muir founded the Sierra Club in 1892, hoping that people would get hooked once they experienced the beauty of wild places. In early 1903, Muir took President Roosevelt on a camping trip in Yosemite - the rest is history. There's a brilliant website about Yosemite National Park on the internet. And you might also want to check out the brand-new John Muir Way which runs all the way from Dunbar to Helensburgh.

For me, the highlight of many interesting presentations at the conference was a talk on Growing a Forest Garden. We heard about various useful reference books and case studies and - a real eye opener - saw a photograph of a geodesic DIY greenhouse, made quite cheaply out of alkanene pipe and some glass substitute. We also learned that Indian runner ducks make useful slug hoovers. As you can see from the second picture, the organisers had left plenty of time for chatting and renewing old friendships; and I mustn't forget to mention the conference ceilidh which has become a CWA 'institution'. It was really good to charge the old volunteering batteries ... Why don't you get in touch with us if you fancy attending the 2015 conference on our behalf?

■ **Brigitte Geddes, GCWA**

JOIN GEARRCHOILLE CW

The Committee would welcome any friends to come along to the volunteer work parties on the **first Thursday of each month** to help preserve the ancient Oakwood. No membership fees, no other commitment required, just turn up at **2:00 pm**.

Contact: David Hannah.
Tel 01863 766 061



What's on in the area



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DEC.

DORNOCH

Hogmanay Street Party

The last day of the year culminates in a lively street party in Dornoch Square. Open to all from 10:00 pm. There will be dancing to a celidh band, hot snacks, a lone piper just before the "Bells" and a splendid firework display to welcome in the New Year. This is a real family event and children are very welcome.

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DEC.

BONAR BRIDGE HALL

Children's Film Session

At 9:30 am Kyle of Sutherland Cinema Club will be screening a family film about a doubting boy who boards a train to the North Pole. FREE and suitable for all ages.

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DEC.

ROSEHALL HALL

Christmas Dance

Friends from The Sutherland Accordion & Fiddle Club organises a Christmas Dance on Saturday 20th December. A great opportunity to wear your kilt! All welcome. Doors open at 7:30 pm, Adults £6, children under 16, £2.50.



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JAN.

BONAR BRIDGE HALL

Upcycling 8 week course

Upcycling means transforming your old, unloved or broken items into products of better quality, like this gorgeous cutlery jewellery. This is an 8 week course beginning on Tuesday 20th January in Bonar Bridge Hall. The course will focus on jewellery making. Spaces must be booked in advance. Contact: Rhionna Mackay / Greening Kyle. Tel. 01863 766 554

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DEC.

FROM 3 TO 5 PM

Solstice Sizzle Ledmore & Migdale Woods

Join us for a fabulous afternoon of storytelling and music with Bob Pegg at Torroy Croft. A sausage sizzle and winter fruit punch will keep us warm! FREE and booking essential.

All food and drink supplied. Bring outdoor clothing. All ages welcome. Contact Juliet on 07810 027556 or ledmoremigdale@woodlandtrust.org.uk



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MARCH

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

Ardgay Rally

This year our Rally will take place in Ardgay Public Hall on Friday 6th March from 7:30 pm until midnight. Come and dance with a Live Band. See posters in February for more details.

Contact: David Hannah
Tel. 01863 766 061



Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland

OPEN DAY AND LAUNCH

Sat. 31st Jan 2015, Bonar Bridge Hall, 1-4

Come see the results of the Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland project which explored the impact of 19th century engineer, road & bridge builder Thomas Telford. Free – all welcome!

