

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS NEWSLETTER

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SHOWCASING
OUR YOUNG
HIGHLAND
DANCERS



COMPANION DOG
SHOW 2023!



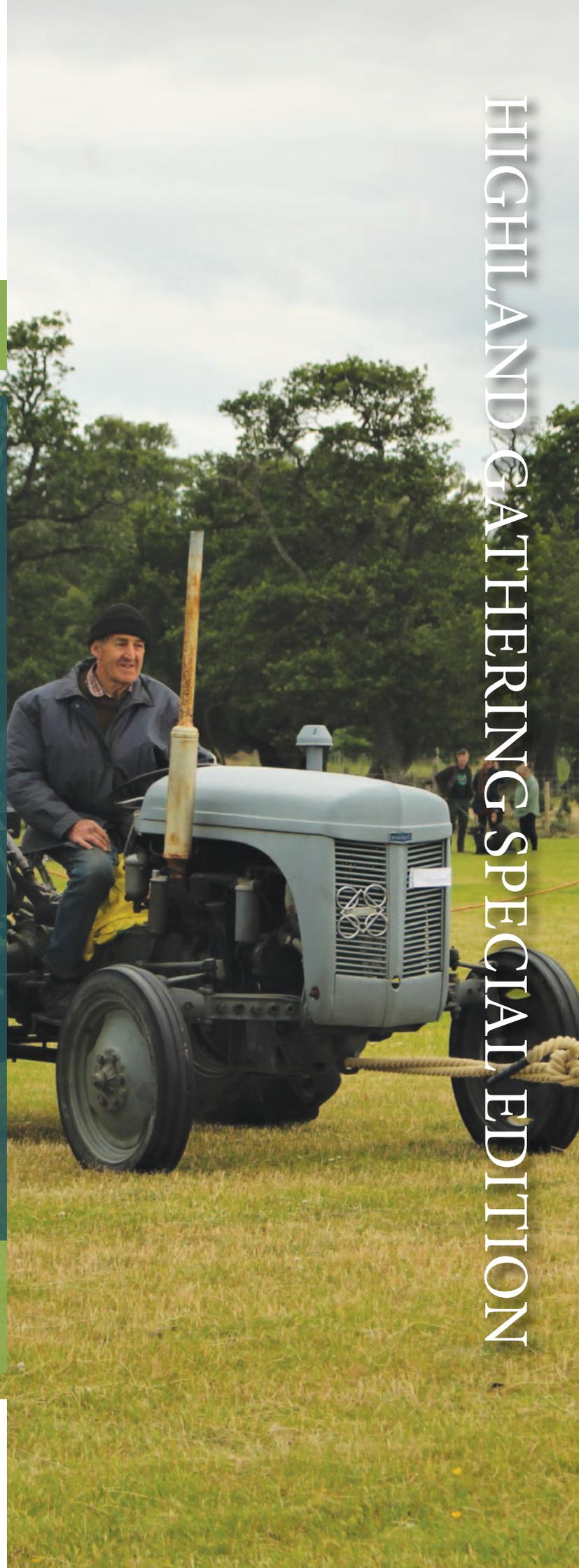
THE
COMPANION
DOG SHOW!

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and... an update on the
Local Place Plan.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPECIAL EDITION



WELCOME TO YOUR HIGHLAND GATHERING SPECIAL NEWSLETTER!

Following the success of last year's inaugural Highland Gathering at Corriegarth Estate, we have listened to your feedback, made a few changes and we hope that this year's event will be bigger and better! Alongside the Inverness Royal Legion Pipe Band, who will again open the event, last year's Highland Dancers will be joined by some of our own talent, who have been busy learning their steps over the last few months. It is great to see a new activity develop in the community as a direct result of having highland dancing at last year's Gathering.

The dog show will remain a large part of the event again, and we have more categories this year, so please bring along your 4-legged friends too. The money we raise from the dog show will again be donated to Munlochy Animal Aid, so remember to enter as many categories as you are able! The category details and how to enter can be found on page 5. Thank you to Highland Dog Bakery for sponsoring this part of the event. There are also competitions – we have homebaking and growing; with all the sunny weather we have had lately, fingers crossed there will be lots of wonky vegetables ready by the middle of July!