- Display about the impact of Thomas Telford
- Launch of Telford in the Kyle of Sutherland Tourist Trail leaflet
- Launch of a new geocache
- Survey results of an unrecorded Telford bridge
- Georeferenced old maps
- Binder of resources to explore

For further information contact info@archhighland.org.uk or 077888 35466





Adult Clubs & Societies

Local groups are a fantastic way of keeping in touch with friends or make new ones, share skills, learn new things, take some exercise or simply have fun



Ardgay Badminton Club

Ardgay Public Hall.
New Times 2014-2015:
Mondays Beginners
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm - £2.00
Thursdays Teens 5:30 to 8:30 pm - £3.00 / Adults 7:30 to 10:30pm - £3.00
Note: overlap to allow teens to play alongside adults for 1 hour. Extra play £1.00 per hour for all.
New Members: any ability and all age groups welcome.
Contact **George Ross**
① **01863 755 329**

Ardgay Scottish Country Dancing Club

Now dancing in Bonar Bridge Community Hall, but we will be back in Ardgay Public Hall, if it's ok, from Tuesday 6th January.
7:30 to 9:30 pm, £1.50 per session or £15 for the full term to 28 April 2015.
Contact: **Doreen Bruce**
① **01863 766 852**

Bonar Bridge Ardgay Golf Club

Market Stance, Migdale Road, Bonar Bridge. Sutherland IV24 3EJ
① **01863 766 199**

Bonar Bridge Local History Society

Contact: **Marion Fraser**
① **01863 766 235**

Kyle of Sutherland Cycling Club

Website: **www.koscc.co.uk**
Facebook: **Kyle of Sutherland CC** Contact: **Chris**
① **07543 466 699**



Edderton & District Gardening Club

WINTER PROGRAMME
The gardening club usually meets on the first Monday of the month from September to May in Edderton Community Hall. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and everybody is welcome. Normally we have a guest speaker, and during the growing season there is the opportunity to swap plants and cuttings. Members also enjoy discounts at Scotsburn Garden Centre and Dornoch Garden Centre.
JANUARY 19TH - club meal at Luigi's, Dornoch.
MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND - speaker will be renowned local exhibitor John Ross.
MONDAY MARCH 2ND - the annual, not too serious club quiz night. For more information ① **01863 766 061**
① **01862 811 381**

Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society

Website **www.kyle-of-sutherland-heritage.org.uk**
Contact: **Steve Copley**
① **01863 766 174**

Kyle of Sutherland Joggers

Leaders trained by Jog Scotland. All levels of fitness are welcome.
Facebook: **Kyle of Sutherland Joggers**
Contact:
Eliza / Caroline / Gemma
① **07743 228 661**
① **07799 391 281**
① **07545 929 768**

Creich & Kincardine Art Group

Meets in Bonar Bridge Hall tearoom on Wednesdays from 10 am to 3 pm. All are welcome.
Contact: **Joan Mulligan**
① **01549 421 321**



Kyle of Sutherland Whist Club

Bonar Bridge Community Hall. Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.
Contact **Mrs. Rosemary Logan**
① **01549 421 282**

Pilates

Sessions at Bonar Bridge Community Hall, Mondays from 10 to 11 am. Open to all but please call in advance.
Contact: **Moir Chisholm**
① **01863 810 786**

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**
① **01863 766 646**

Sutherland Walkers Club

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY
Balblair Wood and Littleferry Links. **OS 21 805958**
8.5 miles, paths, road, woods and open coastal area, circular. Leader: Les Christie: 01408 633615. The walk starts from the Littleferry SNH Car Park at 10:00 am
SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY
Dornoch and Loch Fleet, via Embo. **OS 21 803885**
8 miles approx., low level easy terrain, coastal path, disused railway line and tracks through woods, ending at Skelbo, one way. Leader: Jon Jenkins: 01862 810382 The walk starts from Dornoch Airstrip at 10:30 am
AGM - WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2015 at 7:30 pm
Golspie Community Centre
Contact: **David Hannah**
① **01863 766 601**

Adult Clubs & Societies



Tai Chi

Ardgay Public Hall -
Wednesdays 7 pm £2.
For up-to-date info on dates
and times please contact:

Margaret

☎ 01863 775 329

Sutherland Radio Control Club

By Ardgay Garage.
Facebook: **Sutherland Radio
Control Club**
☎ 07703 196 005

NEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN BONAR BRIDGE-ARDGAY

Kyle of Sutherland Cinema Club: watch films and meet like-minded people

LAST NOVEMBER Kyle of Sutherland Cinema Club started screening films on the second and fourth Friday of the month at Bonar Bridge Community Hall. The initiative is born with the aim of bringing world-cinema, classics and new releases to the local audience. All our screenings are free, thanks to the support of Beinn Tharsuinn Community Fund and they are followed by an informal talk. Refreshments such as popcorn, soft drinks and tea & coffee are available for as little as £2.



If you enjoy having a free local cinema, why not become a member. It costs £15 / year and it will give you access to our growing film library. The winter programme includes a French comedy about a millionaire and his caretaker

(20th December), and a Scottish comedy which features the Balblair distillery (14th January). Please contact us to receive our newsletter with the titles of next screenings. ■ **Silvia Muras**, chair

☎ 01863 766 690

✉ koscinemaclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Kyle of Sutherland Cinema Club

Energy prices are rising but we can help



Do you live in the Creich or Ardgay community council areas?



We would like to help you with:

- Free home energy assessments
- Impartial home energy and energy reduction advice
- Home food growing help and advice
- Food waste reduction help and advice
- Reducing your household food and energy bills

www.facebook.com/greeningkyle T: 01863 766554 E: gkassistant@kyleofsutherland.co.uk

Greening Kyle is funded by the Scottish Government through the Climate Challenge Fund. It is a part of the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust, which is a Company Limited by Guarantee Scottish Registration: SC401019 & Scottish Charity: SC043587

Gardening



Green Manures

GREEN MANURES are 'crops' that are grown for the benefit of the soil. Benefits obtained can be the supply of nutrients – legumes for nitrogen, deep rooted plants for phosphates and potash, improvement of soil structure, increase of organic matter in the soil and protecting the soil surface from damage or leaching of nutrients.

There are a variety of ways that growing green manures can be incorporated into your growing plans.

■ **A LEY** is an area of your garden that is set aside from cropping for one or more seasons. To build fertility nitrogen fixing green manures would be used, such as red clover or alfalfa (lucerne). If left for more than a season, the deep roots would not only bring minerals to the surface but break up the subsoil in a way not possible with fork or machine.



■ **SOW AFTER HARVESTING CROP.** Which green manure to use depends on the time of harvest. For late autumn sowing – for example after potatoes, ryegrass is the only option. This will stand through the winter to be turned in in the spring. For an earlier sowing, say after peas, phacelia or buckwheat can be used, although these are not frost hardy they can be left on the ground where they will still protect the soil.

■ **SOW BETWEEN ROWS.** For widely spaced crops such as peas or beans, an annual green manure can be sown. Phacelia is good for this, it is fast growing and helps suppress weeds. It will help protect the soil when you walk on it to pick the peas. If a few plants flower, the bees will be happy.

■ **UNDERSOW CROP.** By undersowing a crop the green manure can be established before winter. The green manure is usually sown after the crop is established so as not to swamp it. For example, Red clover can be sown under courgette plants when these are at the 6 leaf stage or rye between rows of leeks in the autumn.

■ **CATCH CROP** – sow in early spring before planting out crop or between crops during the growing season. Phacelia and buckwheat are good for this, or you can use mustard – but as this is a brassica don't use if you have a problem with clubroot.

The green manure should be sown into weed free ground. An annual green manure will then be able to compete with any weeds that germinate. For a 1 or 2 year let, some hand weeding may be necessary and regular mowing of the green manure is recommended. Don't let any weeds set seed!

There are various ways of incorporating the green manure into the soil. Small areas of annual such as phacelia can be pulled up and put on the compost heap, more established plants are best chopped at ground level and left to wilt before digging in to the soil by turning over the top 10 cms of soil so that no greenery is showing. Leave at least 2 weeks before raking to form a seed bed.

Many seed companies sell a variety of green manure seeds. Alfalfa and rye grain are much cheaper from Wholefood shops!

This is just a quick summary about what I know about green manures. There's lots more to learn about them and I'm sure that those of you who make use of them have found different ways of incorporating them into your gardening year! ■ **Betty Wright**

Dance

Friends from
The Sutherland Accordion & Fiddle Club

Rosehall Village Hall

Saturday 20th December 2014

Doors Open 7.30pm
B.Y.O.B

Adults: £6
Children (under 16) £2.50

All Welcome

If you have a kilt wear it



Donations for the raffle gratefully received

Merry Christmas

Please check the Rosehall Website
calendar page for updates:

www.spanglefish.com/rosehallcommunityday

Children & Young people



GLEDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



WAR MEMORIAL

Gledfield Nursery learnt about Remembrance Sunday. They made their own poppy and walked to the memorial on Friday 7th November to lay their wreath.