There will of course be plenty to do for all the family. We have a dedicated 'Kid's Corner', with stalls run by Stratherrick Parent Council and Wildside Toddler Group, face painting, and willow weaving workshops run by Christiane Morley. There will also be a play zone, for when the children are fed up of running around the field! We have two bouncy castles this year, along with a bungee run (this one is not just for the children!) and of course welly wanging and races are back in the main ring too.

This is just a sample of what will be on offer – you will find more details on all that is going on in the following pages, so please read on, keep Saturday the 22nd July firmly in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you!

Caroline Tucker,
Event Lead



TOKENS!

Enjoy a burger on us!

Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust will again be operating a token system, which entitles every community member to a free burger, hot dog or cup of tea & cake. **Please bring this newsletter to the Welcome Tent** to collect your tokens, which can then be used either at the Soup to Go stand or the Barbecue.

Thank you to Corriegarth Estate who have kindly donated the burgers for this year's event.

Cut out this section and bring it with you to the Highland Gathering – or bring your newsletter.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

COMPETITIONS

The judging for this year's competitions will take place in the Kid's Corner tent, located just beyond the main marquee. The categories are Home baking, Miniature garden and Wonky vegetables – please see image below for the classes. Please have your entries to us by 1pm on the day of the event; judging will begin at 2pm. Thank you to our judges, who are very much looking forward to seeing how creative you can be!

Home baking – Jenni Troup
Miniature Garden – Sarah Byrne
Wonky Vegetables – Jan Steven

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING 2023

ARTS & CRAFTS ENTRIES

22nd JULY
12PM-4PM
at Corriegarth Estate

About The Competitions

Miniature Garden Competition
Entrants must be able to carry their miniature garden

Class 1: Under 16's
Class 2: Adults 16 and over

Home Baking
Class 3: A small, decorated cake of your choice – Under 16's
Class 4: A decorated cake of your choice- Adults 16 and over

Wonkiest Vegetable (Under 12's only)
Class 5: The wonkiest vegetable or fruit wins.
Class 6: Decorate and celebrate a vegetable of your choice.

Entries to be received on the Gathering Field at Corriegarth by 1pm. Judging at 2pm

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RACES

We have something for all ages and abilities so please do join in! Please collect your registration form from the welcome tent on arrival and take it along to the main ring for 1pm.

If you are looking for something a little more challenging, you might want to try the hill race! The course is 3.5 miles in length, with an ascent of 700ft. It is open to anyone over the age of 18; again please collect your registration form on arrival. The race starts at 1pm from the main ring.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING
CORRIEGARTH ESTATE

22ND JULY

KIDS RACES
ADULT CATEGORIES TOO!

FREE ENTRY
PRIZES TO BE WON!

1. ADULTS 100M DASH
2. KIDS FLAT RACE
3. BEAN BAG RACE
4. 3 LEGGED RACE
5. DRESS UP TEAM RACE
6. TATTIE SACK RACE
7. WELLY WANGING

•REGISTER BY 1PM AT THE RING ON THE DAY•

WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOPS

Local basket maker Christiane Morley will run three small workshops at the Highland Gathering. Children and adults are invited to make their own basketry fish which can be used either as an ornament or a hot plate holder. You will also learn basic things about willow weaving. No previous experience is necessary, the workshop will be free of charge.

Workshops will run at 1, 2 and 3 pm and last about 45 minutes each. Contact Christiane to book a place either at info@inspiration-scotland.com or through Facebook - Christiane Morley.



Highland Gathering at Corriegarth Estate



Site Plan

1. Falconry Display
2. Farmyard Animals
3. Bouncy Castle & Bungee Run
4. Face painting
5. Hill Race
6. Kids Corner
7. Stage
8. **Main Show Ring**
9. **Main Marquee**
10. Vintage Vehicle & Heritage Display
11. Pedestrian Entrance
12. Parking
13. Welcome Tent - Tokens, First Aid, Lost Property, Volunteer/Staff Base
14. Bar
15. BBQ
16. Emergency Access
17. Food Stands
18. Toilets
19. Dog Show
20. Cairngorm Mountain Rescue
21. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Site Plan and schedule correct at time of going to print. May be subject to change.