RAG BAG

Many thanks to everyone who donated 'rags' to the school for our Rag Bag appeal. We gathered a staggering 425kg of rags and received a cheque in the amount of £170 for our school funds. This is a fantastic charity which re-cycles all old clothes, shoes, linen etc. All items in good condition are sent to Africa to help children and families in need. We have already started collecting more so any donations would be gratefully received.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council has been working hard to get funding to allow our pupils to experience many different things. So far this session the pupils have experienced a multi-cultural dance workshop, a magician, Halloween party and a pantomime. All of which have been enjoyed greatly by our pupils. Our Parent Council has also helped to subsidise the cost of transport for our swimming lessons. A huge thanks to our very active Parent Council.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Our Pupil Council organised a fun packed day at the school for Children In Need and raised an amazing £188.36 for this very worthwhile cause. Rosehall Primary joined us at Gledfield for the day. All pupils entered a competition to design a super hero outfit for Pudsey Bear. Pupils in the photo show off their winning designs.



ARDGAY VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR

Gledfield pupils have again opened the village craft fair by singing some festive songs to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. This year the pupils decided to sing songs for charity.



GLEDFIELD SCHOOL SPORTS DAY.

Barty Jones heads for the winning line. A great day was had by all at the school's games which included running, relay, obstacle, potato and spoon, and sack races. Photo: Rev Anthony M Jones.



Children & Young people

ARDGAY & DISTRICT Community Council

1ST CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

1ST PRIZE Nursery to P1



1ST PRIZE P2 to P4



1ST PRIZE P5 to P7



THE RULES

- The competition is open to all children from **Gledfield, Bonar Bridge and Rosehall Primary Schools**, from **Nursery to P7**
- Entries are grouped by age (**Nursery-P1, P2-P4 and P5-P7**)
- Artists may submit as many artworks as they want.
- The size of the artworks and the painting/drawing technique are the artist's choice.
- The artists should choose one of the following themes for their artworks:

MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL or **WINTER** or **THIS IS ME**

- Artworks should be submitted at their Primary School before the **31st January 2015**.
- All artwork submitted to the competition must be the original idea and creation of the credited artist. Copying of any pre-existing image is not acceptable. Colouring in an outline printed or drawn by someone else is also not acceptable.
- Winners' artworks and the name of the artists will be published on the next issue of Ardgay & District newsletter (#27 Spring 2015) and the prizes will be given by a Community Council member at the artist's Primary School **after 15th February**.

Kyle Of Sutherland Youth Development Group

BUS CLUBS

MONDAY:

Art Club 0-5 years

11:45 am - 2:30 pm (Bring own lunch) costs £1

TUESDAY:

After School Club P1-P3

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Costs 50p

WEDNESDAY:

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Music & Movement 0-5

years. Costs 50p

THURSDAY:

After School Club P4-P7

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Costs 50p

Youth Group S1 & over

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Costs 50p

FRIDAY:

Art Club 0-5 years

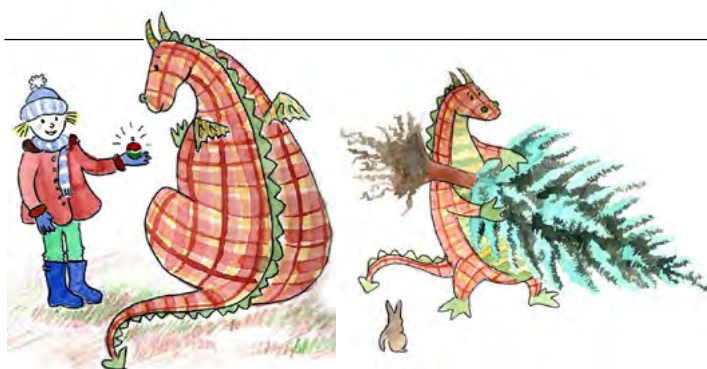
10 am - 11 am £1.00

Contact: **Hayley Bangs**

☎ 01863 766 310



by Andymack & Sil



One morning in December, Morag went to visit Hamish. She spoke about Christmas, and gave him a pretty tree bauble. Hamish loved everything about Christmas! The next morning, he went down to the forest to fetch a tree and planted it at the entrance of his cave. Later that evening, many animals gathered to admire Hamish's tree decorated with one red shiny bauble.



MEET HAMISH THE TARTAN DRAGON

A shy veggie dragon who lives on Carn Bren

From the Manse...



A Christmas Message From Your Minister....

DEAR FRIENDS
Christmas is here once again and our hearts and minds are hopefully centred on what the season is all about!

Christmas reminds us that whatever our differences - all are welcome to worship and adore at the cradle of Bethlehem.

Christmas is the high point of the Christian calendar but, we know that it is more than just a red letter day on a calendar. It is a call to something much higher, far greater than ourselves. Hymn writers of old have tried to encapsulate the message in the familiar carols we love so much.

Irish Sunday school teacher Mrs C. Frances Alexander tried to explain the significance of the Virgin Birth in her hymn 'Once in Royal David's City'. 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' was written by the great American preacher, Philip Brooks for his own Sunday school at the church in Philadelphia and, was inspired by a visit to Jerusalem in 1806.

'While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night' was penned by Dublin born Nahum Tate, son of an English minister, later Poet Laureate. Our own Philip Doddridge, gave us 'Hark the Glad Sound the Saviour Comes', written on 28th December, 1735. This was not an Advent hymn surprisingly. It is based like all the hymns on a passage from scripture Luke 4.15, 19, and was intended to be sung after the sermon. Fifteen years later Dolly Byrom came down to breakfast on Christmas morning and found on her plate, a hymn written by her father, John Byrom. It was 'Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn'.



21st December: 'Community Carol Singing Around The Tree' at Ardgay Parish Church

In 1739, the Wesleys published under the heading 'Hymn for Christmas Day', 'Hark how all the welkin rings', better known in its later version as 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'. John Telford says of this and his 'Hymns and Sacred Poems': 'the effect of Wesley's conversion is manifest in a glorious outburst of song'. One line of the Christmas hymn reminds us of the great experience of Christmas through which he had passed: 'Born to give them second birth'. Many of these all-time favourite carols we will sing at this year's Christmas services. We

hope you will join us in celebrating the greatest gift of all.

Wishing you all every blessing for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Your Friend & Minister, Rev Anthony. ■ **Rev. Anthony M. Jones**

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

Minister: **Rev. Anthony M. Jones**

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Ardgay, Sutherland IV24 3BG

☎ **01863 766 285**

✉ **revanthonyjones@yahoo.com**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE KYLE OF SUTHERLAND CHURCHES

Friday 12th December
at 1.30pm - *School Christmas Christingle*
- for all the family at **Rosehall**

Sunday 21st December at 10.30am
- *Children's Nativity* at **Creich Parish Church**

Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm -
Community Carol Singing Service at **Ardgay Parish Church**

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

■ 11.30pm - *Watchnight Service* at **Edderton Parish Church**
■ 11.15pm - *Christmas Eve Watchnight Service* at **Creich Parish Church**

■ 11.15pm - *Christmas Eve Watchnight Service* at **Rosehall Parish Church**

Thursday 25th December - 10.30am

Short Christmas Day Toy Service for all the family at **Ardgay Parish Church**.
Children bring a favourite toy!