Schedule

- 12.00 – 12.15** Inverness Royal Legion Pipe Band open this year's Highland Gathering
- 12.20 – 12.40** Highland Dancing with Cheryl Heggie School of Dance
- 12.40 – 13.00** Falconry display by Huntly Falconry
- 13.00 – 14.00** Start of Hill Race
Other races and Welly Wanging in the ring
- 14.00 – 14.20** Pull the Tractor
- 14.20 – 14.40** Vintage vehicle display
- 14.40 – 15.00** Inverness Royal Legion Pipe band
- 15.00 – 15.20** Falconry display by Huntly Falconry
- 15.20 – 15.30** Highland Dancing with Cheryl Heggie School of Dance
- 15.30 – 15.40** Community participation – mass strip the willow
- 15.40 – 15.50** Dog show winners' parade
- 15.50 – 16.00** Drawing of the raffle
- 16.00** CLOSE

Other activities:

Rings 2 & 3 – Dog show. Please register your entries at the Dog Show gazebo by 1pm. Pedigree classes will take place in Ring 2 and Novelty classes in Ring 3.

Willow Weaving Demonstrations will take place at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm in the Kid's Corner tent. To book your place please contact info@inspiration-scotland.com

The Fire Brigade and Cairngorms Mountain Rescue Team will run demonstrations throughout the afternoon – the timings of these will be announced during the event.



THE HIGHLAND GATHERING
COMPANION DOG SHOW 2023!
 CORRIEGARTH ESTATE

**SATURDAY
 22ND JULY
 12PM-4PM**

- £2 per class
- Rosettes to 5th place
- Best in Show
- Reserve Best in Show
- Best Puppy in show
- Best Veteran in show

ENTRIES FROM 12 NOON,
 JUDGING COMMENCES
 FROM 1PM

All funds raised for
 Munloch Animal Aid



COMPANION DOG SHOW
 (held under Kennel Club Regulations)
 in aid of Munloch Animal Aid
 At
 The Highland Gathering at Corriegarth
 Saturday 22nd July 2023 at Corriegarth Estate, Inverness. IV2 6UL

Entry Fees: £2 per class
 Rosettes will be offered from 1st - 5th in each class, Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Veteran in Show and Best Puppy in Show
 Entries taken from 12 noon, judging commences at 1:00pm
 Pedigree Classes - for pure bred dogs recognised by the Kennel Club (please note that dogs exhibited in this show do not need to be registered with the Kennel Club).

Judges: Sue McBeath (Pedigree Classes), Peter McBeath (Novelty Classes)

Class No. Pedigree Classes

1. Any variety Puppy 6 - 12 months
2. Any variety Sporting dogs (Terriers, Gundogs and Hounds)
3. Any variety Non-Sporting dogs (Working, Pastoral, Toy, Utility breeds)
4. Any variety Veteran 7+
5. Any variety Open

Best in Show and Best Veteran in Show will now be selected from the unbeaten dogs

Novelty Classes

6. Best cross breed
7. Best rescue dog
8. Best movement
9. Dog with the waggiest tail
10. Dog the judge would most like to take home
11. Dog most like its owner
12. Best 6 legs
13. Most handsome dog
14. Prettiest bitch
15. Best condition
16. Junior handler 8 – 11 years
17. Junior handler 12 - 16 years

Rules
 Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may be entered for exhibition at this show.
 No Dogs having gained a challenge certificate, reserve challenge certificate, green star or any award which counts to the title of champion in the UK & abroad.
 Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and you are required to clean up after your dog.
 Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures or even on days that are considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.
 If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
 Right to refuse entries. Exhibitors/competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulations to refuse any entry.
 The judge's decision is final.

DOG SHOW

Thank you again to Gill Gray for organising the dog show for us, and to our judges, Sue and Peter MacBeath, owners of Simply Pets on Harbour Road. As this part of the event was so popular last year we have added some more categories, so please do bring your dogs, whatever size, shape, colour or age, along to join in the fun. We would also like to have a Winners Parade in the main ring towards the end of the afternoon so please do stay for this if you can to give your dogs one last opportunity to show off! Thank you also to Highland Dog Bakery for their generosity in sponsoring this event.