Sunday 4th January, 2015 - *Combined New Year Service* at **Creich Parish Church** at 11am for Creich, Rosehall, Ardgay and Edderton Parish Churches



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 13:35 Depart 13:50

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 ¹ / 09:30 ¹	07:18 / 10:11
11:50 / 14:45 ¹	13:11 ¹ / 16:00 ¹
17:45 / 18:10 ¹	18:55 ¹
↓	↑
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

¹ Connects with Stagecoach bus to/from Inverness

Mobile Library Ardgay

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
09/12/14 - 21/01/15 - 11/02/15 - 04/03/15
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

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
BONAR BRIDGE POST OFFICE. The current sub post mistress wishes to give up her contract with Post Office Counters. When the contract changes hands it will have the status of a Local Plus. This will create space for an increased retail offering. Contact Helen Houston on 01863 766190

TUTORS WANTED We are always looking for skilled Tutors to help develop new learning opportunities. Lairg Learning Centre: 01549 402 050

VOLUNTEER ADVISERS WANTED No special skills are needed –except for some basic computer knowledge– and full training is provided. Becoming a CAB adviser is an excellent way of making a contribution to, and becoming

involved in, the local community. Citizens Advice Bureau 01408 633 000

VOLUNTEERS for Gledfield Primary School. If you have any skills you would like to share with our pupils or just fancy helping out in any way please get in touch. 01863 766 580

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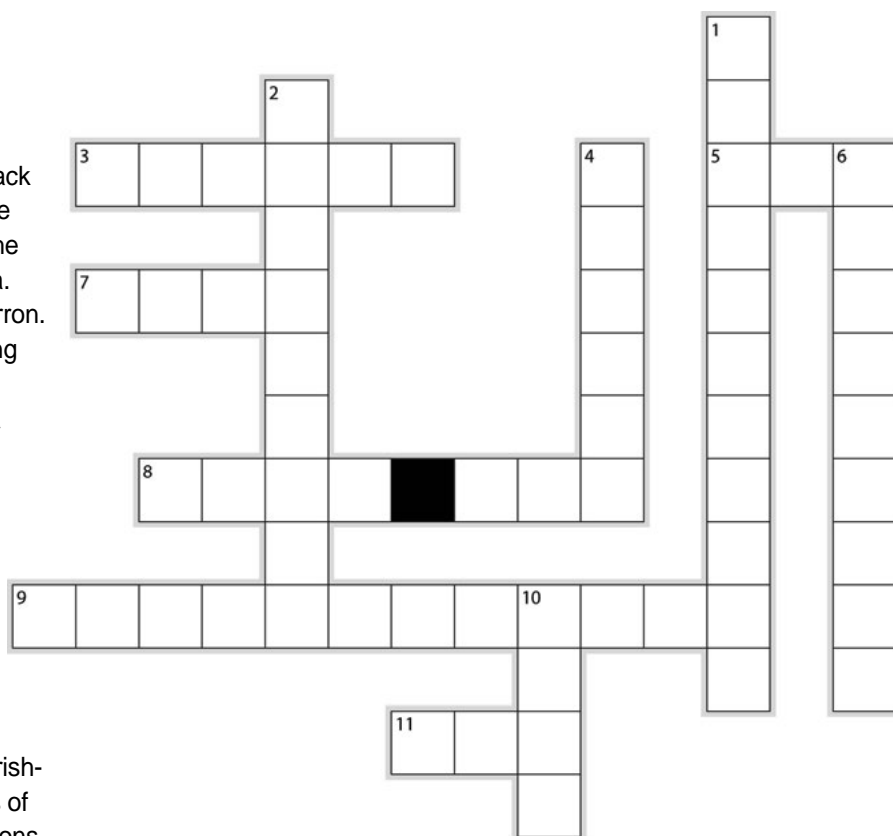
Crosswords

Across

3. A film telling the story of a real person's life. **5.** A boy; a youth; a stripling. **7.** The back part of the neck. **8.** The highest point of the rolling hills on the Alladale Estate and of the Ardgay & District Community Council area. (Two words) **9.** Fishing lodge in Strath Carron. **11.** A short game played over the remaining holes when the main match finishes early because one player or team has won by a large margin.

Down

1. A lover of cats. **2.** Lasting for a markedly brief time. **4.** One of a class of cellular, flowerless plants, having no distinction of leaf and stem, usually of scaly, expanded, frond-like forms, but sometimes erect or pendulous and variously branched. They derive their nourishment from the air, and generate by means of spores. **6.** To hide your true feelings, opinions, etc. **10.** The watery part of milk that forms after the milk becomes thick and sour in the process of making cheese.



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