Simply Pets



**HIGHLAND
 DOG BAKERY**
 TAKE A BITE FROM THE PACK

**FANCY VOLUNTEERING AT
 THE HIGHLAND GATHERING?**

EMAIL: PC@SFCTRUST.ORG.UK

MARKET

Following feedback from last year's event that you wanted to see more market stalls, we have a fantastic selection of local crafters and producers joining us this year, selling a range of products, including food, flowers & planters, pottery, textiles and crafts. Come and have a browse! Our market will be located in the main marquee, along with our community groups. Below is a selection of what we will have on offer:

CAROL'S SEW GOOD CREATIONS



CROWN COUNTRY LARDER

D-LISH

FLORAL BEAUTY BY DESIGN



FLOWERS BY THE LOCH

HIGHLAND DOG BAKERY



HIGHLAND MELTING POT

THE ISLE OF SKYE BAKERY



JINTY'S JAMS AND JELLIES

KATE'S WOODY WONDERS



KINDNESS GLASS

LEAH GRACE CREATIONS



MADE WITH LOVE BY STACEY

THE NEIL MACKENZIE TRUST



OAKHOUSE POTTERY

FOOD AND DRINK

Adam and Jane from Lyne Mhor Croft will be running the barbecue for us this year and will have sausages from their croft and burgers donated by Corriegarth Estate. Continuing with the community theme, Soup to Go will again be selling tea, coffee and homebaking to raise money for their invaluable weekly lunches held at The Wildside Centre.

Remember to collect your tokens from the welcome tent, on presentation of your newsletter – these can be used at either the barbecue or Soup to Go stand!

We will also have ice cream from the Black Isle Dairy, and Hannah at the Treat Truck will have waffles, crepes and nachos available too, so there is plenty on offer for everyone! This year's bar will be run by members of the community – thank you Pam, Fiona and Kate for volunteering to take this on. The money raised here will go back into the event, helping it to improve and grow in the years to come.



RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

Stratherrick Clay Target Club will be running this year's raffle to raise funds to help them buy equipment to increase junior tuition at the club. We already have some fantastic prizes lined up, including Sunday lunch for two at The Whitebridge Hotel, a food hamper, some Highland Melting Pot goodies and a voucher from Strathnairn Seafood. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Lesley Matheson by emailing Stratherrickclaytargetclub@outlook.com

The Silent Auction will be running again this year, fundraising for Mikey's line. We have collected some amazing prizes so far, with more to be announced, including: Dinner, B&B at the Whitebridge Hotel, 1 day's stalking at Corriegarth Estate, a Spa Treatment at Sleeping Beauty Salon, Inverness, and Loch Ness Rib ride for 4 on the Wee Beastie! Thank you very much to the businesses who have generously donated – please dig deep for this amazing local charity. You can enter by filling in a bidding form at the raffle table in the main marquee. The winning bids will be announced at the end of the event.

THANK YOU

A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that an event of this size is a success, and much of this is done by community groups and volunteers, some of whom have already been mentioned in this newsletter. The event could not run, however, without the generosity of Henry and Molly Fraser of Corriegarth Estate, who allow us to use their land, and their staff who put in all the groundwork to ensure the site is safe to use. Many thanks to you all.

The Wildside Centre

BRING & BUY SALE

**Table Top Sale/ Local Produce/
Car Boot/ Arts & Crafts**

Any unwanted stock can be donated to charity

Refreshments available - Donations welcome



SALE

Fancy a summer clear out? Would you like some local produce or buy some local crafts? Save those miles and #shoplocal #reducereuserecycle

SATURDAY
10am to 1pm
8th July 2023
12th August 2023
9th September 2023

Book your table by emailing Tony at: tony-ceo@sfctrust.org.uk



LOCAL PLACE PLAN UPDATE!

The Community Council agreed at its meeting on 30th May to submit the Local Place Plan to the Highland Council for registration - to become possibly the first ever Local Place Plan in the Highlands! Registration is a new process so we're unsure how long it will take, but it should be straightforward. It's simply a case of the Council checking that the plan meets certain basic legal requirements; they are not being asked whether they agree with the plan's proposals, because they belong to the community.

Meanwhile, you can already see the finalised Local Place Plan online at the newly updated website www.communityfuture.net. Check it out to see what your community will look like in the future!



6 community events attended by 126 people generating 470 comments



3 school sessions attended by 25 young people



1 draft plan viewed by over 350 people generating 60 comments

JOIN THE TRUST

If you would like to become a member of the Trust then please go to <https://www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/join-the-trust/>

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